# Grade Three Curriculum Picks

> Many of these curriculum picks can be **borrowed for preview purposes** through the **Learning Commons Search Portal** or accessed through our **Sora** virtual library at no cost. If you are ready to purchase, **some** recommended curriculum may be available through our **Used Bookstore**, or resources can be purchased from one of our **comprehensive vendors**.

> Vendor websites are pick-and-choose.  Some optional or alternate suggestions may be listed, so select your items with care.

## Overview Of Grade 3 Curriculum Picks

Here is an overview of the curriculum picks that we suggest for Grade 3. Please note that some subjects provide more than one option. For more information about the curriculum, please refer to the information under Detailed Information for Grade 3 Curriculum Picks (further down this page).

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| **English Language Arts** | • Rigorous Approach (Option A): Lightning Literature Gr 3 Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide with poetry book and readers<br><br>OR<br><br>• Lighter Approach (Option B): Language Lessons for a Living Education 3 with 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible AND The Tale of Despereaux novel with Literature Kit by Classroom Complete Press (or alternate) |
| **Mathematics** | • Third Grade Math with Confidence Complete Set (Instructor Guide and Student Workbooks A & B)<br><br>OR<br><br>• Singapore Math 2022 Edition 3A and 3B Student Books and Home Instructor Guides |

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| **Science** | **Biology**<br>• Adventures on Planet Earth: Level 3 by MasterBooks<br><br>**Chemistry**<br>• Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics Textbook by Jeannie Fulbright and Junior Notebooking Journal - Chapters 1 and 3<br><br>**Physics**<br>• Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics Textbook by Jeannie Fulbright and Junior Notebooking Journal - Chapter 11<br><br>**Earth/Space**<br>• Landforms and Erosion Unit Study Kit |
| **Social Studies** | • From Time Immemorial by Pacific Edge Publishing |
| **Bible/Christian Studies** | • The Word in Motion New Testament Advantage Set by Apologia |
| **Optional Resources**<br>(not detailed below) | • Canadian Handwriting Book C (English Language Arts)<br>• Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids Grades 3-4 by Teacher Created Resources (Health Education) |

# Detailed Information for Grade 3 Curriculum Picks

## English Language Arts

### OPTION A: Lightning Literature Gr 3 Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide with poetry books and readers

**Type of Resource:** Home Education Curriculum
**Description:** Lightning Literature is a language arts curriculum designed to instill a love of literature in students, expand their ability to read intelligently and deeply, and prepare them for more advanced language arts concepts. The key components of this series are literature, grammar and mechanics, and composition. The Teacher Guide provides scripted questions for comprehension with answers, teaching tips, and daily schedules. The Workbook and Guide can be purchased separately, in a set together, or in two different packs, one with and one without Random House Book of Poetry for Children. The author's goal in writing this series is to "instill a love of great literature in children, expand their ability to read intelligently and deeply, improve their communication abilities, and prepare them for more advanced language arts concepts." The three key components to this series are literature, grammar and mechanics, and composition. The Student Workbook explains the lesson's concept for the child and includes Reading Journal Pages, Dictionary Pages, and Sentence Puzzle Pages. Workbook answers are in the Teacher's Guide. The Workbook and Guide can be purchased separately, in a set together, or in two different packs, one with and one without Random House Book of Poetry for Children. You'll need something else for teaching spelling, learning to read, and penmanship.

Website

**Review**

**Samples**: Teacher Intro, Teacher's Sample, Student Workbook Sample

**Other Optional or Supplementary Resources:** Worksheets

## OPTION B: Language Lessons for a Living Education 3 with 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible AND The Tale of Despereaux novel with Literature Kit by Classroom Complete Press (or alternate)

**Type of Resource:** workbook
**Description:** incorporates picture study, memorization, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, observation, poems, psalms, letters, and practical application through creative writing – all working towards the mastery of reading and grammar, as well as the mechanics of communication and writing.
Enjoy this story-based course featuring Claire and Micah, designed to engage your young learner and strengthen their reading and writing skills. Real-world examples and applications are the focus as they practice reading, apply grammatical skills, and increase their vocabulary. Complete with helpful illustrations and guides, this book will teach your student paragraph structure, compound words, contractions, sentence combining, helping verbs, prepositions, and more!
This language arts series adapts Charlotte Mason's ideas for the modern homeschool student, complete with character-building themes. Each quarter has five stories, two picture studies (one of which is Bible-based), and two poems (one of which is a Psalm). Using the spelling words and the Dictionary Worksheets, students will create their very own dictionary as they move week by week through the material.
Develops reading and narration skills as well as writing mastery of multi sentence paragraphs. Continuing with what the student has learned in Level 2, Book 3 will add to their reading, communication and observation skills. They will begin to write paragraphs. They will review and refine lessons from Level 2 in addition to learning new skills. **101 Favorite Stories from the Bible is a required resource for this program.**

