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THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

BIBLE: Deep Roots

- Free Will: The ability to choose between right and wrong.
- The Fall: Consequences of Adam and Eve's disobedience (sin, suffering, death).
- Graciousness & God's Love: God's mercy and care despite the Fall.
- Moral Responsibility: Recognizing our ability to make moral choices.
- Recognizing Lies: Identifying and replacing false beliefs with biblical truth.
- Genesis & History: Defending the coherence of Genesis and its alignment with ancient texts.
- Biblical Geography: Exploring the Garden of Eden's location.
- Role of the Soul & Relationships: The eternal soul and the importance of loving, unified relationships.

READING: Bob Jones

- Use phonetic analysis
- Develop vocabulary
- Comprehend literally and interpretively through silent reading, guided discussion, & oral reading
- Locate and present information from a given text through book reports
- Identify characteristics of various genres of literature (fiction, tall tales, biography, non-fiction, poetry)

LANGUAGE: Bob Jones

- Identify parts of speech and form complete sentences
- Use correct punctuation (periods, commas, question marks, quotation marks, exclamation points)
- Capitalize words when appropriate
- Utilize the dictionary, encyclopedia & thesaurus
- Form plurals and possessives of nouns
- Write friendly letters, persuasive essays, stories with dialogue, book reports, sound poems, research report, and compare & contrast essays.

SPELLING: Bob Jones

- Teach spelling patterns & strategies for application
- Teach basic dictionary skills & effective proofreading skills
- Write words and sentences that are dictated
- Spell words from high-frequency word lists

WRITING: IEW

Students will:

- Learn to organize their thoughts clearly and add engaging stylistic elements to their writing
- How to break down writing tasks into manageable steps to prevent overwhelm
- How to use a simple checklist to help self-edit and include required elements in their writing
- Learn through imitation by analyzing and imitating well-constructed inspirational stories
- Key Word Outlines (KWOs): a simple but powerful tool to help them gather and organize their ideas.
- How to focus on specific writing skills and techniques (e.g., adding strong verbs or organizing paragraphs).

MATH: Saxon

- Develop number sense (place value to 10,000)
- Mental math and estimation
- Adding and subtracting to 10,000
- Multiply and divide fact families to 12
- Multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers; divide with remainders
- Counting, adding, and subtracting money
- Use standard and metric forms of measurement
- Bar graphs and line plots
- Fractions: understanding, comparing, adding and subtracting, equivalent
- Time and temperature
- Identify characteristics of various geometric shapes
- Analyze data and solve word problems
- Finding square roots
- Geometry: identifying solids, faces vertices and edges

SCIENCE: Bob Jones

- Earth - Rocks, Minerals, Soil, Weather, Space, Solar System
- Life - Cold & Warm Blooded Animals, Plants, Eco-System, Cells, Human Beings (Ear and Skin)
- Physical - Motion, Energy, Matter

HISTORY: Abeka

- Identify characteristics of great Americans, emphasizing patriotism, character development, and the variety of contributions made by Americans to this country.
- Analyze the significance of various explorers, presidents, inventors, Constitutional framers, African Americans, and evangelists, to our nation's history
- Daily Maps Skills

PENMANSHIP: Zaner-Bloser

- Demonstrate good penmanship (manuscript and cursive)
- Implement structure of letter formations: shape, slant, spacing and size of letters

