

Core 3
Trinity 2024-25

Welcome to Core 3 at Trinity! We will have a blast this year working our way through the core subjects: English, math, science and history with a concentration on US history and government. Lesson plans will be given for 5 days. On core days, we will utilize games, labs, songs, and collaborative projects while using our texts as foundational learning opportunities. The Book Basket is a Charlotte Mason approach to learning our science and history while strengthening our ELA skills through reading, listening, summarizing, narration, and note taking. Titles are provided for multiple resources across the curriculum and form a backbone for discussion and foundational learning. You may dive as deep or wade as shallow as you would like each week in our science and history. Horizons 3 is a strong comprehensive approach to math, with review built into each lesson throughout the year. Lesson plans are provided in Mellow Yellow Education platform.

Weekly Bible verse memory will be planned. Core Days will include Biblical Integration across subject areas. Feel free to enhance and challenge your learners in each area of study. The beauty of homeschooling is that your family can grow as the Lord leads and you see fit. Core will provide the foundation for learning and we will get messy, be loud, and enjoy our friends in the process.

Most weeks we will follow the curriculum during class meetings. Math and ELA will be completed as specified in texts while also using games and group activities, but science and history most often will utilize labs, videos, technology, songs, etc. to accomplish our learning goals. Ask your child what we did in school each day!

Please send your child to school each day with a healthy snack, plenty of water, and packed lunch and save candy & sugary, colorful drinks for home. If your child has allergies, please let me know ASAP.

Backpacks should always include class binder (1-1 1/2") with notebook paper and labeled tabs: ELA, Math, Science, History, Bible, Paper. Books: Bible, LLATL student workbook, Science text and activity book, Math workbook for fall semester will use the first workbook; spring semester will need 2nd workbook. Horizon worksheets are found in Teacher's Manual. These can be reviewed orally and reassigned, so rely on TM and lesson plans. I will try to be diligent about letting you know if we will be reusing previously assigned worksheets. If you need to make a copy, I also have a blank book. These are in addition to the student lesson activities in the student workbooks. Many manipulatives are indicated, but most are common household items.

Pencil pouches are useful for keeping pencils, erasers, pens, colored pencils or crayons or markers, scissors, glue sticks, and post-it notes. I have rulers and clocks in the classroom.

Please make sure your child is prepared each day for class. I plan to teach the entire time I am able. If one child doesn't have texts or activity pages, that requires time spent making copies during class time and we do not always have access to printing or copying during school hours. There are many projects and optional activities to complete (or skip, depending on your preference!), so please let me know if your family needs pacing adjustment.

Mellow Yellow Education is our online platform for communication, lesson plans, etc. Although there are no formal "grades" for this level, occasionally there could be an assignment to submit that will receive a number/letter grade/written feedback. You can visit www.mellowyelloweducation.com. Click "Student Portal" on the top menu and watch video to learn how to create an account. Click the icon for Core 3 with "3rd Grade" next to a desk to access our class. A mail icon at the top toolbar will allow you to privately email me anytime. If you have a blended family, you will need to add extra contact information to Active or MYE accounts. Active and MYE self-populate email addresses once registered; class info will be posted through these formats.

My goal is to provide your precious child with the tools with which to grow and develop academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially while you are away (and to have fun, too!). If you or your child has a need, let me know. I may be able to help. I'm so happy to partner with you in your child's education this year!

Blessings,
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