

FIFTH GRADE CURRICULUM

Language Arts/Literature

- Oral, silent, independent, small and large group reading for increasing fluency and comprehension
- Novel units and textbook themes
- Biography, autobiography point of view, fable, myth legend, fiction, non-fiction, reference and periodicals
- Reading Comprehension Skills: author's purpose, cause & effect, understanding character, theme story structure, making conclusions and generalizations, sequence of events, text and graphic features, main idea and details
- Weekly Spelling units
- Sentence structure
- Creative writing
- Listening and speaking skills

Health

- Bullying and how to stop it
- Dealing with feelings
- Human growth and development
- Keeping fit and healthy
- Foods for good nutrition
- Learning about disease
- Planning for safety
- Working for a healthful community

Mathematics

- Whole numbers and decimals - place value, exponents, comparing, ordering and rounding
- Addition, subtraction and equations - whole number, decimal and fractions
- Multiplication and division - whole numbers, decimals and fractions
- Measurement and integers
- Data, statistics and probability
- Number theory
- Geometry
- Ratio and percent
- Integers and coordinate plane
- Accelerated Math

Religion

- Scripture Reading and Bible usage
- Saints
- Holy Days
- Holy seasons of the church year
- The seven sacraments
- The 10 commandments
- Trinity - Father, Son & Holy Spirit
- Community service activities

Music

Music is offered 2 days a week. There are Christmas and Spring Programs held each school year. Instruments including hand bells, xylophones, boom wackers, recorders, and rhythm are incorporated into these programs.

Art

Students will experience a variety of art projects across the curriculum. They will be provided with some fun and creative art projects. Projects include painting, coloring, water colors and 3-D projects.

Science

- Plants and their parts
- Plant and Animal diversity
- Ecosystems and populations
- Rocks, minerals, air, water and energy
- Weather, weather patterns and climate
- Properties and structure of matter and forms of matter and energy
- Newton's Laws of Motion, sound energy and light energy
- Hands-on activities performed in the classroom and outdoors

Social Studies

United States History including:

- The 1st Americans
- Explorers come to the Americas
- Founding of European colonies
- The New England, Middle and Southern colonies
- The American Revolution
- The Constitution
- Research and study skills
- Time lines and maps
- Learning the location, and capitals of all 50 states

Physical Education

To develop the physical health of all students. This is accomplished through a variety of units and activities that are different and appropriate for each grade level.

In addition to learning the importance of physical health, students develop leadership skills, a sense of fair play, and tolerance of individual skills and abilities of one another.