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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

3rd Grade Geography GVL

Grades: 3rd Grade

Fees: One Day Model: \$450 for 3rd grade package of 4 classes plus a \$20 Geography class supply fee

Two Day Model: \$900 for 3rd grade package of 4 classes

Plus the following fees:

- \$140 enrollment fee per child
- \$70 security fee per family
- \$10 per student portrait/ID fee

Prerequisites:

Must be 8 by September 1st

Sections Offered: [3rd- Green Cedar \(Mondays- One Day Model\)](#), [3rd- Red Oak \(Wednesdays- One Day Model\)](#), [3rd- Yellow Birch \(Mondays & Wednesdays- Two Day Model\)](#), [3rd- Blue Spruce \(Mondays & Wednesdays- Two Day Model\)](#).

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Textbooks:

- **One Day Model:**

- A Children's World Atlas (One per family)- can be any children's world atlas.
- [Geography from A to Z: A Picture Glossary](#) (one per 3rd grade family needed for Fall semester).

- **Two Day Model:**

- Recommended Literature- the following list of books will be read during the corresponding units. You may choose to purchase these books anywhere or check them out from the library when you need them:
 - [The Adventures of Paddy the Beaver](#) by Thornton Burgess
 - [The Cabin Faced West](#) by Jean Fritz
 - [Soft Rain](#) by Cornelia Cornelissen
 - [The Story of George Washington Carver](#) by Eva Moore

Other Materials:

Each class has a supply list of required materials parents must purchase and send to class with their student. Find supply lists [here](#).

Course Description

One Day Model:

Map Skills/Geography for 3rd grade focuses on the foundations of Geography with basic map skills by using various resources alongside hands-on activities and geography terms and vocabulary using [Geography From A to Z](#) for the fall semester. During the spring semester, students use the My Worldwide GeoJourney book to study Geography around the world and record their travels and findings. A \$20 supply

fee for the Fall Map Skills packet and Spring World Geography Packet is included in this course.

Two Day Model:

Geography for 3rd grade will focus on an in-depth study of the 50 states of America using [Notgrass Our 50 States](#). Students will learn geographic terms in relation to the topography of each state, all while practicing map skills. The curriculum includes two lessons per state, which includes facts about the history, physical features, population, and hands-on activities. Notgrass literature selections will also add to the depth of this comprehensive geography curriculum. Textbooks for the two day model do not need to be purchased for home use unless a parent wants their own copy at home.

Homework will vary depending on if your child is signed up for the one day or two day model. See table below for more information.

To be successful in this class:

Listen and participate in class; complete assigned work on time; and follow instructions.

Homework Table Examples:

The following tables are just examples meant to help you compare in class and homework assignments per model. The assignments listed below are a general representation and not from a specific teacher.

One Day Model:

Concepts	Day at UHC	Day 1 HW	Day 2 HW
Reading road maps and learning how to use	Students will learn how to read road maps. They will learn key	Choose one of these 3 pages from your binder: Road Maps (started in class), How Far? or How Many	ALGERIA: Look at the road map of Algeria from class. Notice the KEY. Trace ONE highway on your map with yellow.

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maps to plan trips.	signage on road maps, how to read a grid and legend, and how to map out a trip	<p>Miles to Go? The numbers below the roads on 1st and 3rd options represent MILEAGE. You will need to add numbers up for total distances.</p> <p>Vocab Words—delta, swamp, marsh. Keep working on words! Review them as you can so you will be prepared for Pictionary—either this week or next, depending on time.</p>	Add any major cities onto your map that the highway goes through with a black dot and the name. Add a black dot for “Major cities” and a yellow symbol for “major highways” onto your MAP KEY.

Two Day Model:

Concepts	Monday at UHC	Day 1 HW	Wednesday at UHC	Day 2 HW
Exploring the 50 States: The South-Unit 9	North Carolina-taught from Lesson 33-34 in textbook; Hands-on activities and videos about North Carolina	<p>Begin reading literature book for this unit: Soft Rain. You will have 5 weeks to read this chapter book.</p> <p>Listen to the song to review states and capitals.</p>	South Carolina-taught from Lesson 35-36 in textbook; Hands-on activities and videos about South Carolina	No Homework

3rd- Green Cedar (Mondays- One Day Model)



Meet Alyssa Lancaster

Education: Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Meredith College; post-graduate work at International School of Theology

Teaching experience:

- Directed ENRICH homeschool co-op for four years
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3rd- Yellow Birch (Mondays & Wednesdays- Two Day Model)



Meet Kimberly Greene

Education:

- BA in Bible with an emphasis in Elementary Education
- MA in teaching elementary education

Teaching Experience: Taught 4th grade for 3 years

Certifications: SC Professional Teaching Certificate

Homeschool Experience: 15+ years homeschooling; 2 graduates

UHC Courses Taught:

- 3rd Geography

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3rd- Blue Spruce (Mondays & Wednesdays- Two Day Model)



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