**Website**

**Series Overview**

**Placement Guide**

**Review**

**Other Optional or Supplementary Resources**

- Language Lessons 3 - Dictionary
- Language Lessons 3 - Word Shapes

**Scope & Sequence and PDF Samples**

**PDF Sample**

## The Tale of Despereaux novel with Classroom Complete Press Literature Kit (or another grade-appropriate book)

**Type of Resource:** fiction novel and workbook
**Description:** Learn the value of courage and fortitude with this twist on the classic fairy tale. Our comprehensive resource has response questions and activities that are great for guided reading and independent work. Use clues to match vocabulary words from the novel to a crossword puzzle. Show an understanding of details from the book by answering short questions. Imagine the inner qualities Roscuro has by describing why he decides never to torture another prisoner again. Compare the expression, "not the sharpest knife in the drawer," with the character Mig. Organize a character's actions and thoughts as they happened in the story with a graphic organizer. Written to Bloom's Taxonomy; additional crossword, word search, comprehension quiz and answer key are also included.

**About the novel:** a story of a special mouse who is on a dangerous quest to rescue the princess. Despereaux falls in love with a princess, even though mice and humans are not supposed to! Caught, Despereaux is sentenced to the dungeon; however, he escapes and goes looking for his beloved princess. Unfortunately, the Princess has already been tricked and has been taken to the dungeon. Despereaux must save his love, and together with the help of his friends, eventually rescues her. As his quest comes to a close, Despereaux realizes that he still cannot marry the Princess, but they become friends. The story ends with the King, the Princess and Despereaux eating a feast and living happily together forever. **Other options for picture book literature kits can be found here.**

**Website**

**Free Bonus Worksheets**

**PDF Samples** (to the left of the cover image)

# Mathematics

> Math U See is not mentioned here simply because it is not available from our Curriculum Pick provider(s), although it is a strong option, especially in the primary grades. Math-U-See can be ordered directly from the Canadian Distributor, Math Canada. Place an order by Phone: 250-590-6761 or Toll-Free: 1-888-854-6284.

## Option 1: Third Grade Math with Confidence Complete Set (Instructor Guide and Student Workbooks A & B)

**Description:** Third Grade Math with Confidence builds on foundational arithmetic while placing greater emphasis on multiplication, division, fractions, and problem solving. Clear parent-led instruction, hands-on activities, visual models, games, and written practice help students develop conceptual understanding alongside increasing fluency and independence.
Grade 3 topics include:

- Multiplication and division facts
- Place value and multi-digit operations
- Fractions
- Money and elapsed time
- Measurement
- Area and perimeter
- Geometry
- Multi-step word problems and reasoning

> **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** Grade 3 provides an important bridge from foundational arithmetic into more complex mathematical thinking. Families should still expect active parent involvement when new concepts are introduced, while students gradually take greater responsibility for independent practice.

Math with Confidence

MWC Third Grade Information

Instructor's Guide Sample

Student Workbook Sample

> See how Math with Confidence aligns with BC's curriculum in our Math with Confidence Correlations to BC's Curriculum Spreadsheet

## Option 2: Singapore Math 2022 Edition 3A and 3B Student Books and Home Instructor Guide

**Note:** This program is advanced compared to our BC curriculum standards,, making placement tests more important than perhaps other programs. The long term goal would be to complete book 6B by the end of Grade 7. Books should be completed at the student's pace, which means the grade level on the cover may not correspond with the student's actual grade level.
**Description:** epitomizes what educators love about the Singapore math approach, including the CPA progression, number bonds, bar modeling, and a strong focus on mental math. It's a no-fuss, straightforward program that balances supervised learning and independent practice. The recently released Primary Mathematics 2022 Edition uses the same approach as previous Primary Mathematics editions, but features entirely new content and lesson structures.

**Website**

**Placement Tests**

**Review**

**Scope and Sequence**

**PDF Samples**

**Additional Support:** Singapore Math Live offers instruction, encouragement, and support for parents and students

# Science

## Biology

### Adventures on Planet Earth: Level 3 by MasterBooks

**Type of Resource:** softcover student home education resource book
**Description:** Earth science is the perfect study for budding young scientists. This curriculum is packed with fun activities and adventures to help your student learn about God's creation of biomes, the food chain, climate, trees, and so much more. Each lesson offers Hidden Treasures to help the student see the biblical connection of the scientific facts and build a deeper relationship with God.

**Website**

**Sample Pages**

## Chemistry and Physics

### Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics Textbook by Jeannie Fulbright and Junior Notebooking Journal

> **Chapters 1 and 3 address grade three chemistry standards; chapter 11 addresses grade three physics standards.**

> The Junior Notebooking Journal is recommended, but students who have mastered handwriting, can take notes, and enjoy upper elementary-level activities may prefer the Regular Notebooking Journal.

This resource is recommended to address chemistry and physics standards for grades 3, 5, and 6. A full correlation between Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics and BC's Gr 1 - 6 science standards can be found here.

**Type of Resource:** home education curriculum

**Description:** Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics is part of Apologia's award-winning Young Explorer Series and a curriculum specifically designed for elementary students. From the laws of motion to electricity and magnetism to the very building blocks of creation, this course is a God-honoring study about some of the most impactful scientific principles that are at work all around us. As your student works through this course, their scientific curiosity and confidence will explode as they engage with the vivid graphics, thought-provoking lessons, and hands-on experiments that will bring theory to life.

