



## 5th Grade

### VERITAS ACADEMY GRADE LEVEL PROFILE

As students transition from Grammar School into Lower Logic, they learn to logically organize knowledge into meaningful arguments while growing in their pursuit of wisdom and virtue. During this year, emphasis is placed on developing skills necessary for increased independence as students learn to improve their time management, organization, study skills, and goal setting. The intentional development of artful and persuasive communication skills is also important as all Veritas students will present and defend a memorized 20-minute thesis in the spring of their Senior year.

CLASS SECTIONS

3

STUDENTS PER CLASS

16-18

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

16:1

DAYS ON CAMPUS

M/W/F

SCHOOL@HOME

T/TH

## Vision of a Veritas Defender

We are committed to growing students towards an ideal of the good, wise, and virtuous young man or woman of faith. The Veritas Valiant reflects one such idealized vision that we hope our students aspire to become, while a Defender reflects the present status, or reality, of all of our students as they are *becoming* Valiant-like.

### PORTRAIT OF A DEFENDER

We desire to cultivate people, particularly students, who:

1. Understand and believe the Gospel, trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. Are present and active in the worship and life of the local body of Christ.
3. Find joy in the study of Scripture, prayer, and service of Jesus Christ.
4. Read deeply and charitably; reason truthfully, diligently, and earnestly.
5. Speak and write with clarity, wisdom, and eloquence.
6. Engage creation with wonder and respect; pursue beauty and good workmanship.
7. Love Christ the King, following his command to make disciples of all the nations, teaching them to love God and one another.



## School of Logic Overview

### LOGIC STAGE

Students at this age are growing rapidly in their capacity for abstract thought. Being naturally inquisitive and analytical at this stage, students begin to pay attention to cause and effect, to organize knowledge into succinct patterns, and to recognize and investigate relationships between those patterns. They are eager to develop their reasoning and communication skills under the careful mentoring of both teachers and parents.

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The parent's role in the School of Logic is that of a tutor and guide for (in)dependent study. As parents check for understanding and support students in their growth of good study habits and understanding of content, several academic courses at this level begin to cover subject matter that may be unfamiliar to parents. In those situations, additional tutoring from someone other than the parent may be necessary. However, parents are still needed to guide their child in the transition from dependent to independent study, which is best accomplished through positive encouragement and the student's growing awareness of personal consequence.

### SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Special School of Logic traditions include monthly Chapel, annual Disco Dodgeball tournament, Mother-Son event, Daddy-Daughter Dance, Game Nights, and several other Student Life events.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for School of Logic students to connect to the entire community include New Student Orientation, Fall Roundup, and Defender sporting events.

## Technology & Communication

### TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

Technology is utilized occasionally by teachers as an enhancement to education, but never as a distraction from it. Lower Logic students do not use devices in the classroom.

### SCHOOL & CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION

In the Lower School of Logic, communication with classroom teachers is mostly via email between the parent and teacher. As the student moves into higher grade levels, communication shifts to the student and the teacher. Discipline or other classroom/school issues will be handled with the parent directly.

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## Core Subjects

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### BIBLE SURVEY

At the heart of discipleship is relationship; therefore, Bible Survey classes are gender-specific with a reduced teacher-to-student ratio. In addition to developing solid relationships between students and the teacher, another major goal of this Fifth Grade Bible Survey class is reading and understanding the Bible. A survey of the Old Testament leads students to understand the historical flow, context, and big picture of Biblical events.

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### HISTORY

In History 5, students study ancient history, focusing on the major events, figures, movements, and ideas of the ancient Israelites, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and other Middle Eastern nations.

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### READING & WRITING SKILLS

Strong emphasis is placed on developing oral and written communication skills. Instruction includes grammar, vocabulary, composition, and lively studies in literature that harmonize with history and may include *The Magician's Nephew*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Black Beauty*, and several others. Additionally, students are expected to write in cursive in all Fifth Grade classes.

