

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**  
**THIRD GRADE**  
**WRITING**

**LANGUAGE ARTS PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT:** Language is recognized as a God given gift. Teaching reading, writing, grammar, spelling, and vocabulary empowers students to communicate effectively with others and with God. Students will have the ability and opportunity to express themselves creatively, preparing them for future endeavors.

**OBJECTIVE:** The student will apply a wide range of multiple writing strategies to communicate adequately to a diverse audience.

**TEXTBOOK:** HSP California Excursions (Harcourt School Publishers)

6+1 Traits of Writing (Education Northwest)

**MATERIALS:** Writing Notebook, Writing Portfolio

**TIME ALLOTMENT:** 45 minutes, 2-3 times a week

**COURSE CONTENT:**

Ideas

Sentence Fluency

Organization

Word Choice

Voice

Conventions

Presentation

**AREAS TO BE EVALUATED:** Rubric to evaluate sentence fluency, word choice, conventions, and presentation.

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Writing from Reading Program, DVD, Book Reports