

Faith Lutheran School

5th Grade Highlights

Mission Statement

Raising up families and followers of Jesus Christ

Religion

- *One in Christ (Concordia Publishing House)* curriculum examines Christian themes and Bible passages
- Lessons follow a chronological survey of the Bible where students are able to comprehend the big picture of God's plan of salvation
- Bible verses, songs, prayer, and memory work are integral parts of study
- Lessons are on the Word of God and sequential Bible stories

Reading/Language Arts

- *Sadlier* is a Common Core, state-aligned curriculum
- A comprehensive language program that incorporates literature and English grammar
- Study a variety of literature genres to increase comprehension and fluency skills (novel studies include *Fish in a Tree*, *Holes*, *Because of Winn-Dixie*, and *Freak the Mighty*; classroom read-alouds include *The Top 10 Ways to Ruin the First Day of School* and the Rush Revere series)
- Instruction in reading strategies such as scanning, predicting, using background knowledge, summarizing, spelling, and asking questions
- Develop writing skills through direct grammar lessons

Math

- *Pearson enVision Math* is a Common Core, state-aligned curriculum
- Develop problem solving, reasoning, and proof skills
- Develop adaptive reasoning, strategic competencies, and understanding of mathematical principles
- Grades 5-8 are tested and leveled according to ability

Science

- *Carolina Building Blocks of Science* is a hands-on, inquiry-based approach to science education that promotes STEM skills. Rotating different topics each year, an integrated focus exposes students to content in physical science, earth and space science, and life science each year.
- Kit themes include:
 - Earth & Space Systems
 - Structures & Properties of Matter
 - Matter & Energy in Ecosystems

Social Studies

- *Pearson myWorld – Growth of Our Country* curriculum examines US history from early Native American civilizations to the reconstruction period following the Civil War with the purpose of developing an understanding of how different cultures influenced early American settlements
- Frequently work in small groups to prepare presentations and reports
- Note-taking and Internet research skills on Chromebooks are emphasized

Foreign Language

- *Rosetta Stone* language program allows students to learn and practice conversational speaking skills
- French, German, and Spanish (Latin American) are offered to allow continuation into high school, where a student can take an Advanced Placement (AP) test to earn college credits
- Learning modules are student-paced using dynamic, interactive software on the Chromebooks

Experiences

- Chromebook use to enrich learning
- Art
- Music theory/choir/instruments
- Plays/theatre
- PE
- Health
- Classroom economy and jobs
- Community service
- Student-led service project
- L.E.S.T. (Lutheran Elementary School Tournament)
- Field trips to complement units of study
- Outdoor education experience
- National Lutheran Schools Week
- Schoolwide assemblies
- Passport Club
- Science/International/Art Fair rotation
- Weekly chapel

Typical Daily Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-8:35 am	Bell Work				
8:35-9:00 am	Morning Meeting and Christian Faith				
9:00-10:10 am	Math				
10:10-10:30 am	Break				
10:30-12:00	Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Grammar, Vocabulary)				
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch				
1:00-1:15 pm	Read-aloud or Silent Read				
1:15-2:00 pm	Science or Social Studies				
2:00-2:30 pm	Foreign Language				
2:30-3:15 pm	Enrichment (Art, PE, Music, Choir, etc.)				