

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth grade is an exciting year of growth and leadership as students join the junior high community in the main building. They take pride in serving as kindergarten buddies, modeling the student learning expectations.

Academic challenges expand as students strengthen research, writing, and presentation skills through projects such as the State Report. American history comes to life in the annual Walk Through the American Revolution, where students reenact key moments in a day-long interactive experience.

This final year of elementary school is filled with curiosity, faith, and preparation for the adventures of junior high.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Fifth graders strengthen their reading and writing skills through rich literature and cross-curricular projects. They learn to analyze character motivation, theme, and author's purpose while comparing perspectives across genres. Writing instruction emphasizes organization, voice, and clarity in narrative, opinion, and expository pieces. Students engage in research, creative writing, and class novels that inspire discussion, reflection, and deeper understanding.

MATHEMATICS

Students apply their growing math skills to solve multi-step problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, fractions and decimals. They explore volume, coordinate planes, and data interpretation, building connections between mathematical reasoning and real-world situations. Collaboration and problem solving tasks encourage logical thinking and perseverance.

RELIGION

Fifth grade provides opportunities for students to integrate faith into daily life and decision making. They study the Seven Sacraments in greater depth and explore how the Beatitudes guide Christian living. Students participate in liturgies, service projects, and prayer experiences that strengthen their relationship with God and their sense of responsibility as members of the Church.

SCIENCE

Students become more confident scientists as they explore topics in physical, life and Earth sciences. They investigate ecosystems, energy, and Earth's systems through inquiry-based experiments and research. STEM challenges encourage teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving as students connect scientific principles to everyday life and global stewardship.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Continuing through Character Strong lessons and service-based experiences, fifth graders learn to live out values such as courage, integrity, and empathy. Discussions and reflections help students understand how their choices influence others and how they can lead with kindness and respect. By focusing on honesty, perseverance, and gratitude, students continue to grow as compassionate, faith-filled leaders ready to enter junior high.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Fifth graders study the formation of the United States from early exploration through the Constitution. They learn about geography, government, and the ideals that shaped the nation, with an emphasis on leadership, justice, and civic responsibility. Class projects, simulations, and map studies help students make meaningful connections between history and their own roles as informed citizens.

MUSIC

Fifth graders continue to expand their understanding of rhythm, melody, and notation while developing performance confidence. They explore different musical styles and cultural traditions, learning how music tells stories and unites communities. Participation in liturgical music deepens their appreciation for how song enhances prayer and worship.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students build strength, coordination, and teamwork through active games and structured physical challenges. They learn principles of fitness, strategy, and sportsmanship, applying them in cooperative and competitive settings. Emphasis is placed on goal setting, respect, and perseverance as students prepare for more advanced athletic opportunities in junior high.

SPANISH

Students build on prior knowledge as they begin to form more complex sentences and expand conversational skills. They study vocabulary related to home, school, food, and travel, and explore basic grammar concepts such as gender and agreement. Cultural traditions and celebrations are introduced to deepen appreciation for Spanish-speaking communities.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Fifth graders strengthen their understanding of coding and digital literacy through more complex projects in Scratch and other technology tools. They design, test, and refine interactive programs while applying logical reasoning and creativity. Students practice research and presentation skills, learning how to communicate their ideas clearly and use technology responsibly.