



CINCINNATI
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING MINDS. HEARTS. AND SOULS

THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM

IN THIRD GRADE GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION our students will:

- write three types of paragraphs: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- learn the principal parts of a sentence through the use of sentence diagramming
- identify the parts of speech in a sentence: subject, verb, adverb, adjective, preposition, etc.
- learn to write using compound subjects, compound verbs, and compound direct objects

IN THIRD GRADE LITERATURE our students will read:

- novels such as *Black Beauty*, *Farmer Boy*, and *The Princess and the Goblin*
- stories from classic collections such as *The Arabian Nights* and *The Jungle Book*
- myths from D'Aulaires Book of Norse Myths such as *The Valkyries* and *Valhalla*
- myths from Ancient Greece and Rome such as *Jason and the Golden Fleece*

IN THIRD GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY our students will study:

- the various types of geographic features: channel, delta, isthmus, plateau, strait, etc.
- Ancient Rome, its geography, its prosperity, its laws, as well as its decline and fall
- the Vikings, their culture, and their early travels to North America
- the native peoples of North America including the Pueblos, Apaches, Mohicans et al.
- the history and political systems of the Thirteen Colonies and related geography

IN THIRD GRADE MATH our students will:

- apply their basic arithmetic (add, subtract, multiply, divide) skills to word problems
- solve mathematical problems using long division and fractions
- learn to read and use the data from pictographs, bar graphs, and tables
- find area and perimeter for basic geometric shapes such as rectangles

IN THIRD GRADE SCIENCE our students will:

- be introduced to how scientists classify animals according to shared characteristics
- study the basics of astronomy focusing on sun, moon, stars, and solar system
- identify the various systems of the human body and describe their parts and functions
- observe the properties of light and sound and learn the basics of optics and acoustics

IN THIRD GRADE ART our students will:

- study the art of native North America, Ancient Rome, and Byzantium
- observe how artists such as Caravaggio, Vermeer, and Hopper use light and shadow
- create their own artwork using the principles of light, shadow, and perspective

IN THIRD GRADE MUSIC our students will:

- participate regularly in choral music, singing accompanied and unaccompanied
- hum melodies while listening to classical music from Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Gershwin, etc.
- become familiar with brass and woodwind instruments by sight and sound

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THIRD GRADE LITERATURE

Novels and Story Books

Black Beauty
Farmer Boy
The Princess & the Goblin
The Little Prince
The Trumpet of the Swan
Mr. Popper's Penguins

Classic Stories

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
The Little Match Girl
Three Words of Wisdom
Mowgli's Brothers
Rikki-tikki-tavi

Myths of the Ancient World

Asgard and the Aesir
The Death of Balder
Thor, the Thunder-God
Cupid and Psyche
Perseus and the Gorgon's Head
The Sword of Damocles
The Wanderings of Aeneas

Biographies

The Courage of Sarah Noble
Julius and Augustus Caesar
Who Was Alexander Graham Bell?