Course Syllabus

3rd Grade

Course Description:

FPA 3rd Grade curriculum emphasizes a solid grasp of fundamental skills while offering plenty of rigorous newness. In arithmetic we strengthen adding and subtraction facts. We learn multiplication and division facts to 12, fractions, decimals, time, money, place value, rounding, and measurement. Using an immersion approach in science, we learn about aquatic animals. In history, we study from Elizabeth the First to the Forty-Niners in Story of the World Volume 3. In English, we learn punctuation and parts of speech using jingles and diagrams. Writing across the curriculum teaches basic paragraph writing. For reading, we hone phonics skills learned in K-2 and continue to develop reading comprehension. Students are challenged to think, compare, and contrast rich literature. We continue with Prima Latin for Latin, and we learn cursive writing for handwriting. Our spelling utilizes lists of words used frequently in everyday conversation.

Arithmetic:

Mastery of addition and subtraction facts, multiplication and division facts up to 12, as well as fractions, decimals, time, money, place value and measurement.

Reading:

Students use active, discriminating minds as they are challenged to think, compare, and contrast quality literature.

English:

This traditional English curriculum focuses on basic sentence structure emphasizing correct grammar while learning parts of speech.

Spelling:

Students use reading and writing vocabulary to master the 13 new, high frequency words and 3 review words per lesson. Phonics based lists are presented in type and cursive.

Latin:

Prima Latina uses a clear and systematic format to introduce Latin to young students. It teaches important English and Latin grammar concepts, as well as vocabulary, sayings, prayers, hymns, and constellations. 25 lessons cover seven parts of speech, two tenses, 125 vocabulary words, numbers 1 through 10, basic constellations, and introductions to conjugations, declensions and derivatives. The lessons are broken down into grammar skills, five vocabulary words, a practical Latin phrase, and a line of prayer that is completely learned by the end of the chapter. Also included are five review lessons.

Handwriting:

We learn each cursive letter before moving to lessons based on Scripture verses. The lessons integrate faith while learning the basics of good handwriting. The students also learn the importance of consistency and quality.

History:

Stories of early modern times, comprehension questions and answers, maps, and suggestions for additional history readings, and hands-on activities.

Science:

Students take a trip into the depths and discover all the strange and unique creatures of the sea, lakes, and rivers. They'll learn about the special features of swimming creatures, the different watery environments they live in, what their lifestyles are like, and the special circumstances they deal with. Then they take a closer look at specific groups of swimming creatures, including whales, seals, sea cows, sea turtles, sea snakes, primeval reptiles (like plesiosaurs), and more. They'll create replicas of some creatures to add to an ongoing "Ocean Box." They'll also add to their notebooks by drawing the animals in them, comparing and contrasting animals, and much more. Whether the ocean is a familiar place to your children or not, they'll be equally fascinated by learning about the unique creatures beneath the water.

Text/Required Materials:

McGuffy's Third Eclectic Reader (free access)

Farmer Boy Student Guide (invoiced in FACTs)

Farmer Boy Book (optional)

Charlotte's Web Student Guide (invoiced in FACTs)

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The Cabin Faced West

The Cabin Faced West Student (invoiced in FACTs)

A Reason for Handwriting Level C

Rod & Staff Beginning of Wisely Student Textbook

Rod & Staff Beginning of Wisely Student Workbook

Apologia Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the 5th Day Student Text

Zoology 2 Junior Notebooking Journal

Prima Latina Student Text

FPA 3rd Grade Arithmetic Workbook (invoiced in FACTs)

SpellQuest for 3rd Grade (invoiced in FACTs)

Grades:

Our grading policy is designed to promote learning and student growth. For clarity, once an assignment is submitted, no resubmission will be accepted. Much effort is taken to grade and provide feedback. It is the parent's responsibility to review graded assignments with the child for the purpose of learning from mistakes. This permits the parent and teacher to direct the growth of each uniquely individual child with accurate knowledge.

Expectations/Guidelines:

The administration and teachers of FreedomProject Academy are steadfast in our efforts to provide an excellent education for our students. This requires vigilance as practices and trends promoting mediocrity and low standards abound in government schools and private schools of all kinds.

Excellence in education begins with an evaluation of the student's independently completed work. The recent trend of resubmitting assignments after receiving teacher feedback leads to better grades but is not an accurate evaluation of a student's independent skill level.

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