

Fifth Grade



"I want to provide the best Christ-centered education I can with all the different resources available to me. I incorporate hands-on activities because I believe students better understand what they can touch and see. One of my goals is to help students develop a love for science and to see how important it is to their life and their faith."

Mr. Kell, teacher.

RELIGION

Students use a workbook from Northwestern Publishing House called **Christ Light** along with the **Bible**. The focus of study is on the Old Testament. Students have memory work twice a week and also participate in chapel services throughout the year.

SCIENCE

Fifth grade science uses the Science Fusion by **Holt McDougal**. Topics covered in this course include:

- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Animals
- ◆ Rocks
- ◆ Energy

Hands on activities are incorporated in the lessons and students have access to online textbooks, lessons and activities. In the fall, students go to Riveredge Nature Center to study Communities and Ecosystems.

ART

Students are taught drawing, 2 and 3 dimensional construction, creativity, and color through various seasonal projects.

TECHNOLOGY

EasyTech is the web-based curriculum we use. Students learn to apply more complex calculations to spreadsheets and work more with databases. Students learn to use more advanced communications skills and more advanced students might begin using basic HTML code to create Web pages. Keyboarding speed and accuracy are also emphasized.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Fifth grade social studies covers United States History. We take a close look at all aspects of our history beginning with the Native Americans through modern times. Through a new **Glencoe/McGraw Hill** curriculum we offer students:

- ◆ Books on CD-Rom
- ◆ SMART Board technology
- ◆ Varied assessments
- ◆ Project based learning

ENGLISH

The **Strategies for Writers** curriculum guides students through the stages of the writing process while focusing on specific styles – narrative, informative and explanatory, and opinion. Students are provided written models for each piece as well as direct instruction and opportunities for practice with each of the six traits of writing – ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency and conventions. Published literature samples, teacher modeling, and student journaling allow for intentional grammar instruction. While working in a writing workshop format, students are not only given the time to write and receive feedback, but also strategies to strengthen the effectiveness of their writing.

MATH

St. Paul teaches **Saxon Math** throughout the middle school. Fifth grade students are taught:

- ◆ Numbers and operations
- ◆ Algebra and Geometry
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Probability and data analysis
- ◆ Measurement

READING

Reading Street by **Scott Foresman** is our reading text. We emphasize:

- ◆ Comprehension
- ◆ Vocabulary
- ◆ Phonics skills
- ◆ Listening skills

In addition, short novels and trade books are used throughout the year to enrich learning.

Focused on Excellence † Centered on Christ