St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School Highlights

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- Established in 1895, 125 years old.
- International Baccalaureate School for PYP and Candidate School for MYP.
- TK through to 8th grade - one class per grade
- Qualified staff with Masters and Ph.D credentials
- Longevity of staff
- Community of diverse ethnic, socio-economic and faith backgrounds.
- Heritage of achievement, academics, preparation and dedication.
- 7am - 6pm Extension program with no waiting list.
- Full Time Achievement Specialist

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible,"
St. Francis of Assisi

- Catholic School Band and Majorettes
- Choir
- Hot Lunch program
- Drama Club
- Student Council
- Sports - Cross Country, Track and Field, Girls and Boys Volleyball, Flag Football, Pee Wee Pups, Little Dribblers, Boys and Girls Basketball and Golf Team.

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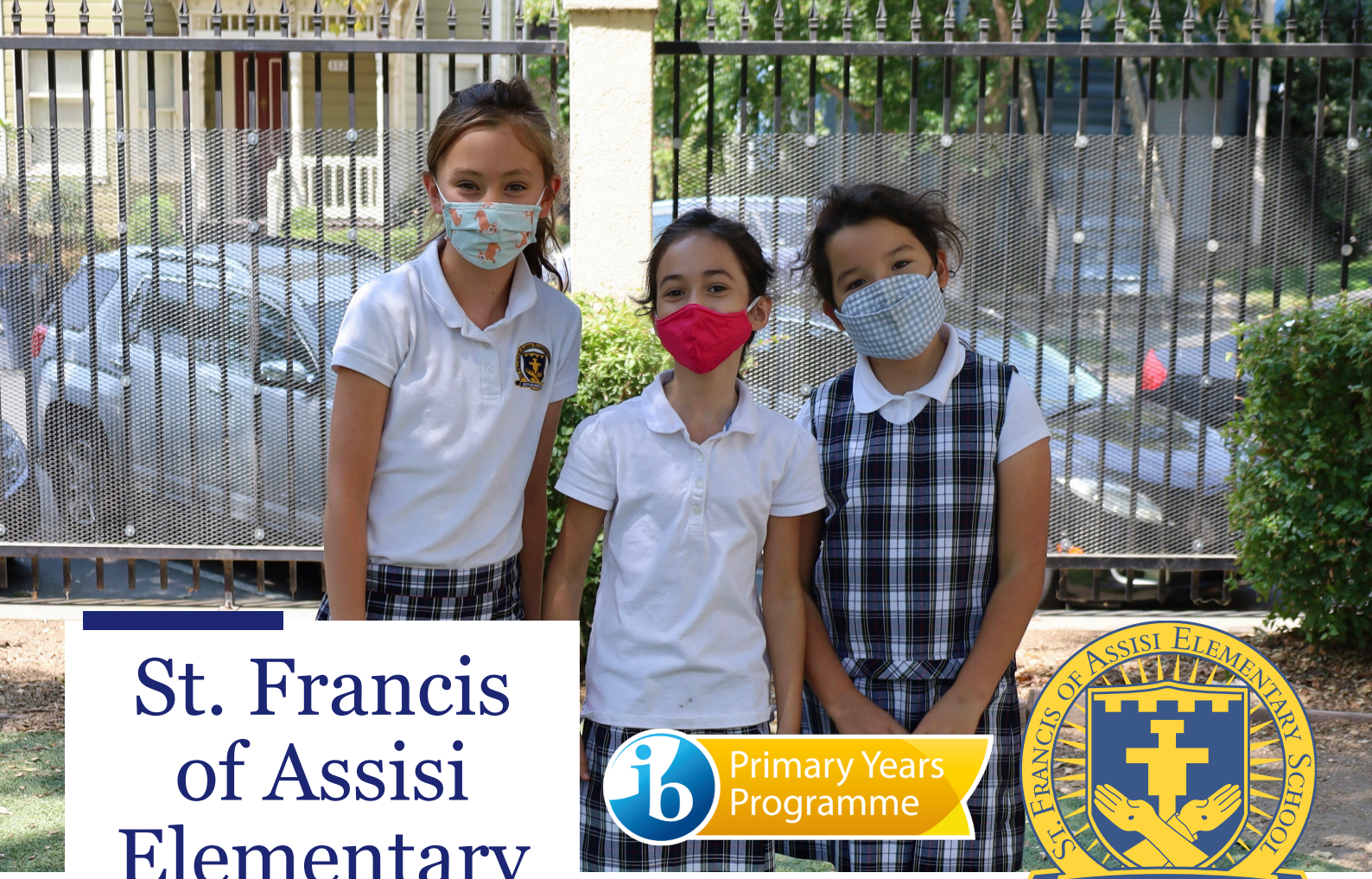

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School - 3rd Grade

Third Graders will explore the third grade curriculum through six International Baccalaureate themes, which make up our Program of Inquiry. Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Religion are woven throughout these units. Here are some of the highlights from Third Grade:

Third Grade Program of Inquiry:

Who We Are: Third Graders learn about change-makers and how we can use our talents to make a positive impact in the world. Our annual third grade Wax Museum allows students to research and portray an inspiring historical figure.

Where We Are: Our class discovers how geography affects the way we live and studies how indigenous groups use natural resources. Students will live a day in the life of the Maidu tribe by incorporating what we have learned in the classroom.

How the World Works: Third Graders take action by creating an invention to solve a problem! Through this unit of inquiry, students gain knowledge about the invention process and the impact inventions have on the world.

How We Organize Ourselves: This unit is an inquiry into the significant role that jobs play in the advancement of a community. Students learn about different careers by interviewing others, researching careers, and listening to guest speakers.

How We Express Ourselves: Through literature and storytelling, students develop an appreciation for creativity in writing. Students grow in their ability to write and tell stories that express ideas and values.

Sharing the Planet: Students investigate how animals use adaptations to survive in their environment. During this unit, third graders have the opportunity to collect and identify aquatic invertebrates in our local American River Habitat!

Additionally, third grade students will have the opportunity to be creative through various art projects, songs, plays, and learning cursive! Third grade is a year full of exploration and growth!