

5th Grade Course Overview

Bible

We will use 5 Grade Possessing the Land which is a survey of the Old Testament. Beginning in Genesis, students will gain a much clearer perspective of how the stories of the Old Testament fit together into one pattern. There will also be a focus on building character traits as a work of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:28) We will learn about the shadows of Christ and how the Old Testament and New Testament connect. A pattern of Scripture memorization will also be developed throughout the year. Scriptures are used as a study guide for the following purposes: to study the history of God's dealings with mankind, to understand how God thinks, to analyze the lives of Bible character for personal examples of how God deals with individuals and to study a variety of Bible topics. Young people will learn that they can find answers in the Word of God for themselves and use memorized bible verses as content for prayers to our Heavenly Father.

Language

This year students will learn how to create a good composition (organizing/writing good sentences). They will also learn to use proper grammar (recognizing/using all eight parts of speech including verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections). Finally, students will explore proper word usage (using a dictionary, making subjects/verbs agree, and using descriptive words and developing good paragraphs). Students will have an opportunity to present a power point and written report about an important person in history. This is a collaborative effort with the computer class teacher.

Spelling

This year students will use the Purposeful Design Spelling series which approaches spelling as a critical literacy skill that strengthens reading and writing ability. Various spelling strategies are used such as word sorting by phonetic pattern, developing vocabulary through word study, and using the writing process to compose original stories to assist students' master of spelling objectives.

Science

Students will investigate God's world and see the plan of God as it is revealed in His orderly creations as we study and explore these topics: Investigating Nature, The Amazing Mammals, Light, and Treasures of the Earth, The Living Sea, Energy and Engines, Wonders of the Sky, Weather, and A Variety of Vertebrates.

History

This year students will discover the inspiring, narrative approach to Old World History and Geography in Christian perspective. This curriculum brings into focus how people lived in the past and how past events impact culture today. Students will meet famous people; analyze major events; explore Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, Oceania and Antarctica.

Math

5th Grade students are introduced to new topics which are developed incrementally over time. One facet of a concept is taught and practiced before the next facet is introduced. This is how the Saxon Math curriculum is organized to help students achieve success in math. Students will explore concepts in numbers and operations, including fraction concepts, estimation, number theory, and number sets and number systems. Measurement is the next section students will explore: units, unit conversion and measuring. Geometry will cover basic terms, lines, angles, polygons, circles, perimeter, area, volume, area, coordinate geometry, patterns, and transformational geometry. Lots of interesting concept will be covered in algebra: patterns, sequences, integers, algebraic concepts and procedures, equations, inequalities, functions, properties and graphing. Statistics, data analysis and probability along with problem-solving will be taught this year. We use math websites to assist with practice and add the fun factor to math mastery.

Reading

This year students will be reading grade-level-appropriate stories including the following genres: fiction, nonfiction, drama, expository, tall tales, and biographies. Students will learn some of the following concepts: new vocabulary, comprehension skills, how to monitor and clarify, infer, questioning, character, plot, setting, author's purpose, and main ideas. Students will also read a

Classic by C.S. Lewis, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. They will engage in various hands-on activities to incorporate various learning styles.