

Fifth grade

Religion

The religion curriculum used in fifth grade is published by Concordia Publishing House. The fifth grade curriculum explores how God's word is revealed to us throughout the Old and New Testaments. Each lesson centers on the cross of Christ and how, through the word of God, the Holy Spirit works to create, strengthen, and sustain saving faith. Life related activities help the students apply each topic to their lives. In addition, a graded memory curriculum comprised of portions of Luther's Small Catechism and selected Bible verses is used.

Language Arts

English – The fifth grade English curriculum covers six units. Grammar includes the division of sentences, nouns and verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, phrases/clauses, and usage/mechanics. In addition to grammar, writing instruction is emphasized in each unit. Each unit provides an area of writing practice. The areas consist of expressive, informative/expository, persuasive, and classification writings. In addition, one unit of writing concentrates primarily on the research paper. Additional information and guidelines for the research paper are provided by the teacher. The vocabulary taught throughout each unit is based on word origins, related words, classifying/categorizing, synonyms/antonyms, context clues, and analogies. Fifth grade English students use textbooks, workbooks, and vocabulary journals. Tests, quizzes, and worksheets are given throughout each unit.

Reading - The fifth grade curriculum includes an anthology of literature built around six themes. Each theme includes various types of fiction and non-fiction and focus on not only comprehension but on vocabulary and a variety of reading skills and strategies. In addition to whole classroom instruction, the fifth graders read an additional small book each week at their reading level. The fifth graders also participate in accelerated reader with goals set for each quarter. In addition to a Biography book report (oral), a fiction book report (poster); two trade book units are also part of our reading curriculum.

Spelling - Each week's spelling list is based on sound patterns in words and includes words from the reading selection for that week. The students gain knowledge by using prefixes and suffixes for changing root words. Dictionaries are used to reinforce skills necessary to find both word meanings and word usage.

Math

Grade five math covers addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, fractions, and decimals as well as algebra concepts. The use of variables is used in many of the lessons. The theory is reinforced by the use of manipulatives, daily written practice, a problem of the day, and a spiraling review. Besides chapter and unit tests, there are daily test prep questions and quick check quizzes throughout the chapters. A variety of problem solving strategies are also taught.

Science

The fifth grade Scott Foresman Science curriculum is a complete program that has the science content, hands-on activities, and resources needed to ensure success in the classroom. The comprehensive content covers four units which include: life science, physical science, earth science and the human body. Hands-on activities are provided for all students. Graphic organizers (outlines) can be used for each chapter. Extra resources such as interactive transparencies, lab manual worksheets, audio CDs, and cassettes are also provided. An equipment kit contains the materials needed for all hands-on activities. Bill Nye science videos are also shown to enhance certain topics covered in each unit. The Scott Foresman textbook is used. Worksheets, lab manual activities, and quizzes are given throughout the chapters of each unit.

Social Studies

The fifth grade Social Studies curriculum uses the eight strands of Social Studies to trace our nation's history. Starting with the first Americans through the present day, we learn how and why our country was founded and on what principles our government is based. Fifth graders also learn and are tested on the states and capitals and the presidents' first and last names in order. While aspects of Arkansas History are taught at each grade level, the core is taught at fifth grade using a textbook, several field trips, publishing a book about one of those field trips, and creating a scrapbook about Arkansas History.