Third Grade Shopping Lists

- You will need ALL of the required books and supplies listed on the MODG Third Grade pdf except possibly: <u>Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum</u>, <u>Child-Size Masterpieces: Mommy, It's a Renoir! -TEXT</u>
- We use the **capitals cards** from www.memoryjoggers.com, every year for 2-5th. Definitely worth the price. We also use their **mult/div cards**. Also, <u>**Memory Tips for Math**</u> is a fabulous purchase. There are rhymes and stories and visuals for everything under the sun, money, measurement, time, year/calendar, carrying and borrowing, and on and on.
- If your child isn't ready for regular filler paper, you will need to buy (or print and bind) at least two 2GRD-3GRD lined composition books, one for spelling and one for language arts.
- You will need <u>2</u> blank books. We get our hardbacks from Barebooks.com. See my printables section for specific instructions and tables of contents links.
    - Your poetry notebook can be the one from last year. We used the 92-page K-5th. **You have 4 poems.**
    - You need a new 92-pager for two years of bible stories and Ten Commandments. I find at this age that a retelling and an illustration can take up a whole spread.
- You will need **many** books for the read-aloud time, however it's very likely your library has plenty of the fiction books and the order doesn't matter. Also, my kids do better with the illustrated versions of the <u>Book of Virtues</u> available as a series or in a single treasury used online for cheap.
- You will also need to gather science supplies for all of the experiments. Also, the order of the experiments is not necessarily lined up with the season. See my printables page for supplies and notes.

Third Grade Tips and Recommendations

- Everything assignment in MoDG is "so good for their little brains" rather than focusing on exhaustive content. It's different from every other program I've seen. It feels really weird at first, but it pays off later. Read the front matter in the syllabus, especially the goals for Second Grade.
- All MODG assignments are quality over quantity. Always go slowly and encourage your child to do his best work. **Stop** when you hit the time limit recommendations in the syllabus schedule.
- **"Read alone" time is 30 minutes a day**. This is not explicit in the printed syllabus; **it is also <u>not</u> optional**. Put it in your lesson plans M–F. We find that none of our kids are ready for reading the texts and supplemental history books until at least halfway through the year, so we read those aloud. If he can listen to it and follow along with HIS finger, then it counts as reading time, since this exercise increases fluency. If not, we use my "Learn to Read Alone" list on the printables page.
- **"Read Aloud" time is 15–30 minutes MOST days**. This is not explicit in the printed or the online syllabus; **it is also not intended optional**. Put it in your lesson planner M–TH. I just have them horn in on the little kids' saints, liturgical year, and fiction, but I mix in some of the 3^{GRD} fiction. The littles paint or color.
- Print out my **memory work booklet** on the printables page. Also get my **latin cards, dates cards**, and anything else you see that would be helpful.
- Start a crate system to organize your worksheets. Number the folders 1–32 and place all of the Abeka worksheets, handwriting sheets, Music Masters CDs, Hayes sheets, and anything else you like.