

Instructor Information

Mrs. Apryl Maloon is the Third Grade teacher at Miramonte Christian School. She has been an elementary teacher since 2002. Mrs. Maloon earned her Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Phoenix. Her certifications include:

- North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists Certification--M. Ed, Professional certification
- California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
- California Education Specialist Instruction Credential

In 2012 Mrs. Maloon was commissioned by the New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, acknowledging her gifts and calling as a teacher of God's children. Her favorite subjects to teach are science and Bible.

Mrs. Maloon believes that our value comes from Jesus dying for us, so each individual is valuable and each one is enough just as they are. With this in mind, she strives to make her classroom a safe place to learn, to grow, to fail, to try again, and to succeed.

Mostly, Mrs. Maloon prays for her classroom to be a place where everyone draws closer to Jesus while learning and walking life's journey together.



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Miramonte
Christian School

3rd Grade Class



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"For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13

This verse assures each of us that we are never alone; God is beside us, holding our hand. He provides the strength we need for what is before us, no matter how weak we are, or how difficult the path.

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The Third Grade Curriculum

Math

We are currently using *Go Math!* in our third grade class. Major topics covered include mastering multiplication and division facts, adding and subtracting three digit numbers, reading Roman numerals, adding and subtracting money, doing story problems, analyzing and interpreting raw data and representing it in a graph, identifying geometric shapes, and basic fractions. This program also includes early immersion into the building blocks of algebra that help students better understand algebraic thinking in future years.

Bible

The Bible curriculum in 3rd Grade is titled *Accepting His Plan*. It is the study of God's plan to redeem this world. It begins with the problems that Lucifer created and concludes with the assurance of Jesus' return to this earth to gather those who believe in Him.

Phonics

Explode the Code workbooks are used to teach phonics to 3rd grade students. This curriculum builds essential literacy skills needed for reading success: phonological awareness, decoding, vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, and spelling.

Handwriting

The handwriting workbook is called *A Reason for Handwriting*. The students will start the year learning how to write the letters of the alphabet in cursive, which will transition into writing whole words.

Spelling

Several sources are used to teach spelling. The *Building Spelling Skills Program* utilizes frequently used words in the English language, content words from science, social studies and language arts, and common phonetic elements. Enrichment words are added from the *Wordly Wise Vocabulary Level 3* program. We integrate technology by using *Spelling City* for weekly spelling word practice.

Writing Workshop

Composition is taught through the Writing Workshop format. Mini-lessons are taught on strategies, skills, and author's craft, which are then used in their monthly writing journals as well as other assignments. Students are also taught the writing process.

Reading Workshop

The reading workshop format and the *Pathways to Literacy* program are used for literacy instruction. This is



a literature-based program, which means that student reading instruction, comprehension activities, and projects revolve around a monthly theme book.



Science

In 3rd grade, the students use *By Design*. Students study the human body, health and safety, how plants and animals live in different environments and how they adapt to change. They also study energy, light, matter, and objects in space and the patterns they follow in the sky. Hands-on experiences complement the curriculum and expand learning.

Social Studies

Communities by Scott Foresman is used for social studies instruction. We cover various topics surrounding the theme of "communities," students learn what communities are, the different types of communities, various cultural celebrations, how communities make wise choices, and government in the U.S. and other countries.

Music

The third grade students enjoy singing in the classroom, writing songs, and the study of music theory. They also join with other classes to sing and practice for Christmas and Spring music performances.