

Third Grade Curriculum

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BOOKLIST QUICK VIEW

Religion

Saints for Young Readers Volume 1&2

*St. Joseph's Catechism No1**

*Bible History—Knecht**

[Free Knecht Notebooking Pages](#)

Poetry

*Harp and Laurel Wreath—Berquist**

[Basic lined pages from Notebookingpages.com](#)

DIY tracing from www.handwritingworksheets.com

Language Arts

*Writing Road to Reading**

*Starting a Spelling Notebook**

Phonogram Cards from *Sound Beginnings* or *WRTR**

*Primary Language Lessons-Serl **

English from the Roots Up flash cards*

Faith and Freedom Readers (OR *McGuffey's Second Reader*)

Easy Readers from the Library (list provided)

Math

Math Mammoth Grade 3 (OR Abeka 3 workbook*)

Science

Exploring God's World Abeka*

[Vertebrates Picture Activity Cards](#)

[Biomes Picture Activity Cards](#)

[Basic lined pages from Notebookingpages.com](#)

History

*How Our Nation Began**

History Dates (*Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum*)*

Leif the Lucky (D'Aulaire) *

Christopher Columbus (D'Aulaire) *

Three Ships Come Sailing (G. Waring) *

Pocahontas (D'Aulaire) *

If You Sailed on the Mayflower (McGovern) *

Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims (C.R. Bulla) *

Visiting a Village (B. Kalman) *

Life in a Colonial Town (S. Senzell Isaacs) *

If You Lived in Williamsburg in Colonial Days (Brenner) *

The Courage of Sarah Noble (Dalgliesh) *

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain (Dalgliesh) *

Paul Revere's Ride (H.W. Longfellow) *

George Washington (D'Aulaire) *

Meet Thomas Jefferson (M. Barrett) *

Benjamin Franklin (D'Aulaire) *
George the Drummer Boy (N. Benchley) *
Sam the Minuteman (N. Benchley) *
The Boston Coffee Party (I Can Read series) *
If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution (K. Moore) *
If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon (E. Levine) *
Sarah, Plain and Tall (P. MacLachlan) *
The Josephina Story Quilt (I Can Read series) *
The Drinking Gourd (I Can Read series) *
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie (Roop) *
Abraham Lincoln (D'Aulaire) *
If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad (E. Levine) *
Robert E Lee: Young Confederate (Monsell) *
Clara Barton (A. Stevenson) *

Geography

Abeka Map Skills*
States and Capitals cards*
Mountain heights, river lengths (*Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum*)*
Optional: [Montessori US puzzle map](#)

Art & Music

*Mommy, It's a Renoir Step 4,5—Wolfe**
Draw Squad or *Dover How to Draw*
Some Music Masters CDs*
Lives of the Composers or *Venezia* books
[Basic lined pages from Notebookingpages.com](#)
*Let's Learn Music #2—Hayes**

Read Aloud

Just So Stories
Narnia series

*Detailed lesson plans for these resources can be found in *Mother of Divine Grace Third Grade Syllabus*

Optional, but BELOVED by my children

[3D Notebooking Pages and Templates](#)
[Experiment Notebooking Pages](#)
[Nature Journal notebooking pages](#)
[Composer Notebooking Pages](#)

TIME REQUIRED PER SCHOOL DAY: 2.5 Hours

OPENING (<5 minutes)

FOUR TIMES WEEKLY

Short prayer and special intentions

Saints for Young Readers Volume 1&2

Read saint of the day: "Tell me one thing you remember."

RECITATION (~10 minutes)

FOUR TIMES WEEKLY

Daily recite the current poem, a review poem, the history dates, 16 Latin cards, 20 phonogram cards, 15 states cards, some skip counting or multiplication flash cards, and the recommended catechism questions.

English from the Roots Up (add three cards/week)

States and Capitals (add two cards each week)

Phonogram cards (follow *Starting a Spelling Notebook* with *Writing Road to Reading*)

History Dates, Mountain Heights, River Lengths(*Designing your Own Catholic Curriculum*)

Catechism questions (current lesson and one review lesson daily)

Poetry (one stanza every 1-2 weeks, *Harp and Laurel Wreath* selections)

Poetry suggestions:

___ Flag Goes By

___ Village Blacksmith

___ Land of Counterpane

___ Preamble

RELIGION (~15 minutes)

St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism—No 1

Read, discuss, and narrate one lesson every other week. We find that we must break the chapter over a few days and narrate and discuss individual sections.

