



25-26 5th Grade Highlights

Mission Statement: “Raising up families and followers of Jesus Christ.”

The overarching goal for our 5th grade students is for them to grow into more independent, responsible and socially aware learners. At this stage, students are transitioning from concrete to more abstract thinking, developing stronger peer relationships and seeking increased autonomy. We strive to help them accomplish these goals within an environment based on faith and Christian values.

Language Arts:

- In 5th grade, students are taught the writing process using the *Top Score Writing* curriculum, which focuses on expository, informative, opinion, and narrative writing.
- For grammar instruction, we use *Grammar for Writing* by Sadlier, a Common Core and state-aligned resource.
- Reading instruction is based on the *Wonders* curriculum and is supplemented with novel studies as part of the comprehensive Language Arts program.
- 5th grade students continue to practice their Handwriting skills using the **Zaner-Bloser** curriculum.

Math:

- *EnVisions Mathematics* from Savvas
 - 5th graders work with topics that include place value, adding & subtracting decimals & fractions, data representation & interpretation, volume, measurement conversion, numerical expressions, graphing on a coordinate plane, analysis of patterns & relationship, and classification of two-dimensional figures.

Science

- Using *the Mystery Science* curriculum, the following units are explored:
 - Life Science: Ecosystems and the Food Web
 - Earth Science: Water Cycle and Systems
 - Space Science: Stars and Planets
 - Physical Science: Chemical Reactions & Properties of Matter

Social Studies:

- 5th and 6th grade are on a two-year rotation using the *World History: Voices and Perspectives* and *US History: Making a New Nation* (McGraw-Hill) curriculum.
- Year 1 examines US History from early Native American civilizations to the reconstruction following the Civil War with the purpose of developing an understanding of how different cultures influenced early American settlements.
- Year 2 examines the world history of the Near Ancient East through the Reformation and the Rise of Europe (3500BC - AD1600).
- Students frequently work in small groups to prepare presentations and reports.
- Note-taking and Internet research are emphasized.
- Presentation Fair in May rotates between State and Country reports

Theology:

Theology in the middle school consists of a mix of Theology classes, Biblical Character Formation (from the *Friendzy* curriculum, led by Pastor Strand), and worship in weekly chapel services.

Theology class is on a two-year rotation using the *Bible Replay* curriculum and other sources:

- 5th grade: focuses on the first 5 books of the Bible and heroes of the Old Testament
- 6th grade: focuses on the life of Christ in the Gospel of John.

Enrichment:

- Art - classes (twice-weekly) include instruction in a variety of media, both 2-D (drawing, painting, print-making, etc.) and 3-D (weaving, clay, papier-mâché, etc.)
- Physical Education - instruction twice-weekly includes:
 - Personal fitness goals and the importance of regular physical activity
 - Healthy Lifestyle
 - Individual and team sport rules and participation
- Music - classes meet once a week with a focus on both singing and playing music
- Technology Integration
 - Every 5th grade student uses their own school-issued Chromebook daily in their learning
 - Students keep up with assignments in Google Classroom and develop proficiency with Google Suite products such as Docs, Slides, and Gmail
 - Students practice weekly in *Typing Club* (via EdClub) to become proficient in touch typing
 - Students also develop proficiency in Canva in creating visual graphics across the curriculum
 - Many students participate in Robotics to prepare for L.E.S.T. in Tacoma

Experiences:

- Weekly Chapel with Chapel Buddies
- Piano or Voice lessons (by individual appointment)
- School Assemblies
- Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, & Track
- Crochet Club
- International Festival, Art Fair, and Science Fair
- Passport Club
- Service Projects
- L.E.S.T. (Lutheran Elementary School Tournament)
– Thursday - Saturday of Presidents' Day weekend

Sample Daily Schedule:

8:30	Homeroom
8:45	Reading / ELA
10:00	Math
11:10	Science
12:15	Lunch & Recess
1:05	Social Studies (4 days weekly)
1:55	Theology (3 days weekly) / Tech Skills (F)
2:45	Enrichment Specials or Chapel (Wednesdays)