

Fifth Grade Class Overview

Teacher: Mr. John Michelau

Bible

Curriculum: *Exploring God's Word* by ACSI

Students have monthly memory work assignments in a variety of Bible passages. This curriculum has been designed so that through the Word and Spirit of God, students of all abilities

- May know God, especially His seeking and forgiving love in Christ;
- May respond in faith and grow into Christian maturity;
- See themselves as the reconciled, redeemed children of God and individual members of Christ's body, the church;
- Live happily in peace with God, themselves, and their fellow human beings;
- Express their joy in worship of God and in loving service to others;
- Value all of God's creative work in His world and the church;
- Witness openly to Christ as the Savior of all people; and
- Live in Christian hope with the blessed assurance of eternal life in heaven through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

To focus on these goals, the curriculum is Christ-centered so that students will have optimal opportunity to grow in their relationship of faith and live with God. *"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ."* (1 John 1:3)

English

Curriculum: *Easy Grammar*

Fifth graders apply writing and grammar skills including parts of speech, sentence types, capitalization and punctuation, speaking, and listening. They also complete a weekly creative assignment using the skills and strategies of the writing process. Students recognize and use simple, complex, and compound sentences.

Reading and Literature

Curriculum: *Harcourt Series*

Fifth graders demonstrate competence in the general skills and strategies of the reading process by applying these skills and strategies to the reading of literature and literary texts. Students read, analyze, evaluate, and respond to a variety of literary forms including short stories, novels, poetry, and stories from other countries.

Spelling and Vocabulary

Curriculum: Hartcourt Series

Fifth graders demonstrate spelling and word usage through application. They identify and understand the literal and figurative meaning of words and solve analogies.

Science

Curriculum: Bob Jones Series

Fifth graders learn science from a Christian perspective emphasizing the wonders God has created. They utilize reading and scientific experiments as they study plants, the solar system and beyond, energy, work, and machines, populations and ecosystems, the solid earth, light, and sound.

Social Studies

Curriculum: Bob Jones Heritage Studies Series

Fifth graders study the 20th century: age of invention, airplane and automotive, WWI, The Roaring Twenties, The Great Depression, WWII, Cold War, and the Western Hemisphere today. They learn geography, history, civics and government, economics, culture, map and globe skills as well as critical thinking skills.

Minnesota History

Curriculum: Northern Lights

Fifth graders learn about Minnesota's past through the Dakotah and Ojibwae, Fur Trade, land changing hands, Minnesota pioneering, Minnesota's part in the Civil War, the Dakota conflict, Flour, Lumber and Iron, Progressive Era, Boom and Bust? Minnesota's part in WWI and WWII, Cold War and the Future of Minnesota.

Mathematics

Curriculum: Houghton Mifflin Mathematics Series

Lessons and activities focus on active learning, computational proficiency, problem solving and cooperative learning. Fifth graders focus on whole numbers, decimals and integers, addition, subtraction, and equations, multiplication and division up to three-digit numbers, decimals and fractions, measurement, probability, number theory, geometry, ratio, percents, integers, and the coordinate plane.

Technology

Fifth graders go to the computer lab twice weekly. The main emphasis is typing skills to promote touch-typing. They use word processing programs, desktop publishing, and also may utilize the Internet when working on class research assignments.

Music

Music instruction with a specialist teacher occurs twice weekly. The curriculum covers elemental theory, vocal technique and rhythm instruments. We study music history including composers from each time period and their works. We use this unique gift to bless and edify others as we honor and glorify the Lord. Students perform in both Christmas and spring concerts each year.

Physical Education

Students have Physical Education twice per week. They participate in a variety of activities that are structured to work on cardio-vascular and various muscles as well as to develop skills needed to participate in individual and team activities.

Art

Students have art instruction each week. The art program teaches students line, shape, form, color, texture, composition, and perspective. The students learn an appreciation for art as well as creative expression.

Library

The library program fosters the love of reading and books. Students encounter a wide variety of literature in weekly library classes that promote library skills and stewardship.