___ Lesson 15

___ Lesson 19

___ Lesson 23

___ Lesson 16

___ Lesson 20

___ Lesson 24

___ Lesson 17

___ Lesson 21

___ Lesson 18

___ Lesson 22

Bible History-Knecht

Read, narrate, and notebook one or more lessons a week. We do more to finish the book.

READING (20 minutes, 30 more in evening)

FOUR TIMES WEEKLY

Arrange notebook as advised in *Starting a Spelling Notebook*. Daily dictate 6 words from Ayers list in the back of *Writing Road to Reading* to learn markings and rules. Orally test previous 18.

Faith and Freedom Readers (Catholic) or *McGuffey's Second Reader*, at pace. Read one story daily.

Repeat story if it was very difficult the day before.

EASY READER LIST

Have child read 30 minutes aloud each night after dinner. Books on my list are ordered from easiest to hardest according to Accelerated Reader rating. However, my kids love the Faith and Freedom Readers so much that we often just read another couple of stories in there.

LANGUAGE (10 minutes)**FOUR TIMES WEEKLY**

Primary Language Lessons—I highly recommend the Mother of Divine Grace Third Grade Syllabus. I believe you can get just the language section for \$5. Berquist has done a wonderful job adapting this text. Without her, it has, in my opinion, too much busywork. This is especially true if you did the Aesop's work last year.

If you choose, however, to divide it up yourself, you should probably do like Mater Amabilis.org and spread the 160 lessons over second and third grade.

WRITING (5 minutes)**FOUR TIMES WEEKLY**

Using worksheets generated from www.handwritingworksheets.com, have child trace verse each day, copying it into his notebook on Thursday.

If child already knows cursive from last year, eliminate the workbooks. Otherwise, teach cursive from Handwriting Without Tears Cursive Success.

ARITHMETIC (20 minutes)**FIVE TIMES WEEKLY**

Math Mammoth Light Blue Series Grade 3 or *Abeka 3 workbook* (not shown, one lesson daily)

___ Chapter 1	___ Chapter 4	___ Chapter 7	___ Year End test
___ Chapter 2	___ Chapter 5	___ Chapter 8	
___ Chapter 3	___ Chapter 6	___ Chapter 9	

HISTORY (20 minutes)**TWICE WEEKLY**

Spread the spine book over the year evenly as you see fit. "Living Books" are listed in chronological order. Start reading ten minutes a day from the living book list, or just wait until you hear the name in the spine text and read it for a week. Narrate. Notebook when it's convenient.

How Our Nation Began (spine)

___ <i>Leif the Lucky</i> (D'Aulaire)	___ <i>George the Drummer Boy</i> (N. Benchley)
___ <i>Christopher Columbus</i> (D'Aulaire)	___ <i>Sam the Minuteman</i> (N. Benchley)
___ <i>Three Ships Come Sailing</i> (G. Waring)	___ <i>The Boston Coffee Party</i> (I Can Read series)
___ <i>Pocahontas</i> (D'Aulaire)	___ <i>If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution</i> (K. Moore)
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___ <i>Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims</i> (C.R. Bulla)	___ <i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> (P. MacLachlan)
___ <i>Visiting a Village</i> (B. Kalman)	___ <i>The Josephina Story Quilt</i> (I Can Read series)
___ <i>Life in a Colonial Town</i> (S. Senzell Isaacs)	___ <i>The Drinking Gourd</i> (I Can Read series)
___ <i>If You Lived in Williamsburg in Colonial Days</i> (Brenner)	___ <i>Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie</i> (Roop)
___ <i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i> (Dalgliesh)	___ <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> (D'Aulaire)
___ <i>The Bears on Hemlock Mountain</i> (Dalgliesh)	___ <i>If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad</i> (E. Levine)
___ <i>Paul Revere's Ride</i> (H.W. Longfellow)	___ <i>Robert E Lee: Young Confederate</i> (Monsell)
___ <i>George Washington</i> (D'Aulaire)	___ <i>Clara Barton</i> (A. Stevenson)
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___ <i>Benjamin Franklin</i> (D'Aulaire)	

SCIENCE (20 minutes)

TWICE WEEKLY

Exploring Gods World (spine)

Spread evenly over the year. Narrate and notebook instead of testing. Do the experiments and record in notebook. Read first day, do experiments on the second day.

- We supplement this text with activities from the Kindergarten SENSORY SHELF for the first section on senses.
- We use [Vertebrates Picture Activity Cards](#) to supplement the vertebrate chapters
- We use [Biomes Picture Activity Cards](#) for the habitat chapters
- Throughout the year, I toss in activities from the Kindergarten SCIENCE SHELF, like life cycle models and our [local species cards](#).

