

Sacred Heart School
Course Syllabus
Language Arts
Grade 3

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Course Description: The third grade language arts program consists of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Direct instruction and phonemic awareness, decoding, word recognition, structural analysis, comprehension skills and correlated reading with writing, increase students' proficiency in becoming skilled readers and writers.

Course Content: Third graders read a variety of teacher and student elected materials as well as selections from the McGraw Hill reading program. The Bradley Phonics Program is incorporated into the curriculum as well as the study of spelling words and their patterns, vocabulary, grammar and writing genre including poetry.

General Course Objectives:

1. Students, distinguish between fiction and nonfiction, determine main character, setting, author's purpose, critical details and main idea, predict outcomes and problem resolutions, while participating in whole group/small group story discussions. Students will make personal connections to readings and independently read for content and pleasure.
2. Students will participate in phonics lessons, study weekly spelling words and new vocabulary, identify parts of speech, use contractions and punctuation appropriately.
3. Students will learn to write extended, compound sentences in paragraph form, and write journals, invitations, letters, reports, conversations and various forms of poetry throughout the year.

Course Materials: Bradley Phonics Program, McGraw-Hill reading program and various components including workbooks, teacher selected resources and music

Instructional Strategies: Whole group instruction, small group instruction, individual instruction, modeling, peer tutoring, guided reading, buddy reading, videos and discussion sessions

Assessment: Teacher observation, class participation, quizzes, tests, developmental reading assessments, retelling stories, book reports, completion of projects