

3rd/4th Grade Curriculum

Teachers	Mrs. Larson – English, Spelling, Math, Heritage Studies, Reading, Bible Mr. Petro - Science
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English

	<p>Students utilizing BJU Grammar and Composition for grades three and four not only to learn good grammar, but also receive extensive instruction in applying grammar skills. Every other chapter is devoted to the writing process.</p>
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Bible

	<p>Bible Truths Level 3 and Bible Truths Level 4 are taught alternate years. Level 3 includes Bible memory, key doctrinal truths, and how to develop godly character and a biblical worldview. Bible 4 encourages students to read their Bibles daily. Students study biblical characters who listened to God and followed His will. Students are encouraged to develop Christlikeness. The lessons give background information and historical context, and students continue to memorize Scripture.</p>
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Reading

	<p><i>Reading 3 Student Reader 3A</i> (3rd ed.) contains developmentally appropriate selections from a variety of genres with a progression of difficulty in readability and skills to provide success for every student. New Bible retellings closely follow the text in Scripture. Feature pages are included before and after selections to highlight literary skills, comprehension questions, and vocabulary.</p> <p><i>Reading 4 (3rd Edition) Student Text</i> provides age-appropriate selections in a variety of genres, including literature and informational text. Before, During, and After Reading sections emphasize comprehension strategies and literary skills. Biblical discernment is an important component of the program.</p>
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Math



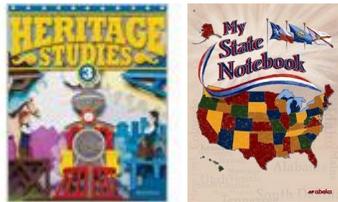
Saxon Math is used in both grades. Saxon math does a good job of presenting math concepts that not only adhere to Indiana Standards, but also allow students to utilize good critical thinking skills and gain an understanding of the concepts behind the math “rules”.

Science



Science 3 and Science 4 are taught alternate years to a combined third/fourth grade class. BJU Press curriculum provides scientific information through text, charts, colorful photos, and illustrations. Both are taught from a biblical worldview. The level three book covers God’s Creation and Design, God’s Forces, God’s Earth and Sky and God’s Building Blocks (cells). Level 4 continues with the ecosystem, plants, insects, the eye, digestive system and principles of motion and energy.

Heritage Studies



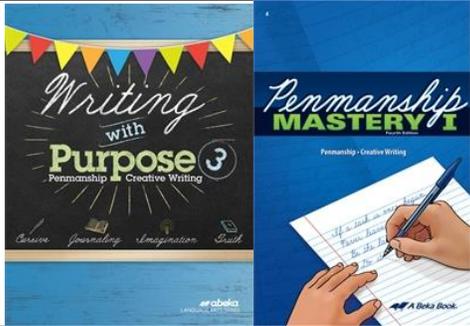
Students in grades three and four are combined for Heritage Studies 3 which covers the framing of the Constitution up to the American West. In the alternate year, the students will be introduced to Indiana History which will continue the study of American History while they discover how Indiana fits into that history as it becomes a territory and then a state. The students will compile an Indiana History notebook researching special events, people, places, and the geography of Indiana. The students will enjoy field trips at both levels to places such as the state capital, Benjamin Harrison’s home, Conner’s Prairie, etc.

Spelling



BJU Press provide the student texts for Spelling in both grades. Third graders apply generalizations to word families, have extended practice with adding suffixes, expanding dictionary skills and journal writing. Word histories and etymologies give 4th graders an understanding of and interest in the English language. Journal entries with weekly practice give students an opportunity to apply spelling. Dictionary skills are also included.

Penmanship



3rd/4th graders continue to improve penmanship while also competing writing activities and strengthening phonics and skills.