

# **HERITAGE OAK**

## **PRIVATE EDUCATION**

## **Third Grade**

### **Curriculum Synopsis**

#### ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

An integrated Harcourt language arts curriculum providing core instruction in the following areas:

- Parts of speech: (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, interjections and prepositions).
- The writing process and sentence analysis: expressive, creative, expository, persuasive capitalization and punctuation rules / spelling and vocabulary
- Verb tenses
- Identify parts of a sentence
- Daily Grammar
- Weekly Vocabulary Words that coincide with our weekly Harcourt story.
- Vocabulary: Definitions/Synonyms/Antonyms/Classifying/Analogies/Completing the Sentence/Word Associations
- Spelling:

#### READING COMPREHENSION

Weekly Harcourt stories that challenge students in the following areas:

- Increase level of comprehension / enriched vocabulary / sequencing skills
- Comparison and abstractions
- Write summaries / paraphrasing / illustrating
- Moral lessons / enjoyment and pleasure reading
- Reading fluency and comprehension
- Summaries / sequencing skills
- Short stories / Current events / Novels
- Accelerated Reader: students will earn 15 points each quarter
- Book Reports: students will complete four book reports on independently read chapter books.
- Weekly quizzes based on various in class novels.
- Grimm's Fairy Tales first semester
- Read To: Charlotte's Web, James and the Giant Peach, The Indian in the Cupboard, Matilda, Black Beauty and The Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe

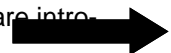
#### WRITING

The 6 traits writing curriculum is an enriching process which allows students to become well rounded writers. The children will master each trait including: Ideas and Content, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions. Our young authors will demonstrate their knowledge and use of the traits using various genres. Students will compose clear coherent sentences and paragraphs that develop a central idea.

- Two-four paragraph compositions
- Writing Styles: Narrative/Descriptive/Expository/Imaginative/Formal and Informal Letters/ Compare and Contrast/Persuasive/Fable
- Book Report 1: The Mouse and the Motorcycle- Summary with a Diorama
- Book Report 2: Stuart Little- Summary
- Book Report 3: Personal Choice Non-Fiction- Summary
- Book Report 4: Biography Report- Oral Presentation with Visual Aids
- Students will write and publish their own fable.

#### MATH

Saxon Math 54 is a math program that consists of 141 daily lessons and 26 tests. Concepts are intro-



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duced in increments and are continually practiced throughout the problem sets.

- whole-number concepts and computation / estimation / patterns and sequences
- fractions, decimals, and mixed numbers
- properties of operations
- measurement / percent / square roots
- probability / statistics / surveys
- perimeter / area / volume
- geometric solids / polygons / angles
- symmetry / tessellations / transformations
- real-world connections

### SCIENCE

The Science Program is a hands-on and integrated curriculum where the classroom turns into a laboratory.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

The children will be learning about many communities in California. They will read about what it was like to live in California in a time different from today. They will meet special people from communities in California, as well as other states and countries. Students will visit many places in California to find out how people live in different communities.

- Our Geography
- American Indians
- Community History
- Government and Citizenship
- Standing United

### FRENCH

- Writing of sentences in statement, question, and negative form.
- French adjectives and their rules / Definite and indefinite articles / Subject pronouns
- Introduction and conjugation of "ER" verbs.
- Spelling of numbers 1-39 / Time

### COMPUTERS

Students will develop and apply skills in technology to the learning process

- Basic skills and Keyboarding / Word processing / Organizing work folders
- Create Graphs from a spreadsheet
- Locate and use research materials

### ART

- Every week new artists are introduced and discussed with the children
- The students will study the lives and works of artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, Winslow Homer, Paul Cezanne and Michelangelo. They will be studying the color wheel, creating a seascape, experimenting with scratch art and learning to draw people.

### MUSIC

All students will participate in an exciting World Music Unit and learn sight-reading skills using the Solfege System. We will focus on basic vocal techniques and types of music.

- Students will learn to foster creativity, proficiency, and a passion for music
- They will experience a broad base of competency in music theory, history, and literature

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

- Development of fundamental, specialized motor skills.