

Fifth Grade

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. Cooperative projects including hands-on science experiments, encourage students to learn by doing. Writing, computer skills, art skills and research all go into creating their State Projects that will be cherished for years to come. Students switch classes for history and science, exposing them to the skill of departmentalizing. Most importantly, students pray together and study biblical topics as they prepare for the next stage of middle school. 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
- 3-4 field trips
- 5 enrichment classes per week: PE, Music, Studio Workshop, Computers and Library
- 2 musical presentations: Christmas Musical and Spring Performance / 5th grade leads and solos

Field Trips

- Tech Interactive Museum, San Jose
- Walk Through American Revolution
- Outdoor Education - Alliance Redwoods Camp

Highlights

- Regular Buddy Activities with Buddy Class
- State Reports
- STEAM / Hands on Science activities
- Christmas and Spring Musicals, 5th Grade Leads & Solos

Homework Expectations

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

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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* (Harcourt Journeys)

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

Math - Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life (Big Ideas Math)

This rigorous program balances conceptual understanding with math procedures and application. Each lesson offers digital math tools, modeling, differentiation and real life application. Students increase their facility with the four basic arithmetic operations applied to fractions and decimals. Students explore measurement and geometry and use formulas to solve equations. Grids, tables, graphs, and charts are explored to analyze data. The introduction of algebraic concepts help students use problem solving and critical thinking skills. Both small group instruction and [IXL](#) provide differentiated instruction.

Science - Bob Jones (bjupress.com)

Students gain an appreciation of God's world and the Master Designer. Students acquire knowledge of creation, the scientific method, 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. Additionally, students learn how to take Cornell notes and study from them.

Social Studies – Bob Jones (bjupress.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, the 13 colonies, the Revolutionary War, US Geography, and the American presidents. 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 information for projects and a formal research report. Students place themselves in historical time periods through role-play, research projects, journals, writing assignments, videos, and field trips.