



## Enrichment

### Physical Education

Students will develop self-confidence and physical fitness during physical education. Focus will be placed on games and activities that develop small and large motor skills and prepare students for sports.

### Spanish

Students will explore the Spanish language through the development of grammar and vocabulary related to colors, numbers, time, and the calendar.

### Music

Students will demonstrate their understanding of music theory principles through singing. They will use proper technique, fingering, and breath control as they play songs on the recorder.

### Computer

Through the use of lecture, research, discussion, and participation in collaborative and individual projects students will practice file management, basic internet skills, formal typing skills to 15 WPM, word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software and digital media.

### Reading Counts!

FCS uses the Scholastic Reading Counts program. Students select from a wide variety of books in their assigned reading levels and, after reading the books, take computerized quizzes. In order to make book selection easier, our library books are color-coded to match corresponding reading levels in the Reading Counts program.

## Field Trips

Selected field trips are scheduled throughout the year to enhance the curriculum and provide enrichment opportunities.

## Homework

Homework is a vital part of the learning process. Assignments are designed to extend or reinforce concepts learned in class. Students who stay focused and on task, should spend approximately 30-45 minutes per night on homework.

## Research/Projects

### Science

A variety of hands on projects will be completed in class. Each student will complete a project on an animal.

### History

Students will research and complete a project on American Indians.

## Additional Programs

### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are offered for students Kindergarten to 8th grade. There are two piano recitals in January and May. Every spring our school also participates in the ACSI Piano Festival.

### Band

Our band program consisting of instrumental and string instruments is offered to 3rd – 8th grade students. The program includes individual private instruction, sectional rehearsals and full band classes weekly.

### ACSI Activities

The Association of Christian Schools International offers opportunities for students to participate in activities with students from other local Christian Schools. Activities include a spelling bee, speech meet, and art festival.

This brochure is designed to give an overview of the curriculum taught at Foothill Christian School. The depth of each subject taught goes far beyond this brief description. For further insight, you may contact your child's teacher.

# Foothill Christian School



## Third Grade Curriculum Overview



FOOTHILL  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Decidedly Academic. Distinctively Christian.

The mission of Foothill Christian School is to provide families with a Christ-centered, biblically-directed education which encourages the development of a personal relationship with God and which instills the vision and practice of excellence in academics, character and service to God and others.



## Language Arts

### Reading

- ✚ Understand the basic features of reading and apply this knowledge to achieve fluent oral and silent reading
- ✚ Read and understand grade-level material; draw upon a variety of comprehension strategies as needed
- ✚ Read and respond to a wide variety of significant works of children's literature including the novel *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*; distinguish between the structural features of the text and the literary terms or elements.

### Writing

- ✚ Write clear, coherent sentences and paragraphs that develop a central idea; writing shows they consider the audience and purpose
- ✚ Utilize the writing process including organization, revising, and editing
- ✚ Writing applications: summary, narrative, short story, response to reading, and informative reports

### Listening and Speaking

- ✚ Deliver brief recitations and oral presentations demonstrating an age-appropriate command of standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level
- ✚ Speak in a manner that guides the listener to understand important ideas by using proper phrasing, pitch, and modulation

### English Conventions

- ✚ Mechanics: identify and apply the correct rules for grade-level punctuation
- ✚ Grammar: identify and use nouns, verbs, pronouns, and adjectives
- ✚ Sentence Structure: identify and use simple and compound sentences
- ✚ Identify and use new spelling and vocabulary

## Mathematics

### Number Sense

- ✚ Demonstrate an understanding of the place value of whole numbers
- ✚ Calculate and solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
- ✚ Understand the relationship between whole numbers, simple fractions, and decimals

### Algebra and Functions

- ✚ Select appropriate symbols, operations, and properties to represent, describe, simplify, and solve simple number relationships
- ✚ Solve simple problems involving a functional relationship between two quantities

### Measurement and Geometry

- ✚ Choose and use appropriate units and measurement tools to quantify the properties of objects
- ✚ Describe and compare the attributes of plane and solid geometric figures and use their understanding to show relationships and solve problems

### Statistics, Data Analysis, and Probability

- ✚ Conduct simple probability experiments by determining the number of possible outcomes and make simple predictions

### Mathematical Reasoning

- ✚ Make decisions about how to approach problems
- ✚ Use strategies, skills, and concepts in finding solutions
- ✚ Move beyond a particular problem by generalizing to other situations

## Science

Students will use research and hands-on activities to explore energy and its changing forms, how light travels, plants, animals, and other organisms. They will also discover that objects in the sky move in regular patterns. Students will use the scientific method to observe and investigate.

## History

Students in grade three learn about our connections to the past and the ways in which government and traditions have developed and left their marks on current society. Emphasis is on the physical and cultural landscape of California, including the study of American Indians, the subsequent arrival of immigrants, and the impact they have had in forming the character of our contemporary society.

## Bible

Bible is taught as a separate subject, but is also integrated into all aspects of curriculum and campus life. The children learn, through their years at Foothill, the importance of their Christian walk and the value of serving others. We want all of our students to know the Lord on a personal level so that when they leave Foothill, they will be equipped to live a discerning lifestyle that honors God.

Third grade students will study the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel. They will learn the rewards of living for God. Although all these men experienced rejection, they remained faithful to God.

Third grade is demonstrating FAITH IN ACTION by collecting money and supplies for outreach projects.

The Association of Christian Schools International has recognized the FAITH IN ACTION program at FCS as an exemplary program.