



# FREEDOMPROJECT ACADEMY

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Course Syllabus:

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade curriculum at FPA focuses on establishing a strong foundation in essential skills while introducing exciting new challenges. Students develop a thorough understanding of phonetics and transition from basic reading skills to comprehension and analyzing texts. A key emphasis is placed on exploring classical literature renowned for its expansive vocabulary and engaging narratives. Advanced arithmetic skills are introduced with the automaticity of fact knowledge. An integration of a biblical worldview into subjects like science, history, and Latin offers a comprehensive Christian worldview.

### Arithmetic:

Students begin to demonstrate proficiency in problem-solving, encompassing addition and subtraction, while also learning more advanced skills in multiplication and division. In addition, they progress in foundational areas such as fractions, decimals, word problems, geometry, and measurement.

### Reading:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade is a pivot year for students as they transition from learning how to read to learning from what they read. Students actively engage their minds as they are encouraged to think critically, compare, and contrast rich literature full of vocabulary and meaningful content. By exploring engaging narratives of classical literature, students expand their vocabulary, deepen their understanding, and learn to analyze text efficiently.

### English:

This traditional English curriculum emphasizes mastering fundamental skills in constructing a sentence that conveys a complete thought. It stresses the importance of forming grammatically correct sentences while building on parts of speech such as nouns, verbs, pronouns, and adjectives as well as introducing adverbs, prepositions and sentence diagramming.

### Spelling:

Phonetic principles are emphasized in the spelling curriculum, encouraging students to focus on spelling words with comparable phonetic patterns to reinforce their understanding of the phonetic code.

### Latin:

Students continue to learn Latin with a clear and structured program. Both English and Latin grammar concepts, vocabulary, phrases, prayers, hymns, and constellations are covered as well as parts of speech, tenses, 125 vocabulary words, and numbers. Each lesson includes grammar skills, five vocabulary words, a Latin phrase, and a line of prayer to memorize.

### Cursive Writing:

Students learn each cursive letter before progressing to lessons centered on Scripture verses. These lessons seamlessly blend faith with the essentials of proficient handwriting. Our students understand the value of maintaining consistency and upholding high standards of quality in their cursive writing skills.

## History:

The history curriculum brings to life the people, conflicts, and discoveries that have shaped human history. Students learn about the expansion of Christianity, ancient Britain, France, The Viking era, Spain's role in the exploration of the New World, as well as the Renaissance, colonization, and the early settlement of America. Each topic is enriched with engaging activities and maps to facilitate learning.

## Science:

Students discover an awe-inspiring journey to uncover God's diverse aquatic creatures dwelling in oceans, lakes, and rivers. Exploring features of swimming creatures, their distinctive habitats, and adaptations, students create replicas of select creatures to add to an ongoing "Ocean Box." They increase their understanding of these creatures by comparing and contrasting different animals and completing detailed drawings. Whether the ocean is a familiar place or not, they'll be equally fascinated learning about God's creation beneath the water.

## Text/Required Materials:

McGuffey's Third Eclectic Reader (free access)  
Farmer Boy Student Guide  
Farmer Boy Book  
Charlotte's Web Student Guide  
Charlotte's Web Book  
The Cabin Faced West Book  
A Reason for Handwriting Level C  
Rod & Staff Beginning of Wisely Student Textbook Rod & Staff  
Beginning of Wisely Student Workbook  
Apologia Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the 5th Day Student Text  
Zoology 2 Junior Notebooking Journal  
Prima Latina Student Text  
FPA 3rd Grade Arithmetic Workbook

## Grading:

Assignments uploaded and submitted into Canvas will be graded as well as any Canvas quizzes. Reading checks are highlighted in yellow and are assigned the same day they are due.

All assignments must be completed by Friday, at 10:59 pm Central Time. However, students in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are granted a one-day grace period.

## Attendance/Participation:

Students should attend class Monday-Thursday and are expected to actively participate and engage during class time to benefit from direct instruction by the teacher. Please notify the teacher in advance (if possible) of any absences. For extended absences such as a vacation, please notify FPA administration.

### Expectations/Guidelines:

Assignment sheets will be posted by noon Central Time every Friday for the upcoming week. These schedules will include all assignments (Monday-Friday) required for each subject during that week. Teachers will provide feedback and parents are encouraged to review the graded assignments with the student to facilitate learning from any errors made. This approach to partnership with parents, fosters independent learning and growth, instilling confidence in our students.