

Fifth Grade Curriculum

Language Arts/Grammar

- Students study sentence structure, punctuation, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs.
- Each month a composition subject is assigned and includes instruction in the various genres of writing and practical applications.
- Students are evaluated through the use of chapter tests, essays, quizzes, and the completion of homework.

Math

- Students develop and practice the concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers and fractions, as well as place value, measurement, interpretation of graphs and exploration of geometric shapes.
- They are encouraged to use manipulatives and calculators and to integrate the computer into projects.
- Concepts are applied to real life problems.
- Students are evaluated through tests, quizzes, projects, class work, and homework.

Reading/Literature

- Students are introduced to a variety of literary styles and works through trade books and literature textbooks.
- Vocabulary and spelling are studied and the students are tested on both vocabulary and spelling.
- Students are evaluated through tests, reports, class participation, and completion of homework assignments.

Religion

- The Catholic Faith is studied through the example of the life of Jesus Christ and age-appropriate textbooks to include the Old and New Testaments, Catholic Holy Days and the meaning of Lent and Advent.

- At the end of the year students study Family Life using an approved workbook.
- Students are evaluated through tests, quizzes, and projects.

Science

- Life, Physical, and Earth Science are taught using various teaching methods with an emphasis on a hands-on approach to labs and experiments.
- Topics include classifying living things, reproduction and change, adaptations, ecology, matter, motion, forms of energy, electrical energy, earth's layers, earth's resources, climate, and astronomy.
- All students study and learn about the scientific process through our science fair and experiments.
- Students are evaluated through chapter tests, quizzes, lab reports, projects, class participation and completion of homework assignments.

Social Studies

- World History from the ancient civilization of Mesopotamia through the Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Roman Empires is explored in detail.
- The students also study the Medieval world up to the fall of Constantinople in 1453.
- Students are evaluated using chapter tests, quizzes, projects, and the completion of homework.