

**Veritas Classical Academy** is the first school in Orange County to offer a Christ-centered, Classical Education for grades K-12. We began in 2012 as a 2-days-a-week school and in the fourth year became a full 5-day school.

## THIRD GRADE OVERVIEW

### Language Arts

- Understand, analyze, and mark sentences using songs and chants
- Diagram using a notation system involving labeling word functions, identifying each word's role and why it functions the way it does, and how it relates to others.
- Exposure to and compose fables and narratives
- Increase understanding of the flexibility and copiousness of language through sentence manipulation
- Common Placing

### Literature

- Read a selection of books and short stories including: Charlotte's Web, James and the Giant Peach, Misty of Chincoteague, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Little House on the Prairie, The Jungle Book, Trumpet of the Swan, Aesop's Fables, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and The Magician's Nephew
- Poetry relevant to the curriculum

### History

- Memorization of the Timeline: Creation to Present
- List events, people, and concepts from the Middle Ages in chronological order-through a Biblical lens



- Local history (Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, Spanish Missions, Franciscan Influence, and the Gold Rush)

### Latin

- Memorize vocabulary and verb chants
- Introduction of verb conjugations

### Bible

- Memorization of scripture, catechism, and hymns
- Understand major concepts, themes, people, and events from the Old Testament
- Read and discuss questions and answers based on Bible passages

### Science

- Understand life in God's creation: living things, insects and spiders, plants, human body (digestion, bones and muscles)
- Understand energy in use: forces and machines, electricity and magnetism, light, moon, water and oceans, weathering and erosion



### Math

- Comprehend mathematical skills and concepts including: Numbers to 10,000, mental math, estimation, addition and

subtraction to 10,000, money and fractions, time, metric and customary length, weight and volume, angles and lines, two-dimensional shapes and solid figures, area, and perimeter

### Art

- Learn, experience, and practice various forms of art: early Christian, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque

### Music

- Formal instruction identifying tonality and meter; musical elements through movement; music theory; notations; singing in harmony; and playing instruments such as recorders and drums



### Physical Education

- Understand the importance of stretching and the proper time to execute
- Perform basic gymnastics including forward and backward rolls, bridges, and tripods
- Learn basic rules of and skills associated with lacrosse, soccer, baseball, and basketball
- Cultivate the principles of Ephesians 4:25, 29, 32