

# Fifth Grade

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Hands-on and interactive, fifth grade is a transition year between elementary school and middle school. This is an important year as students shift from teacher led assignments to taking ownership over their own learning in a safe environment. From cooperative math centers to hands on science experiments, students learn by doing. Writing, computer skills, art skills and research all go into creating their State ABC books that will be cherished for years to come. Students are taught history in one classroom and science in the other, exposing them to the skill of switching classes. Most importantly, students pray together and study topical biblical subjects as they prepare for the next stage in life. Every subject is taught with one driving question in mind: "How does this relate to the Kingdom of God?"

## Fast Facts

- 22 student maximum class size
- 60-90 minutes of homework per night
- 3-5 field trips
- 6 enrichment classes per week: PE, Music, Art, Spanish, Computers and Library
- 2 musical presentations per year: Christmas Musical and Spring Performance

## Field Trips

- Tech Museum
- Point Lobos
- Balcultha Sailing Ship – Age of Sail (overnight/Pier 41)

## Highlights

- Regular Buddy Parties with Buddy Class
- Walk Through American Revolution
- State Reports
- Weekly STEM activities
- Christmas and Spring Musicals, 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Lead & Solos

## Homework Expectations

- 60-90 minutes each night
- 500 pages per quarter of nightly reading
- Increased independence



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

- Bible: Bob Jones
- Language Arts: Harcourt, *Journeys*
- Literature: *Number the Stars*, *The Sign of the Beaver*, *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*
- Math: Saxon
- Science: Bob Jones
- Social Studies: Abeka

## Curriculum Outlines

### **Bible and Christian Leadership - Bob Jones (bjupress.com)**

Fifth graders learn to apply God's Word to their lives. Bible lessons reveal God's existence and character, the results of man's sin, and the gift of salvation. Old and New Testaments are studied and lessons focus on creation, heaven and hell, themes of the four Gospels, role of the Holy Spirit, the formation of the early church, and the journeys of the Apostle Paul.

### **Language Arts – Harcourt, *Journeys* (<https://www.hmhco.com/programs/journeys>)**

Fifth graders refine their written and verbal communication skills. Students will use correct grammar and sentence structure in specific writing forms: research reports, narratives, persuasive writings, informative essays, and descriptive poetry. Additionally, students will learn how to take written information beyond the stage of comprehension and into literary analysis. Through selections of readings, students are encouraged to look at themselves, human nature, God, the world in which they live, and how they might be instruments of change.

### **Math - Saxon Math ( <https://www.hmhco.com/programs/saxon-math>)**

In fifth grade, students increase their facility with the four basic arithmetic operations applied to fractions, decimals, percentages, and positive and negative integers. Student explore measurement and geometry and use formulas to solve equations. Grids, tables, graphs, and charts are explored to analyze data. Algebraic concepts help students use problem solving and critical thinking skills.

### **Science - Bob Jones (bjupress.com)**

Students gain an appreciation of God's world and the Master Designer. Students acquire knowledge of creation and scientific methods, and learn to ask questions and investigate the world around them. Fifth grade students study rocks and minerals, fossils and dinosaurs, matter, energy, biomes and ecosystems.

### **Social Studies – Abeka (<https://www.abeka.com/>)**

Fifth graders acquire a strong foundation in American history from a Christian perspective. Emphasis is placed on migration to the new land, colonial heritage, expansion, American presidents, natural resources, the Civil War, and The West. Students research state history, explore geography, refine map skills, and study the causes and effects of wars and ideologies. Students research one US state for most of the year, compiling a beautiful state book incorporating computer lab graphs and research reports. Students put themselves in historical time periods through role-play, research projects, journals, writing assignments, videos, and field trips.

