

Fifth Grade Curriculum

Subject	Themes
Religion	The focus of fifth grade is the sacraments. Fifth graders explore each sacrament, its symbolism, and how we are filled with grace because of our union with that sacrament. We also focus on the Church and its components and spiritual meaning. There is also a focus on a saint every month and this year will incorporate a virtue to enhance the meaning of Mercy in our Religion. Students are invited to participate in a variety of prayer experiences, growth in scripture, a call to service, and a reflection of their own spiritual being. Grade Level Prayers: <i>Act of Faith, Jesus Prayer, Prayer for the Faithful Departed, and Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.</i>
Reading	The literature curriculum consists of novel studies developing comprehension strategies, independent reading, book reports, and vocabulary. Comprehension strategies include literary elements such as setting, characters, theme, plot development, conflict and resolution, and vocabulary development. Other comprehension strategies include summarizing, cause and effect, sequencing, asking questions, inferring, predicting, visualizing, and making connections. Students use activities for motivation for independent, shared, and guided reading. Nonfiction texts are chosen to enhance social studies and science curriculum. Vocabulary relating to novel studies, as well as selected weekly assigned words, are assessed.
Writing	Common Core Standards are used for language. The writing program will focus on the writing process and incorporating Six-Trait Writing (ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions). They will practice a variety of formats for a variety of audiences including writing narrative, informative, explanatory, and opinion pieces. Research writing will be a component in the writing program. There is also a main focus on grammar under the Common Core Standards.
Math	The math curriculum continues the scaffolding of previous learning. It is aligned to the Common Core Standards for math. These standards include division of whole numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of decimals, addition and subtraction of fractions, measurements, geometry, algebra, graphing and problem solving. We are implementing a curriculum focused on the common core and the use of centers to enhance learning. The name of the program is called Eureka 2.0
Social Studies	This includes geography, history, civics, economics, culture, citizenship, government, and skills. 5 th grade's focus is American History up to 1791. Native Americans, Explorers, Independence, Founding of a Nation, and the Legacy for the U.S. today. The students complete an extensive state report in May. Use <i>Our Nation</i> by Macmillan/Mcgraw-Hill.
Science	We use Mystery Science. Main topics are aligned to the NGSS standards. 5 th grade focuses on: Structures and Properties of Matter, Space Systems, Earth Systems, Matter and Energy- Organisms, Matter and Energy- Ecosystems. Engineering and Design is incorporated throughout the year. 5 th grade incorporates outside learning by attending Mountain School with North Cascade Institute.
Technology	We will be using a variety of forms of technology in class and at home to enhance our learning. Students use a classroom set of laptops that are assigned to individual students. They will use for assignments in all subjects depending on topics and research.