

Fifth Grade Curriculum Overview

As fifth graders conclude their lower school experience and prepare for their middle school journey, they build a greater understanding of both themselves and the dedication required for success.

Leadership and service learning opportunities in fifth grade promote social-emotional growth. Outlets for this growth come through participation in the Safety Patrol, as well as guiding younger students through events during Colonial Day and International Day.

The academic program is enriched with a number of hands-on learning experiences. The social studies curriculum meets a practical math application when each student participates in the creation of a macro-economy as an employee, a tax payer, and a consumer. This unique simulation provides real-world experience in team work, business planning, and balancing a budget. Fifth graders also tour St. Augustine, which compliments their historical research and first full-length, MLA documented research paper.

Quarterly book reports involve public speaking component and expose students to an independent study of varied literary genres. As students gain mastery of English grammar, a greater emphasis is placed on understanding Spanish grammar. While fifth graders continue to start each day with a morning meeting to develop their homeroom community, students switch classrooms for core academic courses, providing the opportunity to develop solid planning skills and responsibility.

To aide in their transition, fifth graders are included in selected middle school experiences, such as participating in parts of Spirit Week, joining team building exercises with middle school advisory groups, and sharing in chapel time during the second semester. Excited for the challenges of middle school, fifth grade students leave the lower school with the confidence and academic foundation essential for their middle school career.

	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spell and Decode Using Greek and Latin Roots • Read a Variety of Genres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Predictions ○ Inferences ○ Theme ○ Conclusions ○ Author's Purpose ○ Characterization ○ Figurative Language • Construction Patterns of Fiction and Nonfiction • Parts of Speech and Sentence Structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integers • Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide Fractions • Add, Subtract, Multiply, and Divide Mixed Numbers • Probability • Decimals • Graphs and Data • Coordinate Points • Mean, Median, Mode, and Range • Perimeter and Area • Circumference • Symmetry • Ratio, Percent, Discount, Interest, and Tax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cells • Life Classification • Plants and Photosynthesis • Classifying Animals • Skeletal and Muscular Systems • Reproduction • Life Cycles • Traits and Heredity • Traits of Matter • Elements • Metals, Nonmetals, and Metalloids • Compounds and Chemical Changes • Acids, Bases, and Salts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Constitution • Government Powers • Original Thirteen Colonies • Spanish and French Territories • American Revolution • Lewis and Clark • War of 1812 • Industrial Revolution • Western Expansion • Civil War • Entrepreneurship

	Writer's Workshop	Spanish	Additional Offerings
5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorming Techniques • Organizing Techniques • Paragraph and Essay Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Narrative ○ Persuasive ○ Expository ○ Research • MLA Format and Documentation • Revision and Editing Techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Word Choice ○ Sentence Fluency ○ Conventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture • Sentence Formation • Dialogue • Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verb Conjugation ○ Verb Tenses • Vocabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports ○ Activities ○ Directions ○ City Descriptions ○ Nationalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Education • Art • Physical Education • Music • Computer Lab • Science Lab • Library • Character Education