

# Dougherty Academy

## Third Grade 36-Week School Plan

### Quarter 1 (Weeks 1–9): Foundations & Fluency

- Reading & Writing: Review phonics, introduce chapter books, sentence structure, and creative writing.
- Math: Place value, multiplication facts, and problem-solving within 100.
- Science: Ecosystems, life cycles, weather observation.
- Social Studies: Communities, geography, citizenship.
- Art: Drawing, shading, color blending.
- Music & Ballet: Beat, rhythm, posture, and performance basics.
- Music Theory / Piano / Violin / Viola: Note reading, rhythm drills, and short songs.
- Spanish & ASL: Greetings, family, numbers 1–50.
- Religion & Character Ed: Respect, gratitude, classroom cooperation.
- P.E. & Golf: Balance, coordination, swing form, team games.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Soil prep, seed planting, and care.
- Cooking: Kitchen safety and measuring.
- Technology: Typing and digital safety basics.

### Quarter 2 (Weeks 10–18): Building Knowledge

- Reading & Writing: Vocabulary growth, book reports, story elements, grammar practice.
- Math: Multiplication & division, fractions, and time to the minute.
- Science: Motion, force, and simple experiments.
- Social Studies: U.S. regions, mapping, and cultural heritage.
- Art: Texture, mixed-media, and pattern design.
- Music & Ballet: Rhythm coordination and performance etiquette.
- Music Theory: Dynamics, scales, and intervals.
- Spanish & ASL: Colors, days, classroom objects, conversational practice.
- Religion: Bible stories about faith and kindness.
- Character Ed: Patience and perseverance.
- P.E. & Golf: Endurance, accuracy, and teamwork.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Composting, plant journals.
- Cooking: Baking and healthy snacks.
- Technology: Creative slideshows and research basics.

### Quarter 3 (Weeks 19–27): Exploration & Expression

- Reading & Writing: Summaries, poetry, and persuasive writing.
- Math: Geometry, measurement, and graphing.
- Science: States of matter, energy, and experiments.
- Social Studies: Early U.S. history and civics.
- Art: Perspective drawing and artist studies.
- Music & Ballet: Timing, performance pieces, and rhythm mastery.
- Music Theory / Piano / Violin: Harmony, melodies, and small-group practice.
- Spanish & ASL: Animals, questions, and dialogues.
- Religion & Character Ed: Service, leadership, and honesty.

- P.E. & Golf: Agility, coordination, and skill improvement.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Plant growth observation and journaling.
- Cooking: Preparing meals using fractions and measuring.
- Technology: Typing practice and coding games.

## **Quarter 4 (Weeks 28–36): Mastery & Innovation**

- Reading & Writing: Independent reading projects, essays, and presentations.
- Math: Review of all concepts, multi-step problem-solving.
- Science: The solar system, STEM challenges, review projects.
- Social Studies: Government, geography, and global awareness.
- Art & Music: Portfolio projects, final performances.
- Ballet & Music Theory: Year-end recital and note identification.
- Piano / Violin / Viola: Final performance pieces.
- Spanish & ASL: Conversational review and performance skits.
- Religion & Character Ed: Reflection, faith in action, and gratitude.
- P.E. & Golf: Mini-tournament and outdoor celebration.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Harvest and sustainability lessons.
- Cooking: End-of-year meal celebration.
- Technology: Presenting digital portfolios.

## **End-of-Year Reflection**

By Week 36, students have become independent thinkers and creative problem-solvers. Through reading, reasoning, and real-world projects, third graders gain confidence and curiosity — embodying the Dougherty Academy spirit of excellence, faith, and joy in learning.