LITERATURE (30 minutes)

FOUR TIMES WEEKLY

Your child will hear plenty of fiction, assuming you have other children you are also reading for.

However, if you do not have other children, I suggest the Narnia books and Just So Stories.

MUSIC (30 minutes)

ONCE WEEKLY

Hayes Let's Learn Music #2 (1-2 worksheets each week)

Music Masters CD's

Narrate and notebook. One composer every two weeks. Listen to story on CD first week. Second week play his music, but read instead a Venezia picture book from library or a selection for *Lives of the Composers**(my kids love these, but I have to paraphrase some parts as the lives are often torrid.)

ART (20 minutes)

ONCE WEEKLY

Mommy, It's a Renoir Advanced Steps 4-5

The child will likely master the matching quickly, so according to your child's interest and learning style, do a picture study, tell stories about the pictures, play memory, listen to something on the net about the artist, try to paint one yourself, try to memorize what's in the in picture and tell/sketch without looking. If you feel so inclined, pick up one of the picture books by Venezia from the library (or *Lives of the Artists*, if you're game. See *Composer* note above) about one of the artists in your cards. I notebook narrations from these books.

Drawing Lessons—any Mark Kistrel book or Dover *Learn to Draw*

Our Schedule

M-TH

Opening (5 min)

Recitation (15 min)

Writing (5 min)

Reading (20 min)

Language (10 min)

Religion (15 min)

'Rithmetic (20 min)

Read Aloud History, Science (20 min)

Group Read Alouds (30 min)

Evening Reading (30 min)

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Opening(5 min)

Math(20 min)

Geography(5 min)

Art (20 min)

Music (30 min)

Notebooking (Free Choice)

Read-Alouds (30 minutes)

CLASSIC EASY READERS BY AUTHOR AND READING LEVEL

The Foot Book	Seuss, Dr.	0.6
Zoom on My Broom	Farber, Erica	0.7
Cat and Dog	Minarik, Else Holmelund	0.8
The Eye Book	Seuss, Dr.	0.8
Great Day for Up!	Seuss, Dr.	0.8
Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now!	Seuss, Dr.	1.1
Go, Dog. Go!	Eastman, P.D.	1.2
Wacky Wednesday	(Dr Seuss) LeSieg, Theo.	1.3
Who Will Be My Friends?	Hoff, Syd	1.4
Put Me in the Zoo	Lopshire, Robert	1.4
A Kiss for Little Bear	Minarik, Else Holmelund	1.4
Green Eggs and Ham	Seuss, Dr.	1.5
Hop on Pop	Seuss, Dr.	1.5
Hooper Humperdink...? Not Him!	(Dr Seuss) LeSieg, Theo.	1.5
Are You My Mother?	Eastman, P.D.	1.6
Big Dog...Little Dog	Eastman, P.D.	1.7
Sam and the Firefly	Eastman, P.D.	1.7
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish	Seuss, Dr.	1.7
Shape of Me and Other Stuff	Seuss, Dr.	1.7
Piggle	Bonsall, Crosby	1.8
Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp	Hoff, Syd	1.8
I Want to Be Somebody New!	Lopshire, Robert	1.8
Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping	Parish, Peggy	1.8
Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?	Seuss, Dr.	1.8
Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!	Seuss, Dr.	1.8
Chester	Hoff, Syd	1.9
Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur!	Hoff, Syd	1.9
A Fly Went By	McClintock, Mike	1.9
Teach Us, Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy	1.9
The Case of the Scaredy Cats	Bonsall, Crosby	2
Flap Your Wings	Eastman, P.D.	2
Grizzwold	Hoff, Syd	2