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### MATH

It is our desire that students will learn to enjoy math and excel in it while developing diligence and refined concentration required in this field of study. The math courses in the Lower School of Logic utilize Saxon Math with both Fifth and Sixth Grade classes building upon and requiring mastery of the math concepts learned throughout Grammar School.

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### SCIENCE

Life science is the focus of Fifth Grade science. Veritas teaches science from a Biblical worldview and not only believes that science and the Bible are compatible, but that the best science is done from a Biblical perspective. Recognizing that students learn best by doing, all science courses spend a significant amount of class time participating in hands-on laboratory experiences.

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### LATIN

The Fifth Grade Latin course is a lively, interactive class. A variety of activities are incorporated to engage students in exposure to the basics of Latin grammar, vocabulary, and Roman culture. The study of Latin grammar complements the student's knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary as well, thus reinforcing the understanding and application in both languages.

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### FINE ARTS

Within the School of Logic years, students have the opportunity to participate in a Fine Arts Track that consists of Art, Choir, and Theatre to be exposed to a wide variety of disciplines. Lower School of Logic (Grades 5 and 6) students will begin their Fine Arts endeavors by taking 2 of the 3 beginning offerings, moving toward honing their skills in a Fine Art of their choice beginning in Upper School of Logic (Grades 7 and 8).

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## Daily Schedule 8:30am-3:45pm (M/W/F)

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Students are on campus three days a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. All students begin the day in Bible Survey class and then take core classes, all of which are 50 minutes long. Students have a 5-minute passing period between each class and a 50-minute break in the middle of the day for lunch and recess.

## School@Home Day generally 5-6 hours per day

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Lower School of Logic students have two school at home days per week: Tuesday and Thursday. At the beginning of the week, students download home assignments from our online school management system and complete assignments under the supervision and assistance of parents. Work varies by week and generally ranges from 5-6 hours of school work per day.

### Student Life

Student Life events are planned and executed as a way for students to enjoy community with each other outside of the classroom environment. Lower School of Logic students engage with each other after school over game nights throughout the year and enjoy a family Disco Dodgeball evening in the Fall. Students are always expected to treat others with kindness and respect, and they are purposefully trained through Student Life events to build relationships with each other and influential adults in their lives.

### Class Trips

#### T BAR M

Our 5th Grade students have the opportunity to spend the day with their parent/s and classmates at T Bar M in New Braunfels. This class trip is intended to deepen the bond of parent-to-student relationships, foster community and individual spiritual growth in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. T Bar M staff will lead our students and parents through team building exercises and a high ropes course. Intentional discussions around our theme will focus on building genuine relationships, empowering our students to grow in their faith and navigate life's challenges with confidence.

## Sample Lesson Plans

Lesson Plans are written by classroom teachers for on-campus instruction.

### BIBLE SURVEY

#### OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW identify the climax in the Joseph story and its significance to God's plan for His people.

TLW recognize choices we all have between forgiveness and love.

#### AGENDA

1. Open in prayer.
2. Recite liturgy of Memory Verse: Exodus 20:1-7.
3. Ask students to summarize "Bringing Benjamin" and ask discussion questions.
4. Give the closing benediction.

### LOWER LOGIC LATIN

#### OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW identify and chant Latin for Children (LFC) Unit 1 vocabulary.

TLW review their knowledge of LFC Unit 1 grammar by declining nouns and conjugating verbs by playing a game.

#### AGENDA

1. Greet class using class greeting ("Salvete discipuli – Salve magistra").
2. Check LFC homework and charts while students complete classwork.
3. Read aloud the story of Romulus and Remus as a class.
4. Play BINGO and review games.
5. Pass out Unit 1 Test Review for homework.

### CHOIR

#### OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW practice reading a choral score with Jubilate Deo and Solfege Christmas.

#### AGENDA

1. Warm up voices.
2. Sight sing and ear train through hidden pattern and follow the hand games.

### LIFE SCIENCE

#### OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW explain a simple chemical reaction.

TLW discover the steps of photosynthesis.

