

Willamette Christian School

FIFTH GRADE CURRICULUM

INTRODUCTION

Christian Education must develop not only cognitive knowledge and the accumulation of facts, but must involve and internalization of God's truth. It is our aim in every subject area to teach truth and to teach students to evaluate facts in the light of truth. This is accomplished through the following steps:

- * Researching God's Word to discover basic principles of life and every academic subject.
A principle is the source, origin or cause of a thing; the foundational truth upon which all the facts rest.
- * Reasoning from these principles to identify the proper interpretation of facts.
- * Relating of Biblical principles to each student's personal life.

CHAPEL

Once a week, the faculty and student body in the elementary grades gather together in the Sanctuary to express devotion to our Lord through praise and worship. The first Wednesday of the month the whole school meets for Chapel. Biblical truths and principles of like are taught by our staff, pastors and guest speakers. Students participate as classes take turns opening the chapel service. We welcome parents to attend with their children and worship with us.

BIBLE/CHARACTER FOUNDATION

Bible study is an integral part of the school curriculum at Willamette Christian School. The Scriptures are studied in such a way that a child will discover and be able to apply the relevance of the Bible and its principles to everyday situations and experiences. Each week students study in the classroom environment where a variety of approaches and techniques are used discover Biblical meanings and principles. Interwoven into the curriculum is a Godly character application designed to stimulate character development within each student.

Three strands of instruction occur in fifth grade: a survey or overview of the Old Testament; an in-depth study of the lives of various Bible characters presented in chronological order; and choices (whether good or bad) made by these characters which serve as examples for students as they make their own choices. These materials are magnificently woven together as they challenge students to examine their own decision making. Students memorize selected Bible verses.