Sammy the Seal	Hoff, Syd	2
Amelia Bedelia and the Baby	Parish, Peggy	2
The Best Nest	Eastman, P.D.	2.1
Julius	Hoff, Syd	2.1
Little Chief	Hoff, Syd	2.1
Oliver	Hoff, Syd	2.1
Father Bear Comes Home	Minarik, Else Holmelund	2.1
Come Back, Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy	2.1
Good Work, Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy	2.1
Merry Christmas, Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy	2.1
Big Max	Platt, Kin	2.1
The Cat in the Hat	Seuss, Dr.	2.1
The Cat in the Hat Comes Back	Seuss, Dr.	2.1
Dr. Seuss's ABC	Seuss, Dr.	2.1
Fox in Socks	Seuss, Dr.	2.1
I Am Not Going to Get Up Today!	Seuss, Dr.	2.1
There's a Wocket in My Pocket!	Seuss, Dr.	2.1
The Tooth Book	(Dr Seuss) LeSieg, Theo.	2.1
Barney's Horse	Hoff, Syd	2.2
Captain Cat	Hoff, Syd	2.2
Little Bear's Friend	Minarik, Else Holmelund	2.2
Big Max and the Mystery of the Missing Giraffe	Platt, Kin	2.2
I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!	Seuss, Dr.	2.2
Because a Little Bug Went Ka-Choo!	(Dr Seuss) Stone, Rosetta	2.2
I Wish That I Had Duck Feet	(Dr Seuss) LeSieg, Theo.	2.2
Please Try to Remember the First of October!	(Dr Seuss) LeSieg, Theo.	2.2
The Case of the Cat's Meow	Bonsall, Crosby	2.3
The Case of the Hungry Stranger	Bonsall, Crosby	2.3
Arturo's Baton	Hoff, Syd	2.3
Danny and the Dinosaur	Hoff, Syd	2.3
The Horse in Harry's Room	Hoff, Syd	2.3
Mrs. Brice's Mice	Hoff, Syd	2.3
Stanley	Hoff, Syd	2.3
Small Pig	Lobel, Arnold	2.3

Little Bear's Visit	Minarik, Else Holmelund	2.3
Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower	Parish, Peggy	2.3
Amelia Bedelia Helps Out	Parish, Peggy	2.3
Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy	2.3
Mouse Soup	Lobel, Arnold	2.4
Little Bear	Minarik, Else Holmelund	2.4
Days with Frog and Toad	Lobel, Arnold	2.5
Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy	2.5
The Case of the Double Cross	Bonsall, Crosby	2.6
Duncan the Dancing Duck	Hoff, Syd	2.6
Frog and Toad All Year	Lobel, Arnold	2.6
Uncle Elephant	Lobel, Arnold	2.6
No Fighting, No Biting!	Minarik, Else Holmelund	2.6
Thank You, Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy	2.6
The Lighthouse Children	Hoff, Syd	2.7
Owl at Home	Lobel, Arnold	2.7
The Cat's Quizzer	Seuss, Dr.	2.7
The Fire Cat	Averill, Esther	2.9
Frog and Toad Are Friends	Lobel, Arnold	2.9
Frog and Toad Together	Lobel, Arnold	2.9
Grasshopper on the Road	Lobel, Arnold	2.9
Hunches in Bunches	Seuss, Dr.	2.9
I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today	Seuss, Dr.	2.9
What Was I Scared Of?	Seuss, Dr.	2.9
The Frogs and Toads All Sang	Lobel, Arnold	3
Mouse Tales	Lobel, Arnold	3
How the Grinch Stole Christmas	Seuss, Dr.	3
Happy Birthday to You!	Seuss, Dr.	3.1
Horton Hatches the Egg	Seuss, Dr.	3.1
The Lorax	Seuss, Dr.	3.1
Giant John	Lobel, Arnold	3.2
Bartholomew and the Oobleck	Seuss, Dr.	3.2
Daisy-Head Mayzie	Seuss, Dr.	3.2
The Big Brag	Seuss, Dr.	3.3
Horton Hears a Who!	Seuss, Dr.	3.3

Oh, the Places You'll Go!	Seuss, Dr.	3.3
Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories	Seuss, Dr.	3.3
A Treeful of Pigs	Lobel, Arnold	3.4
The Sneetches and Other Stories	Seuss, Dr.	3.4
Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose	Seuss, Dr.	3.4
Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?	Seuss, Dr.	3.5
Gerald McBoing Boing	Seuss, Dr.	3.5
Ming Lo Moves the Mountain	Lobel, Arnold	3.6
And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street	Seuss, Dr.	3.6
I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew	Seuss, Dr.	3.6
McElligot's Pool	Seuss, Dr.	3.6
Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!	Seuss, Dr.	3.8
On the Day Peter Stuyvesant Sailed into Town	Lobel, Arnold	3.9
The Butter Battle Book	Seuss, Dr.	3.9
If I Ran the Circus	Seuss, Dr.	3.9
The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins	Seuss, Dr.	4
Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book	Seuss, Dr.	4
Oh Say Can You Say?	Seuss, Dr.	4
If I Ran the Zoo	Seuss, Dr.	4.1
The King's Stilts	Seuss, Dr.	4.1
Fables	Lobel, Arnold	4.2
On Beyond Zebra	Seuss, Dr.	4.2
Scrambled Eggs Super!	Seuss, Dr.	4.4
The Rose in My Garden	Lobel, Arnold	4.9
You're Only Old Once!	Seuss, Dr.	5.2