**Curriculum Overview**
We believe that your child's education is at their best when their learning begins with curiosity. That's why this course was designed for elementary students with no prerequisite. We use the practical concepts and things in their world to help them to learn and experience that science isn't just a class–it's a means for them to discover their world!

Apologia's Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics course is written in a conversational tone, and takes complex and abstract concepts and makes them approachable for curious young minds. As your student engages with the lessons, projects, and experiments, they will better understand the fascinating world of chemistry and physics, and the Master Designer who created it all.

Throughout this course, they'll study and explore the basic building blocks of creation, atoms and molecules, simple chemicals, the laws of motion, energy in its many forms, as well as concepts of electricity and magnetism. Your student will get to put their learning to work as they have fun making a bouncy ball, developing a smoke bomb, building a solar oven, constructing a working periscope, fashioning a miniature motor, and creating a lava lamp!

**Lesson Plans and Materials**
There are 14 lessons in this one-year chemistry and physics course.  Detailed lesson plans as well as a suggested daily schedule are included in the student notebooking journal (sold separately). This will set you and your student up for success as they work through the course, while also providing flexibility to meet the needs of your student and your family.

Packed with vivid photos and a variety of hands-on activities and experiments that bring chemistry and physics to life, the student textbook and provides engaging hands-on activities to help solidify the concepts learned. The hard-cover textbook and notebooking journals (sold separately) are recommended for your student to make the most of this course.

All of the activities and experiments use easy-to-obtain household items and truly make the lessons come alive!

**Website**

**Preview and Table of Contents**

Resource Extras

# Earth/Space

## Landforms and Erosion Unit Study Kit

**Type of Resource:** HCOS Unit Study Kit

**Description:** How does land change? Why does land change? You and your learner will be able to investigate these and many other questions in this exciting unit! Experiment with erosion on a small scale, become an erosion detective, become a landform explorer, create posters, conduct research, make salt dough landforms, create an island, paint outside, erupt a volcano, and much more! You will be able to read engaging books, watch fun and fantastic videos, play games, make crafts, and choose from dozens of projects to create the ultimate self-directed learning experience for your third grader. This kit is divided into sections based around driving questions. You will have the opportunity to choose your materials and projects in each section of the kit. The materials, projects, and activities contained in the kit have been carefully selected to address the big ideas, competencies, and content of BC's Modernized Curriculum.

Download the Unit Study Kit Guide

Borrow the Physical Kit

# Social Studies

## From Time Immemorial by Pacific Edge Publishing

**Type of Resource:** full-colour student book
**Description:** provides an honest survey of the history of the coastal First Nations from pre-contact to the present. *From Time Immemorial* has been recommended by the First Nations Education Steering Committee of BC as an "authentic First Peoples text that meets provincial standards and reflects First Peoples knowledge and perspectives in a respective way."
This book provides a broad overview of traditional ways common to a large number of diverse groups. It encourages readers to learn more about particular groups who, long ago, walked the shorelines and forest trails of the Pacific Northwest.
While meeting the Learning Standards for the new BC Grade 3 Social Studies curriculum, it also addresses First Nations content for grades 4-8 (See Learning Standards Chart). Special features include:

- Before You Read: suggests pre-reading activities
- Looking Ahead: provides an overview of the content of the chapter
- First Nations Today: raises awareness of the issues facing First Nations in the present
- Ask the Elders: encourages students to learn about the unique characteristics of local First Nations
- Stories: First Nation's stories based on traditional values
- What Do You Think: invites students to express their opinions about relevant issues
- Looking Back: summarizes the content of the chapter
- After You Read: suggest activities that review or extend the content of the chapter
- 121 Illustrations and Photos: illustrate the culture and lifestyle of the West Coast First Nations.

**Website**

**Other Optional or Supplementary Resources: Teacher's Guide (Print)** & (PDF)

**Scope and Sequence**

**PDF Samples**

# Bible/Christian Studies

## The Word in Motion New Testament Advantage Set

**Type of Resource: Homeschool Curriculum**
Includes Student Textbook, Notebooking Journal, Audio Download, Streaming Video Lessons

**Description:** Apologia's The Word in Motion New Testament is the first volume in an illustrated, two-part Bible curriculum that equips students to know, live, and share the Word of God. As kids understand how the books of the Bible work together to tell the larger story of God's love for people, they begin to understand God better and read the Word with purpose, passion, and real understanding. Unlock free bonus content with resources, videos, activities, and more when you buy this product! Book Extras provide rich content for students, parents, and teachers to enhance the learning experience.

This course is designed to be done 4 days a week in 30-45 minute segments over the course of 30 weeks. A suggested daily schedule is included in the student notebook so your student easily understands what is expected of them each day, while also providing flexibility to meet the needs of your student and family.

**Features:**

- Free Streaming Video Lessons Included
- Great for Visual and Auditory Learners
- Vibrantly Illustrated

**Website**

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