

Religion

The 5th grade Religion book Christ Our Life, We Worship curriculum focuses on the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the center of Christian life.

Unit one: the children reflect on worship.

Unit two: the children take an in-depth look at the Eucharist, our most important form of worship. We also study the sacraments of initiation.

Unit three: the children study the sacraments of healing.

Unit four: the children are introduced to everyone's call to holiness. They learn about the sacraments of vocation.

Unit five: the children learn how to live as followers of Christ and true worshipers of the Father. They review the 5th – 10th commandments and learn about the works of mercy.

English

The two major subjects that we will be focusing on in 5th grade English is Grammar and Writing.

In Grammar and Writing, we will cover the following topics:

Sentence Structure: Subject and Predicate.

- Parts of Speech: Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adjectives, Adverbs, Prepositions, Capitalization and Punctuation.
- Writing Process: Prewriting, Draft, Revise, Edit, and Present.
- Formal Writing: Personal Narratives, Persuasive, Informative, and Descriptive Writing (as time permits). We will also learn how to write a letter and address an envelope.
- Informal Writing: Journal Writing

Science

Life Science:

Life processes of plants and animals; structure of plant and animal cells; human organ systems

Earth Science:

Geology: earth's structure, formation of rocks, the rock cycle

Astronomy: constellations, galaxies, light years

Weather and Climate: prediction, changes, properties of air, cloud types, weather instruments

Physical Science:

Matter: properties and states of matter; elements, compounds, and mixtures

Energy: kinetic/potential

Math

1st Quarter: Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication

2nd Quarter: Measurement (customary & metric), Perimeter, Area, Time, Temperature, Division 1-digit Divisors, and Division 2-digit Divisors

3rd Quarter: Geometric Solids, Volume, Addition and Subtraction of Decimals, and Multiplication of Decimals

4th Quarter: Patterns and Coordinate Graphing, Fraction Concepts, Exploring Addition and Subtraction of Fractions, Multiplication of Fractions, and Geometry

Social Studies

Material Covered:

Unit 1: Native Peoples of America

Unit 2: European Exploration of the Americas

Unit 3: Colonization in America

Unit 4: The Struggle for the North America

- a. The French and Indian War
- b. Colonists protest British Rule
- c. Revolution
- d. Declaration of Independence

Unit 5: The New Nation

- a. U.S. Constitution
- b. Louisiana Purchase
- c. War of 1812
- d. Industrial Revolution

Unit 6: Slavery and Emancipation

Reading

The 5th grade reading textbook is a theme based curriculum that focuses on several key factors like: decoding, oral fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, independent reading/writing and critical thinking.

5th grade novels may include:

- Number the Stars by: Lois Lowry
- Frindle by: Andrew Clements

- In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by: Bette Bao Lord
- Souder by: William H. Armstrong
- Dear Mr. Henshaw by: Beverly Cleary
- Aesop's Fables retold by: Ann McGovern

Grades are calculated using the following categories:

Tests/Projects: 40%

Quizzes: 25%

Homework: 35%

Spelling/Vocabulary

Every other week we begin with a new spelling/vocabulary unit. Monday we pronounce the words and find their meaning or meanings. Workbook pages are assigned and are to be completed by Friday of each week. Some class time is allotted to work on these pages.

Week one, we will have a 12 question vocabulary quiz and the first 1/2 of the workbook will be assigned. Week two, we will have the 12 word spelling test and finish the rest of the packet pages. Much of their work on the unit will be done independently.