



Eastside Christian School

ECS CURRICULUM GUIDE

FIFTH GRADE OVERVIEW

Classroom Structure: Self-contained for core subjects. Teachers switch classes for Science/History. Specialists: art, computer, music, physical education, and Spanish.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 15-20 students :1 teacher

School Day 8:45 am – 3:15 pm
Lunch/recess 20 minutes plus 20 minutes
Afternoon recess 15 minutes

BIBLE and CHAPEL

Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade BIBLE THEME: Christ and My Choices

Three strands of instruction occur in fifth grade: a survey or overview of the Old Testament; an in-depth study of the lives of various Bible characters presented in chronological order; and choices (good or bad) made by these characters, which serve as examples for students as they make their own choices. These materials are magnificently woven together as they challenge students to examine their own decision making.

Chapel program includes weekly worship, exposure to Christian beliefs, and a focus on monthly character traits. Monthly participation in our ACTS program provides additional understanding of the character traits and a wonderful multi-age team-building experience.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade teachers use the A Beka Phonics/Reading/Language Program and Mosdos Literature series. Language instruction is supplemented with additional Vocabulary, Spelling and Grammar text materials.

Phonics/Reading/Spelling:

- Oral Reading Fluency
- Weekly Spelling List-Test
- Vocabulary Words-Definitions
- Accelerated Reader Quizzes
- Complete Sentences

Language/Grammar:

- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Suffixes, Prefixes & Abbreviations
- Singular-Plural
- Poetry
- Parts of Speech
- Word Usage Rules

Writing:

- Alphabetizing
- Dictionary Skills
- Guided Creative Writing/Poetry
- Writing Journals
- Short Stories & Letters
- Essay Writing
- 6 Traits of Writing
- Figures of Speech

MATH

Fifth Grade

Houghton Mifflin Expressions mathematics program is used for fifth grade. The program uses a systematic step-by-step approach to developing mathematics concepts and skills. The focus on problem solving and reasoning provides opportunities for students to demonstrate and apply their understanding. This program is specifically in line with the National Math Council's principles and standards for school mathematics. Students receive independent practice for homework and have access to web-based enrichment activities.

- Whole Numbers, Decimals, and Integers
- Addition and Subtraction and Equations
- Multiplication
- Division and Equations
- Measurement and Integers
- Number Theory and Fractions
- Multiplication and Division of Fractions & Decimals
- Geometry and Measurement
- Ratio and Percent

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade teachers use the A Beka Social Studies/Science book: *Old World History and Geography*. This fascinating study of the Eastern Hemisphere by geographical regions begins in the Middle East, where history began, and continues with the history, geography, and culture of Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica. This text provides a good introduction to worldwide missions and missionary heroes and contrasts Communism and Americanism.

Fifth grade students experience the *Purposeful Design* program. *Purposeful Design* is designed to teach basic Life, Earth, and Physical Science concepts through fun, hands-on lab activities. Formal investigations are complemented by a variety of field trip opportunities. The fun of laboratory "hands-on" science is balanced with workbook units that ensure "minds-on" understanding of the scientific concepts discovered in each lab unit. Our science program meets or exceeds the National Science Education Standards and contains scriptural connections/values in every lab unit.

Students also learn from the ABeka book, *Enjoying Good Health*, exploring the interactions between the various body systems, what students can do to keep those bodies healthy through fitness and exercise, and how to manage themselves through social and mental awareness and preparation for spiritual warfare. Additional resources are also provided for an exciting and in-depth unit about space, with an overview of the planets, facts about the moon, and a look into the wonder of stars.

VISUAL ARTS

Fifth Grade

Emphasis is on participating in various art mediums and developing an appreciation for God's beauty and design. Art projects are integrated into the Social Studies/Science curriculum.

SPECIALISTS

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade students are taught by specialists in the following areas:

Art: 40 minutes – every other week

Emphasis is on participating in various art mediums and developing an appreciation for God's beauty and design. Students practice art appreciation, communication and critical thinking skills through Visual Thinking Strategies. Art projects are integrated within the Social Studies/Science/Bible/Writing curriculum. Students explore the following concepts and skills:

- Elements of visual art
- Principles of visual art
- Purposes for art-making
- Artistic thinking

Spanish (30 minutes every week)

In this exploratory Spanish class, students continue learning basic Spanish vocabulary and culture. Students talk, sing and play learning games to learn vocabulary to use in conversation around themes such as

- Greetings
- Letters and numbers
- The calendar and weather
- Christian faith and Christmas
- Colors, classroom objects, and clothing
- Family and describing people
- The home
- The body and animals
- Spanish sayings

Computer: 45 minutes – twice a week

Computer specialist assists students in becoming comfortable with the basic workings of the hardware and software in the ECS computer lab. Students also navigate our local network, word process documents, and create media with basic graphic design software, including Powerpoint and Excel spreadsheets.

Music: 30 minutes – twice a week

- Students will respond to music with movement and creativity through dances, games, and song
- Rhythm: read and write more complex rhythm patterns
- Melody and Form: sing with tone quality and accuracy, identify major and minor scale
- Harmony: 2-two part songs with an ensemble
- Timbre: Understand the use of the body and voice as an instrument through breathing and projection and listening, creating and expression.
- Theory and instruments: vocabulary, solfege alphabet, sound, dynamics, notes, beat and rhythm, rounds, composers, musical history/style/genre, orchestra and instruments
- Style: worship/seasonal/patriotic/short action and singing games/warm up and performance songs/thematic songs, and drama

- Group/Performance and Culture: Weekly chapel worship, patriotic program, Spring musical, special projects, Christmas program, solos, duets, and trios, plus curriculum integration.

PE: 30 minutes – twice a week

- Movement and motor skill competency
- Health-related physical fitness and wellness
- Human movement principles
- Social skills and self-concept
- Promotion of lifetime participation in activity