

## Specialty Areas

Art: Mrs. Zastrow

Music: Mr. Babiarz

Physical Education: Mr. Hanus

S.T.E.M. / Technology: Mrs. Williams

Math Specialist:

Ms. Thomas

## Support Services

Learning Resource: Ms. Piper

Reading Support: Mrs. Engel

Social Work: Ms. Scholtes

Psychologist: Mrs. Johnson

Speech: Mrs. Langlo

Speech Assistant: Ms. Cho

English Language Learner (ELL):

Mr. Miner

Occupational Therapist: Ms. Stoner

## Homework

Students should expect homework on a regular basis.

Assignments are to be completed by the following day or a given due date.

## Assessments

Third grade students will take local assessments, MAPS, AimswebPlus and IAR (Reading and Math). AimswebPlus is also used to monitor our students'

## Field Trips

We go on field trips throughout the year that correspond with our curriculum.

Field trip venues may include:

- Wendella (Chicago historical & architectural river and lake boat tour)
- Chicago History Museum
- Aurora SciTech Hands-on Museum
- Lake View Nature Center

## Extra Curricular Activities

- Earth Saver's Club
- Drama Club
- Homework Club
- Kid's Care Club
- Computer Club

## Little Viking Pride

Swartz School values the learning and positive behaviors students display in and out of our classrooms. To promote this respectful and academically focused environment, our students are able to be nominated throughout the year for our Little Viking Pride Award. Any teacher can nominate a student for this award, and they are acknowledging students for kind and academically focused behavior. Every other Friday, we celebrate these students at an all-school assembly. We are so proud of our Little Viking Pride culture!

## Second Step

Social/Emotional Curriculum

- Skills for Learning
- Empathy
- Emotions Management
- Problem Solving

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## 3rd Grade Curriculum

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# Language Arts

*Text: ReadyGEN*

Reading, writing, spelling and grammar skills are integrated.

Writing is further enriched with Six Traits of Writing (Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions).

Spelling is taught through spelling patterns, using the Words Their Way program.

## Topics of Study

**Word Analysis/Vocabulary:** decoding, prefixes, suffixes, word relationships, classify and categorize

**Reading Strategies/ Comprehension:** author's purpose, draw conclusions, follow directions, sequence, main idea and details, fact and opinion, compare and contrast, cause and effect, summarize

**Literature:** narrative elements, figurative language, literary devices

**Literary Works:** fiction, nonfiction, novel studies, cross-curricular connections

**Research and Information Skills:** dictionary, reference sources, graphic aides

# Mathematics

*Text: enVision Math 2.0 Common Core*

## Topics of Study

- Number / Operations
- Money
- Algebra
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Data Analysis
- Problem Solving

# Handwriting

Cursive writing is taught using the Zaner Bloser model.

# Science

*NGSS aligned*

Science is taught through modules that incorporate hands-on learning.

## Modules of Study

**Earth Science:**  
Water and Weather

**Physical Science:**  
Magnetism / Force and Motion

**Life Science:**  
Life Cycles and Ecosystems

# Social Studies

*Text: TCI Social Studies Alive!*

**Theme: Our Community and Beyond**

- Geography
- Immigration
- Chicago History
- Communities / Cultures
- Citizenship