

# ***CURRICULUM OVERVIEW***

<b><u>Mathematics</u></b>	
<b><u>Benchmarks</u></b>	<b><u>Teaching Techniques</u></b>
Problem Solving	Manipulative Materials
Estimation	Group Activities
Computation	Individual Work
Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication	Math Games
Spatial Sense	Pair Activities
Measurement	Group Lecture
Statistics and Probability	Examples
Fractions and Decimals	Daily Assignments
	Assessments

<b><u>Fine Arts</u></b>
Process Oriented Art/Art History
Multi-Media Work
Drawing Skills
Music Theory & Appreciation
Vocal and Instrumental
Performance
Optional Lessons/Vocal Choir

<b><u>Language Arts</u></b>	
<b><u>Benchmarks</u></b>	<b><u>Teaching Techniques</u></b>
Writing Stories	Daily Journal
Understanding Suffixes	Creative Writing Lab
Understanding Prefixes	Spelling Exercises
Antonyms and Synonyms	Vocabulary Exercises
End Marks/Punctuation	Group Reading/Writing
Punctuation Key	Reading Resources
Proofreading	English Resources
Editing and Revising	Peer Editing
Commas in a Series	Peer Discussion
Parts of Speech	Group Lessons
Topic/Main Idea	Daily Assignments
Writing a Letter	Assessments
Sentence Structure	
Story Structure	

<b><u>Science</u></b>	
<b><u>Benchmarks</u></b>	<b><u>Teaching Techniques</u></b>
Life Science	Group Reading
-Plants & Animals	Oral Discussion
Physical Science	Video Library
-machines; energy	Experiments
Earth Science	Projects
-planets; changes	Group Lessons
Human Body	Assessments

## **SMS 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Curriculum**

<b><u>Social Studies</u></b>	
<b><u>Benchmarks</u></b>	<b><u>Teaching Techniques</u></b>
United States	Group Reading
Native Americans	Lecture
Settlers/Pilgrims	Discussions
Passages to the West	Activities
Land Management	Video Library
Recycling/Waste	Projects
The Land Today	Research

<b><u>Reading</u></b>	
<b><u>Benchmarks</u></b>	<b><u>Teaching Techniques</u></b>
Predicting Outcomes	Daily reading
Using a glossary	Group reading
Comprehension	Oral reading
ABC order	Class Discussions
Rhyming words	Comprehension Exercises
Short and Long Vowels	Story Sequences
Dictionary Use	Reading Workbook
Following Directions	Small Group Discussions
Guide Words	Chapter Books
Fact and Opinion	Monthly Book Reports
Compare and Contrast	Listening Skills
Categorizing	Class Lecture/Reading
Reading Fluency	Daily Journals
Drawing Conclusions	COMPASS Lab

<b><u>Faith and Formation</u></b>	
<b><u>Benchmarks</u></b>	<b><u>Teaching Techniques</u></b>
Scripture	Group Reading
Christian Life	Discussions
Sacraments	Group Activities
Worship	Journal
Morality	Illustrations
Social Justice	Life Examples
Christian Faith	Practice of Faith
Community Help	

<b><u>Physical Education</u></b>
Cooperation
Exercise/Balance
Outdoor Play
Sports