

## Fifth Grade

The primary focus of Fifth Grade is a strengthening of language arts and math skills in preparation for middle school. Worksheets and workbooks are used to practice and master educational skills.

### Curriculum

#### Religion

Old Testament history and the Reformation are the focus of study at this level. Lessons are taught in a life-applicable way.

#### Reading

The Accelerated Reader program continues at this level with computer-generated reading levels and comprehension tests. Using the Scott Foresman curriculum, we teach basic reading skills through short stories and poems.

#### English

Grammar, parts of speech and creative writing enhance student ability to express themselves in written language.

#### Math

Math 6/5 expands on Math 5/4 with more advanced lessons on divisibility, integers, prime and composite numbers, powers, roots, and probability.

#### Science

Curriculum from SRA/McGraw Hill teaches "Real Science," bringing science to life in the classroom through a mixture of sight, sound, and activities. By seeing, hearing, and doing, students achieve a strong grasp on science concepts and are able to apply them to different situations.

#### Social Studies

Fifth Grade social studies is a study of geography, Renaissance, Reformation, Asian history and the Civil War and expansion of America. Students learn about World Lakes, Maya, Inca and Aztec Civilizations, The Renaissance, The Reformation, England from the Golden Age to the Glorious Revolution, The Age of Exploration, Early Russia, Feudal Japan, America's Westward Expansion before the Civil War, The Civil War, Westward Expansion After the Civil War, Native Americans, and Geography of the United States.

#### Fine Arts

The Arts program is based on the Tennessee Curriculum Standards and is taught in conjunction with Core Knowledge principles. Each grade level works on a different curriculum that helps enhance what they are learning in the classroom. Fifth grade units include Art of the Renaissance, American Art: Nineteenth-Century United States, and Art of Japan.

**Beginning Band** (5th Grade): Students learn the parts of the instrument, instrument care and maintenance, and basics of how to play. We use the Essential Elements 2000 book, which includes a DVD and CD to help students interactively practice at home.

**Music:** Fifth graders are part of the 3-5 grade choir, which sings at First Lutheran Church services, the Christmas program, and the school musical.

#### Physical Education

Agility and quickness are stressed in Fifth grade team sports as students use their God-given bodies in physical education

#### Computers

Building on what they have learned in lower grades, students continue to use technology to learn keyboarding and computer skills.

#### Spanish

In Fifth grade, the scope widens from listening and speaking skills to additional reading and writing in Spanish.

#### April 2007 Stanford Achievement Test Results

Area	Percentile	Nat'l
Reading	72.6	62.3
Mathematics	68.6	59.8
Language	72.6	62.4
Spelling	64.6	57.4
Science	76.6	65.1
Social Science	79.7	67.3
Listening	62.6	56.6
Thinking	74.6	63.9
Basic Battery	68.6	60.0
Complete Battery	71.6	61.4

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