#### AGENDA

1. Discuss chemical reactions in living things.
2. Complete the photosynthesis activity.

### MATH 5

#### OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW evaluate angles formed by parallel lines, perpendicular lines, and oblique lines.

TLW solve by multiplying fractions and reducing fractions by dividing by common factors.

#### AGENDA

1. Complete warmup - Lesson 28.
2. Practice Math Fact Fluency - Multiplication.
3. Teach Lesson 29: Teach concepts & complete Cornell Notes.

### HISTORY 5

#### OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW explain Egyptian polytheism and how polytheism was reflected in everyday life in Egypt.

TLW describe how a pharaoh ruled and performed his duties.

TLW identify obelisks, hieroglyphics, pyramids, temples, and other forms of art.

#### AGENDA

1. Read The Old Kingdom on page 8.
2. Discuss the daily life of Egyptians, their art, and architecture.

### READING SKILLS 5

#### OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW evaluate literature and analyze figurative language examples.

TLW outline primary elements in literature: character, setting, and plot.

#### AGENDA

1. Recite *The Tyger* as a class.
2. Engage through Reading Workshop.
3. Begin reading Chapter 12 and review all entries in the Story Elements Chart.

### WRITING SKILLS 5

#### OBJECTIVES (THE LEARNER WILL)

TLW review concepts for Grammar Ch. 2.

TLW write a narrative using a story sequence chart.

#### AGENDA

1. Grammar - complete Ch. 2 review, Sections A, B, D, and E.
2. Students orally tell first part of story using KWO.
3. Students will write first paragraph of the composition.

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## Sample Homework

Homework is written by classroom teachers.

### BIBLE SURVEY

#### DUE TOMORROW (25 MINUTES)

1. Review Exodus 20:1-7.
2. Read p. 103-109 in Route 66.
3. In your journal, practicing using SOAP method (Scripture, Observations, Application, and Prayer).

### LOWER LOGIC LATIN

#### DUE WEDNESDAY (25 MINUTES)

1. Complete the LFC Unit 1 Test Review.
2. Review vocabulary words for Chapters 1-4 for Unit 1 Test.

### CHOIR

#### DUE FRIDAY (10 MINUTES)

1. Continue to practice vocal warm ups and solfege hand signs that we have been learning.
2. Sing through A Solfege Christmas and use hand signs. The music can be found in your share folder.

### LIFE SCIENCE

#### DUE WEDNESDAY (45 MINUTES)

1. Get outside and explore! Write down the names of living things that you find outside in your homework notebook.
2. Study for Chapter 3 Test using review.

### MATH 5

#### DUE WEDNESDAY (60 MINUTES)

1. Practice division facts.
2. Complete all Test 4 corrections on a clean page titled: "Test 4 Corrections".
3. Parent signs and staples corrections to the front of the test.
4. L27 mixed practice (all).

### HISTORY 5

#### DUE FRIDAY (45 MINUTES)

1. Read p. 41-42 to compare and contrast a day in the life of pharaoh with people of different ranks and responsibilities.
2. Complete the chart on page 43 by writing down 5 sentences in each column.

### READING SKILLS 5

#### DUE WEDNESDAY (60 MINUTES)

1. Finish reading *The Magician's Nephew* Chapter 12.
2. Use the Story Elements Chart in your Reader folder. Fill in the sections on Characters, Setting, and Plot for Chapter 10 & 11.
3. Book Check: label setting, new characters, and character development as we have done in class.
4. Complete Unit 2 vocabulary workshop exercises, p. 31-32.
5. Practice memorizing *The Tyger* by William Blake.

### WRITING SKILLS 5

#### DUE WEDNESDAY (45 MINUTES)

1. Grammar - Finish Ch. 2 review; written practice D and E on p. 93-95.
2. Writing - Use outline (p. 55) to write second paragraph of your narrative "The Sword of Damocles."

