



5th Grade Curriculum Guidelines

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Fifth Grade Homework Expectations

In fifth grade, children are working towards becoming responsible students and developing great study habits. Time management and organization are discussed, reviewed, and modeled throughout the year.

When an assignment is given, it is the student's responsibility to record it in their assignment notebook and complete the assignment by the due date. (The teacher will make exceptions for illness, family emergencies, etc.). At the end of each day, we will review the assignment board as a group and ensure that assignment notebooks have been filled out.

Parents and students are encouraged to log in to Sycamore to check on assignment and grade standing throughout the year. Work that is turned in late may receive a reduced score. Students who have missing assignments may be asked to stay in from recess to help catch up on their homework.

While homework does give students the opportunity to practice and gain more experience with skills learned at school, it should not be a significantly time-consuming endeavor. My goal is to average about 30 minutes of homework per night (there will be differences depending on ease of work, studying styles, larger projects, etc). *If you notice your child spending more time than this on a regular basis, please let me know.*

Thank you for your involvement in your child's education and your support!

5th Grade Religion Notes and Expectations

Textbook: We Believe

Sadlier Publishers

Units covered:

Jesus Christ Shares His Life with Us

Confirmation and Eucharist Complete Our Initiation

The Sacraments of Healing Restore Us

We Love and Serve As Jesus Did

Seasonal Lessons and Celebrations:

Ordinary Time: The Rosary

Advent: Be Ready!

Christmas: Feasts of the Seasons

Lent: The Forty Days

Triduum: New Life in Christ

Easter: It is Jesus!

Pentecost: Called to Serve

People of Faith: Honoring Saints

The religion grade is based on a variety of assessments including, but not limited to: class participation, homework, tests, and Mass participation.



5th Grade Language Arts

English/Grammar text: Houghton Mifflin *English*

Grammar Themes:

Grammar, Usage and Mechanics

Writing, Listening, Speaking and Viewing

Language Arts text: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Journeys*

Reading Themes:

Meet the Challenge: Focus on Story writing

Wild Encounters: Focus on Persuasive writing

Revolution: Focus on Biography writing

The Power of Storytelling: Focus on Literary Analysis

Under Western Skies: Focus on Visual Presentations

Journey to Discovery: Focus on Script writing

Each theme includes stories which will be discussed through literature groups, small group circles, journaling, vocabulary, comprehension questions, writing, and theme projects. Students will do work each week focusing topics such as grammar, spelling, mapping a story sequence, and text tracking.

Students will have a spelling test each week consisting of 25 words from the reading unit. There will also be weekly vocabulary tests. Students will also have a reading goal for the school year, which will include a variety of literary genres. Students will complete three book reports throughout the school year. The format for each will be explained in handouts they receive.

The Language Arts grade is based on a variety of assessments including but not limited to: tests, worksheets, weekly homework, writing assignments, projects, participation, and in-class activities.

5th Grade Science

Textbook: Interactive Science Pearson Publishing

Science skills taught in this series include: observation, making inferences, classifying, measuring, using numbers, communication, predicting, interpreting data, forming a hypothesis, using variables, experimenting, making models, and defining based on observations. Students will learn by reading, researching and doing. In addition to the text, students will occasionally be doing additional research both inside and outside of class. Students will also be doing science current events throughout the year.

Physical Science:

Chapter 1 - Properties of Matter

Chapter 2 - Forces and Motion

Life Science:

Chapter 3 - Growth and Survival

Chapter 4 - Ecosystems

Earth Science:

Chapter 5 - The Water Cycle and Weather

Chapter 6 - Earth and Space

Science, Engineering , and Technology:

Part 1 - The Nature of Science

Part 2 - Design and Function

The Science grade is based on a variety of assessments including, but not limited to: tests, projects, participation, and in-class lab activities.

5th Grade Math Notes and Expectations

Curriculum: *Math Expressions* Houghton Mifflin

In our math series, each lesson is designed to build on the previous lesson. A new topic is introduced each lesson along with problem sets that review what has been taught previously. There will be daily homework, which includes a page of review. Students can expect daily homework and an assessment for each chapter.

Students will practice fluency of basic math skills, practice the new skill during class, and demonstrate their knowledge of the new concept in their homework.

The Eight Math units are:

Addition and Subtraction with Fractions

Addition and Subtraction with Decimals

Multiplication and Division with Fractions

Multiplication with Whole Numbers and Decimals

Division with Whole Numbers and Decimals

Operations and Word Problems

Algebra, Patterns, Data, and Graphs

Measurement and Geometry

5th Grade Social Studies

Textbook: *Kids Discover The United States*

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing

Students will be learning about American History through various activities including reading, writing, projects, and research. We will also work on citizenship skills, history (the interrelationship between people, places and events over time), geography, economics, culture, and specific skills related to social studies information.

The following are the American History units we will be learning about this year:

Our Land and First People

Exploration and Settlement

The English Colonies

The American Revolution

The New Nation

The Civil War

Transforming the Nation

The Twentieth Century

Into the 21st Century

Geography: There will be weekly geography quizzes to learn and review a variety of geographic features and locations. Every two weeks, students will also be doing a current events assignment.

The Social Studies grade is based on a variety of assessments including, but not limited to: tests, projects, in-class activities, participation, and teacher observations.