

FREEDOMPROJECT ACADEMY SYLLABUS

Course: Third Grade

Course Description

Freedom Project Academy Third Grade curriculum emphasizes a solid grasp of fundamental skills while offering plenty of rigorous newness. In arithmetic we strengthen adding and subtraction facts. We learn multiplication and division facts to 12, fractions, decimals, time, money, place value, rounding, and measurement. Using an immersion approach in science, we learn about aquatic animals. In history, we study from Elizabeth the First to the Forty-Niners in Story of the World Volume 3. In English, we learn punctuation and parts of speech using jingles and diagrams. Writing across the curriculum teaches basic paragraph writing. For reading, we hone phonics skills learned in K-2 and continue to develop reading comprehension. Students are challenged to think, compare, and contrast rich literature. We continue with Prima Latin for Latin, and we learn cursive writing for handwriting. Our spelling utilizes lists of words used frequently in everyday conversation.

Topics of Study

Reading:

Texts:

Charlotte's Web

The Moffats

Farmer Boy

McGuffey's Third Eclectic Primer

Scope: Students use active, discriminating minds as they are challenged to think, compare, and contrast quality literature.

Skills Development: Literature study guides train students to become active readers. The focus is on phonics, vocabulary, spelling, comprehension, and composition skills. Each lesson includes a word study to help students build vocabulary. The comprehension questions challenge students to consider what

they have read, identify the important content of each story, and compose clear, concise answers. Writing is thinking, and good questioning stimulates the child to think and write. Other skills include sequencing, learning literary terms, dictation, copy-work, poetry studies, and grammar.

Spelling:

Texts: *Spelling by Sound and Structure 3*

Scope: Students use reading and writing vocabulary to master the 13 new, high frequency words and 3 review words per lesson. Phonics based lists are presented in type and cursive.

Skills Development: Students learn synonyms, antonyms, definitions, picture clues, context clues, phonetic patterns such as beginning and ending sounds, long and short vowels, consonant blends, digraphs, double consonants, word structure as syllables, plurals, verb forms, and alphabetical order.

English:

Texts: *Beginning Wisely English 3*

Scope: This traditional English curriculum focuses on basic sentence structure emphasizing correct grammar while learning parts of speech.

Skills Development: Understanding sentence types and how sentence structure is basic to writing sentences and then paragraphs. Sentence parts are studied using simple diagramming. Nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs and their correct usage are exercised. Dictionary work, capitalization and punctuation, proofreading, and communication skills are practiced as well.

Handwriting:

Texts: *A Reason for Handwriting C*

Scope: We learn each cursive letter before moving to lessons based on Scripture verses. The lessons integrate faith while learning the basics of good handwriting. The students also learn the importance of consistency and quality.

Skills Development: This cursive curriculum focuses on five basic areas of handwriting: alignment, slant, size, shape, spacing. The students learn and write using Bible verses.

Arithmetic:

Text: *Freedom Project Academy Third Grade Arithmetic*

Scope: Mastery of addition and subtraction facts, multiplication and division facts up to 12, as well as fractions, decimals, time, money, place value and measurement.

Skills Development: Students will gain confidence as they master addition and subtraction facts as well as begin to learn their multiplication and division facts. They will continue to build upon their understanding of decimals, fractions, time, money, place value and measurement. They will do this through classroom instruction, games, review and daily worksheets that reinforce these concepts.

History:

Texts: *Story of the World*

Story of the World Activity Book

Scope: Stories of early modern times, comprehension questions and answers, maps, and suggestions for additional history readings, and hands-on activities.

Skills Development: Students will hear the exciting stories of early modern times in history while having an opportunity to do hands on activities to help reinforce what they are learning. Class time will consist of reviewing the stories, engaging in comprehension questions, and playing review games to retain the knowledge of historical content.

Science:

Texts: Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the 5th Day

Scope: Students take a trip into the depths and discover all the strange and unique creatures of the sea, lakes, and rivers. They'll learn about the special features of swimming creatures, the different watery environments they live in, what their lifestyles are like, and the special circumstances they deal with. Then they take a closer look at specific groups of swimming creatures, including whales, seals, sea cows, sea turtles, sea snakes, primeval reptiles (like plesiosaurs), and more. They'll create replicas of some creatures to add to an ongoing "Ocean Box." They'll also add to their notebooks by drawing the animals in them, comparing and contrasting animals, and much more. Whether the ocean is a familiar place to your children or not, they'll be equally fascinated by learning about the unique creatures beneath the water.

Latin:

Texts: Prima Latina

Scope: Prima Latina uses a clear and systematic format to introduce Latin to young students. It teaches important English and Latin grammar concepts, as well as vocabulary, sayings, prayers, hymns, and constellations. 25 lessons cover seven parts of speech, two tenses, 125 vocabulary words, numbers 1 through 10, basic constellations, and introductions to conjugations, declensions and derivatives. The lessons are broken down into grammar skills, five vocabulary words, a practical Latin phrase, and a line of prayer that is completely learned by the end of the chapter. Also included are five review lessons.