



THIRD GRADE

GENERAL INFORMATION

RSM Christian School (RSMCS) provides third graders with a well-rounded education, including Bible, math, science, language arts, and social studies, all taught to meet California State Standards. Enrichment subjects like physical education, music, Spanish, STEAM, art, and library are taught by specialized teachers. Students also attend field trips throughout the year. The school is accredited by ACSI and WASC, and our teachers are Christians, ACSI certified, and credentialed.

SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL

Bible

This program emphasizes studying the Old Testament, books of the Bible, the life of Christ, the Lord's Prayer, and Godly character traits to equip students to grow as witnesses for Christ. Students are encouraged to read and memorize scripture, reciting Bible verses weekly, and learning that the Bible reveals God's plan for wise and righteous living today.

Curriculum: DeepRoots

Chapel

Each week, students come together for chapel, engaging in powerful worship and receiving a relevant message. They are also encouraged to live out their faith by serving and loving others, and supporting both local and global outreach partners.

Social

RSMCS emphasizes Christian character development and biblical conflict resolution and fosters independent study habits, executive functioning, and a growth mindset. Through the Prayer Partners program, older students mentor younger ones in prayer, fostering connections across age groups. Students are encouraged to take on academic and social responsibilities, building skills that will benefit them throughout their school years and beyond.

ACADEMICS

Mathematics

The program focuses on mastering addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, supported by technology-based activities. Students also learn decimals, fractions, money, measurement, geometry, graphs, and problem-solving.

Curriculum: *Purposeful Design Mathematics (ACSI)*, Mad Dog Math

Language Arts & Reading

The program emphasizes reading comprehension and written and oral responses to literature, encouraging students to analyze from a biblical worldview. Focus areas include reading fluency, word analysis, vocabulary, and novel studies. Writing instruction covers clear, coherent sentences

and paragraphs, English grammar, sentence structure, and the structure of a three-paragraph essay in informative, persuasive, and narrative styles. Students are also taught cursive penmanship.

Curriculum: *Adventures in Reading* (BJU Press), *English 3: Writing and Grammar* (BJU Press), *Zaner-Bloser Handwriting* (Highlights Co.), *Write Reflections*

Science & Health

The program emphasizes matter, cells, tissues, organs, systems, soil, rocks, minerals, and the solar system. Students engage in project-based learning with technology, conduct experiments, and participate in individual and group projects for hands-on learning in a stimulating scientific environment.

Curriculum: *Science* (BJU Press)

History & Geography

The program explores American history from a Christian perspective, highlighting famous Americans and local cultures, including Orange County Native Americans. Students develop map skills and learn about federal, state, and local government, with a focus on Orange County.

Special activities: field trips to the Environmental Nature Center and RSM City Hall, the City Float Parade, and a Hands-on Native American Celebration.

Curriculum: *Our American Heritage* (A Beka)

Enrichment

Art
Library
Music
Physical Education
Spanish
STEAM
Technology