

RELIGION

Concordia Publishing *One in Christ* and the Bible is the foundation for instruction. God's Word is studied through the Lord's Prayer, the Commandments, the Sacraments, the Apostle's Creed, and the life of Christ through His resurrection. Each lesson connects to a Bible story relating true discipleship, God's blessings to the Church, and worship.

ART

Fifth grade students are encouraged to express their creativity by the examination and application of the elements of art: line, shape, texture, value, color, and space. Students' appreciation and inspiration are enhanced by an art history review of known artists: Picasso, Wright, Klee, Calder, and O'Keefe.

BAND

Beginning Band students are taught the fundamental skills necessary to perform on a wind or percussion instrument. Students learn instrument care, playing posture, embouchure formation, tone production, note recognition, pitch perception, and proper home practice habits. The general emphasis at this level is on the enjoyment of playing.

CHOIR

Fifth grade students will meet twice a week as a classroom choir. The students will develop their singing skills along with reading music, vocabulary, and history. They will perform for church services, chapels, and two school concerts each year. As they participate in these activities, they will grow in their understanding as to how music affects their lives on a daily basis. At the core of this lays the understanding that music is a fair and glorious gift from God, given to us on earth that we might use it to praise the Maker's name. Participation as a class choir in leading

Sunday worship and school chapel services will provide the opportunity for students to give back to God through the gifts that He has given to them.

COMPUTER

The fifth grade computer class will focus on keyboarding skills and collaborative projects. The students will use Type to Learn to improve typing speed and accuracy. Other programs such as Internet Explorer, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Power Point will be reviewed and used to enhance the study of other subjects. To prepare the students for 6th grade, the fifth grade computer class will use a variety of technology (desktop, laptop, and Ipad) throughout the year. Google Documents will also be taught as part of a Social Studies class project.

GERMAN

Activities and lessons this year will expand upon units learned in previous grades. Specific units of study will include: the German school system, careers, question vocabulary, fruits and vegetables, animals, and words that are similar in German and English. Specific conversational skills will be developed through speaking, listening, reading, translating, and writing. Instructional games, texts, poetry, and teacher-created materials will be used to increase fluency and understanding.

MATH

The fifth grade math curriculum is aligned with the National Common Core Standards. The first seven topics include number and operations in base ten. This includes adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. Other topics covered include using fractions in mathematical operations, measurement and data collection, and geometry. The

curriculum highlights the importance of computation, however, it also challenges student to solve problems in a variety of ways. Students are expected to not only solve problems, but effectively communicate how they solved it.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Locomotor skills and object control can still be in a developing stage at these grade levels; however, the class is focused on how these skills can be used in various sports and activities. Refining of these skills is still occurring. Emphasis is on learning and developing specific skills for specific sports. The concept of team and team sports is used extensively. Introduction to rules of the various sports occurs at these grade levels. Physical fitness continues with building strength and endurance to a higher level and adding to that power. Fitness as a lifelong pursuit is stressed. A unit on social dance is done to continue reinforcing dance skills. An emphasis is also placed on social and personal skills such as leadership and cooperation, sports etiquette and fair play, dealing with winning and losing, individual and property respect, tact, perseverance, and best effort.

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 solar system, matter and its properties, energy and motion, and plant and animal processes.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Fifth grade Social Studies focuses on United States History. Native American Exploration, Colonization, and Revolutionary War time periods are emphasized. Through this study, students will not only learn history, but citizenship, geography, government, culture, and economics. The workbook is an important resource, however, there is a focus on incorporating project based instruction including computer and artistic projects.

LANGUAGE ARTS

English

Study is integrated through literature, composition, listening, and speaking experiences. Grammar is taught through differentiated instruction and integrated into the writing process using writing traits as the guide for improvement and evaluation. Narrative, expository, persuasive and research writing are the focus of compositions.

Penmanship

Cursive style writing is emphasized throughout fifth grade. Attention is given to letter sizes, slant, spacing, and smoothness of both lower and upper case letters. Manuscript writing is also reviewed.

Reading

Students read varied genre analyzing comprehension strategy and skills relating to an essential question. Close reading instruction prepares the students for responding with text evidence. Academic vocabulary is applied in context. Writing in response to literature is taught and implemented regularly. Independent reading is done daily with reading logs and tracked throughout the year allowing full use of the library to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Spelling

The spelling curriculum uses word lists based on sound patterns. The lists include words which are educationally appropriate and commonly used. Activities built around these lists help the students use prefixes, suffixes, roots, and word relationships to spell new words. Cumulative systematic review and assessment help the students to retain their instruction.

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