

# Third Grade Course Overview

## **English Language Arts**

Students learn and build comprehension and vocabulary while practicing phonetic strategies while reading numerous genres. In addition to the use of the reading texts, the students will use leveled literature and informational text.

## **Handwriting**

Students are expected to write in cursive and writing should be neat, organized and legible.

## **Math**

Grade 3 mathematics focuses on (1) developing an understanding of multiplication and; (2) learning about fractions, especially unit fractions (fractions with numerator 1); (3) developing an understanding of geometry; and (4) use of measurement and data.

## **Religion**

The focus of third grade religion is doctrine, scripture and the liturgical seasons, particularly the teaching of the Creed, the sacraments, love, morality, and Christian prayer.

## **Social Studies**

Students will study the American Indians of Michigan, exploration, settlements, and statehood.

## **Science**

Students study plants, animals, sound, light, natural resources, and Earth materials (minerals, rocks, gravel and soil). Opportunities are given to the students to develop science skills through investigation and experimentation as an integral part of their science experience.

## **Spanish**

Students have continued practice with basic concepts in this foreign language with the shared-time services of Clarkston Community Schools.

## **Computers**

Students have continued exposure to primary functions of the computer. Students have the opportunity to practice basic skills with technology resources with the shared-time services of Clarkston Community Schools.