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### **IN THIRD GRADE**

our students read:

Black Beauty
Farmer Boy
The Arabian Nights
The Princess and the Goblin
"Cupid and Psyche"
"Jason and the Golden Fleece"
"The Death of Balder"
"Thor, the Thunder-god"
The Jungle Book
"The Hunting of the Great Bear"
"The People Could Fly"

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ourstudents memorize:

"Break, Break, Break"
"First Thanksgiving of All"
"The Fly"
"The Quangle-Wangle's Hat"

"Requiem"
"Sea Shell"



## THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM

#### IN THIRD GRADE LITERACY ESSENTIALS our students will:

- write three types of paragraphs: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- learn the principal parts of a sentence through the use of sentence diagramming
- identify the parts of speech in a sentence: subject, verb, adverb, adjective, preposition, etc.
- learn to write using compound subjects, compound verbs, and compound direct objects

#### IN THIRD GRADE LITERATURE our students will read or listen to:

- novels such as Black Beauty, Farmer Boy, and The Princess and the Goblin
- stories from classic collections such as The Arabian Nights and The Jungle Book
- myths from D'Aulaires Book of Norse Myths such as "The Valkyries and Valhalla"
- myths from Ancient Greece and Rome such as "Jason and the Golden Fleece"

#### IN THIRD GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY our students will:

- the various types of geographic features: channel, delta, isthmus, plateau, strait, etc.
- Ancient Rome, its geography, its prosperity, its laws, as well as its decline and fall
- the Vikings, their culture, and their early travels to North America
- the native peoples of North America including the Pueblos, Apaches, Mohicans et al.
  the history and political systems of the Thirteen Colonies and related geography

#### IN THIRD GRADE MATH our students will:

- apply their basic arithmetic (add, subtract, multiply, divide) skills to word problems
- · solve mathematical problems using long division and fractions
- learn to read and use the data from pictographs, bar graphs, and tables
- find area and perimeter for basic geometric shapes such as rectangles

#### IN THIRD GRADE SCIENCE our students will:

- be introduced to how scientists classify animals according to shared characteristics
- study the basics of astronomy focusing on sun, moon, stars, and solar system
- identify the various systems of the human body and describe their parts and functions
- observe the properties of light and sound and learn the basics of optics and acoustics

#### IN THIRD GRADE ART our students will:

- study the art of native North America, Ancient Rome, and Byzantium
- observe how artists such as Caravaggio, Vermeer, and Hopper use light and shadow
- create their own artwork using the principles of light, shadow, and perspective

#### IN THIRD GRADE MUSIC our students will:

- participate regularly in choral music, singing accompanied and unaccompanied
- hum melodies while listening to classical music from Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Gershwin, etc.
- become familiar with brass and woodwind instruments by sight and sound