

GRACE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
Curriculum Development  
COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course: English

Grade: Three

Philosophy Statement: God the Creator is the Supreme Communicator. He spoke the earth, sun, moon, and stars into existence. In the past God spoke to mankind, either directly, or, more often, through His chosen prophets. As He inspired Moses to write the Ten Commandments on tables of stone, so God also inspired men to write the Bible, the Word of God, which reveals to mankind God's most complete communication to us, His creatures, through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, His Son. By His divine mercy and grace, God has granted mankind the incredible gift of communication, allowing us to listen and hear, speak, write, and read – to communicate with each other. Accordingly, the goal of our instruction in the Language Arts is to help our students develop an appreciation for language as a gift from God, as they recognize the patterns, principles, creativity, and incredible beauty of His communication to us, and ultimately offer God the glory due Him as our Creator and Lord through effective, clear, accurate and creative communication with others.

Course Objective: Students will develop correct usage skills in oral and written communication. They will demonstrate proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation, as well as correct usage of the following parts of speech in sentences: 1) nouns; 2) pronouns; 3) verbs, and; 4) adjectives, and adverbs. Students will define and apply writing rules in instructions, essays, book reports, and friendly letters. They will utilize a dictionary and thesaurus when applicable.

Textbook: English 3, Bob Jones University Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition/2003

Materials:

- Supplemental worksheets.
- Library trade books.
- Educational posters.
- Learning centers.
- Step Up to Writing note taking/paragraph planning masters.

Time Allotment: Thirty minutes per day, four days per week.

### Course Content:

- Unit 1: Sentences: subject/predicate; four kinds; compound; run-on.
- Unit 2: Game Instructions: use of thesaurus.
- Unit 3: Nouns -common, proper, possessive, singular, plural.
- Unit 4: Friendly Letter-parts of letter, addressing envelopes.
- Unit 5: Action Verbs: present, past, future, helping, irregular.
- Unit 6: Study and Reference Skills: glossary, index, dictionary encyclopedia, atlas.
- Unit 7: Pronouns: subject, object, possessive.
- Unit 8: Written Book Reports.
- Unit 9: Linking verbs, contractions, suffixes.
- Unit 10: Adjectives and Adverbs: comparisons, a, an, the.
- Unit 11: Sentences: diagramming, agreement.

### Areas to be evaluated:

- Tests.
- Class work.

### Additional Activities:

- Pen pal project with Grace on Wheels friends who are physically disabled.