

5TH GRADE



This program is for children who are ready and excited to grow both socially and academically. The students in fifth grade work hard, study hard, and play hard. Fifth grade is a year of change and transition. For many students, physical and emotional changes begin. Students will take more responsibility for their learning and decision making. Fifth grade is a wonderful stage in development! We look forward to a fun filled year of learning and growing academically, socially, and spiritually.

Characteristics of a Successful Fifth Grade Learner:

- Respect others.
- Accept responsibilities.
- Follows directions.
- Actively participates.
- Comes prepared to class.
- Demonstrates good organizational skills.
- Completes work on time and according to directions.
- Works cooperatively with others.
- Follows classroom and school rules.
- Meets homework requirements.
- Engages in group discussions.
- Speaks clearly and loudly.
- Listens attentively.



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Religion

Your child will learn to...

- Perform community service for those less fortunate.
- Portray Christian values and morals through their actions.
- Attend All School Mass and Mass held on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Take part in faith family discussions and activities.
- Identify and describe the Seven Sacraments, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- Celebrate the seasons of the Catholic Faith.
- Understand the order of the mass.
- Know the miracles of Jesus.
- Identify Saints and the process of Canonization.

Mathematics

Your child will learn...

- Develop fluency with addition and subtraction of fractions.
- Develop understanding of the multiplication of fractions and of division of fractions.
- Extend division to two digit divisors, integrating decimal fractions into the place value system and develop understanding of operations with decimals to the hundredths, and develop fluency with whole number and decimal operations.
- Develop understanding of volume. Students recognize volume as an attribute of three-dimensional space. They understand that volume can be measured by finding the total number of the same-size units of volume, required to fill the space without gaps or overlaps.

Science

Your child will study the following units:

- Earth and Space Science- The Universe.
 - The Exploring the Universe: Space Mission project, Phases of the Moon.
- Physical Science-Chemistry
 - Examining the Structure of Matter: Periodic Tables of Elements, Bonds
 - Investigating Matter and Its Interactions: Matter, Chemical Reactions Lab

Social Studies

Your child will learn to...

- Develop and understand historical timelines and events.
- Explore World Geography.
- Gain an understanding and appreciation of key events and people in the founding of our country.



Reading

Your child will learn...

- Develop life-long reading skills of comprehension strategies and vocabulary development.
- Appreciate different reading genres including tall tales, mysteries and biographies.
- Appreciate novel studies through small group and large group class novels.
- Complete creative book reports and the Reading Counts monthly.

Writing

Your child will learn...

- Spelling skills.
- Grammar and sentence structure and understanding
- The process of writing from rough draft to published pieces.
- Appreciate writing through a variety of writing opportunities; including narrative, expository, persuasive, letter writing, journal writing and poetry.

Fifth Grade Curriculum:

- ELA: Amplify CKLA
- Math: Go Math
- Religion: Saint Mary's Press
- Social Studies: TCI Social Studies Alive: America's Past
- Science: Nancy Larson Science, Grade 5

Homework Expectations:

Math: Daily math Homework (Monday–Thursday, occasionally on Friday)

Science: Typically, 2 reviews a week, 1 science research project per science book

Language: Read 20 minutes a night, monthly book reports and reading logs

Social Studies: Usually to finish assignments if not done in class.

There is also the completion of any daily school work not finished.

Fifth Grade Enrichment

Fifth Grade at St. Charles Borromeo allows your child an opportunity to participate in areas of:

- Music
- Physical Education
- Library
- Technology

We believe in educated well-rounded children; teaching them in both an academic and social manner to enhance their maturity and independence.