

Third Grade | 2017-18

EXPLORATIONS

Welcome to Explorations!

We are excited to welcome your family to the 2017-18 Explorations program! Our goal is to create delight-filled, hands-on unit studies using the best in children's literature. We aim to launch learning in the classroom so that it can be connected and expanded at home in the areas of Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Bible, and Art as inspired by our books. You may choose to use Explorations as an enrichment program or to meet your student's core academic requirements. All families have access to grade-specific Home Lesson Plans (HLPs), which provide a learning guide for each book, including project ideas, discussion questions, resource hyperlinks, and assignments. If you select Explorations for your student's core curriculum, simply complete 2-3 HLP assignments per subject area, per book.

Third Grade Book List

In order to use Explorations as core academic material, please purchase or borrow the following books:

The Right Word: Roget & His Thesaurus by Jen Bryant
The Raft by Jim LaMarche
Manfish by Jennifer Berne
Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming
The 50 States: Explore the U.S.A. by Gabrielle Balkan
Squanto & the Miracle of Thanksgiving by Eric Metaxas
The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey
by Susan Wojciechowski
John Henry by Julius Lester
Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library by Barb Rosenstock
Testing the Ice by Sharon Robinson
Rikki-Tikki-Tavi Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco
Song of the Water Boatman by Joyce Sidman
Poem-Mobiles by J. Patrick Lewis

Click [here](#) to purchase from Circle's Amazon Store.

Third Grade Core Subjects

At the elementary school level, there are five core subject areas: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Bible. However,



Language Arts should be divided into categories in order to ensure complete coverage of the subject. At the Third Grade level, Language Arts is comprised of reading comprehension, spelling, vocabulary, handwriting, writing composition, and grammar. If you choose Explorations to meet your student's academic core requirements, here is a summary of what we cover (and what we do not):

Language Arts: Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary & Writing Composition | Included in Explorations home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Science | Included in Explorations home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Social Studies | Included in home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Bible | Included in home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Math | NOT provided in Explorations home lesson plans. Parent responsible for instruction and curriculum.

Language Arts: Grammar, Spelling & Handwriting Instruction | NOT provided in Explorations home lesson plans. Parent responsible for instruction and curriculum.

If you have questions about the Explorations Program, please contact Program Director Ruth Brown at ruthb@circlechristianschool.org. For curriculum assistance, call the Circle Bookstore at 407-740-8877.