



## Fifth Grade Curriculum

**Religion:** The CPH One in Christ curriculum is used for religion instruction. Within the context of each lesson, students are taught key concepts of faith such as Law, Gospel, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and grace and are encouraged to put these concepts into action in their lives. The course includes lessons on the Word of God, the Trinity, Sacraments, Commandments, Liturgy, and witnessing. These are taught through various Bible stories. Through a planned memory program students learn Scripture verses, hymns, and portions of the Catechism.

**Social Studies:** The basis of fifth grade social studies is the eight strands of social studies: Citizenship, Geography, Social Studies skills, Government, History, Culture, and Economics. These strands are taught throughout the study of American History. Skills are developed in interpreting and using maps, understanding and making charts and graphs, interpreting and constructing timelines. Emphasis is placed on the time of exploration and settlement of North America through the Civil War/Reconstruction period of time.

**Language Arts:** Fifth grade students continue to improve communication skills through a study of sentence and paragraph structure, parts of speech, grammar, mechanics, and vocabulary building. Emphasis is placed on the writing process, giving students experiences in variety of writing types.

**Spelling:** Word lists based on sound patterns are used. The lists include words which are educationally appropriate and commonly used. Activities build around these lists help the students use prefixes, suffixes, roots, and word relationships. Dictionary usage is emphasized.

**Reading:** In the fifth grade reading program, students are exposed to genre, which includes realism and fantasy, poetry and biographies, historical fiction and folktales, and more. Selections are grouped thematically and are organized to improve the students' vocabulary, study skills, comprehension, word study, and appreciation of literature. Skills such as recalling, analyzing, summarizing, inferring, synthesizing, and evaluating are taught and practiced. Trade books are also used to enhance the program,

and effort is made to help the students improve their reading skills while developing a lifelong love of reading.

**Math:** The fifth grade math curriculum includes problem solving, communication, reasoning, estimation, and the use of technology. Topics such as number sense and numeration, measurement, and computation with whole numbers are reviewed and expanded. New concepts and algorithms involving decimals, fractions, ratios, and percentages are introduced and practiced. There is also a substantial amount of work done in the area of geometry and probability.

**Science:** The fifth grade science curriculum provides opportunities for students to investigate, observe, and draw conclusions about the world around them. Students are encouraged to combine text information with experience gained through hands-on experiments, demonstrations, and exploration activities. Topics include the study of the earth's surface, weather and climate, matter and its properties, energy and motion, and plant and animal processes.