

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
3rd GRADE
COURSE SUMMARY

ART

Media include paint, watercolors, torn paper, tissue paper, pastels, crayons, markers, colored pencils, paper mache', and scratch art . art concepts include design, symmetry, perspective, patterns, drawing objects, basic shapes, overlapping, mosaic, artist influenced styles (Eric Carle, Monet, and Van Gogh), positive/negative space, weaving, and lettering

BIBLE

Detailed study of the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel . memory verses . acting out of stories . character development through regular application to life . emphasis on making the Bible, and prayer time, meaningful to life

COMPUTER

Integrated into classroom work and educational games

HISTORY

- **Veritas Press New Testament Greece and Rome Series**

LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Shurley English by Shurley and Wetsell**

Whole class recitation of sentences utilizing a "question/answer flow" technique to discover the subject noun, verb, article adjectives, adjectives, adverbs, preposition, object of the preposition, complete subject, complete predicate, common/proper nouns, and singular/plural nouns . daily work with synonyms, antonyms, and sentence mechanics . targeted skills include improving sentences, writing of friendly letters, and two-point paragraphs . creative writing experiences . use of "jingles" to guide learning of different parts of speech

LATIN

- **Latin for Children by Classical Academic Press, Primer A**

MATH

- **Saxon Math by Nancy Larson**

Saxon hands-on math . variety of manipulatives used to develop concepts . number facts committed to memory . daily work with time, temperature, money, and calendar . computation skills used to develop reasoning . fractions . patterns . daily guided practice, as well as homework

MUSIC

Rhythm instruments . singing . movement to music . develop an appreciation of music . develop personal musical abilities . music theory (staff, notes, rests, and reading music) . develop accuracy of pitch . rhythm (keep the beat of a song with accuracy) . instrument grouping . participate in Christmas Musical and Spring Production

PENMANSHIP

Following review of manuscript letters, cursive letters are reviewed . students begin writing most class work in cursive during first few months . careful tracing of letters in order to train students' hands is reinforced . neatness is a priority

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

READING

Bible stories and secular stories are used to review phonics taught at earlier levels . higher level thinking skills . extra reading . library book . **Book It** program

SCIENCE

Main goal is to proclaim God as the creator and sustainer of all things . God's amazing power can be linked to every detail of scientific study . life science units include personal fitness, plants, animals, and people . Earth science units include an overview of Earth in space . physical science units include matter and energy . children experience individual and group work . scientific knowledge is discovered by performing real-life experiments

SPELLING

Weekly memory list . words used in various ways including puzzles, rhymes, and alphabetical order . using words in sentences . lessons include words with silent "e", "ing", "er", "est", and "y" endings; words spelled with "or", "oa", "ou", "er", "ear"; and prefixes "un" and "re" . cover double consonants, past tense, contractions, possessives, and compound words . practice penmanship by writing weekly words in cursive