



# Fifth Grade Curriculum Overview

*The CCA Fifth Grade Curriculum is consistent with Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Math.*

## **Bible Study**

*One in Christ* is a Christ-centered curriculum that emphasizes living the faith in everyday life. Our prayer is that students would come to know and understand God more fully through this study. Lessons follow a chronological order of Biblical events and help the student to grasp the big picture of salvation through faith in Jesus. In the fifth grade, students are directed toward thinking of God as their Heavenly Father while focusing on the Old Testament Messianic prophecies.

## **Reading/Language Arts**

Language Arts encompasses literature, composition, and grammar. *Ready Reading* instruction uses a consistent Read, Think, Talk, Write model in which teacher-led discussion and small group collaboration are central to student achievement. Lessons scaffold to build students' confidence as they develop important critical thinking and analytical skills. Students are immediately engaged by a variety of real-world source texts, from literature and poetry to blogs and news articles. Different writing styles are explored, including opinion, informative/explanatory, and narrative. *Daily Oral Language (DOL)* work in class teaches and reinforces proper grammatical form, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling skills.

## **Math**

*Ready Mathematics* helps teachers create a rich classroom environment in which students at all levels become active, real-world problem solvers. Through teacher-led, learner-focused instruction, students develop mathematical reasoning, engage in discourse, and build strong mathematical habits. Students are encouraged to develop a deeper understanding of mathematics concepts. Each unit of study builds on students' prior knowledge with lessons that make connections within and across grade levels and directly address the major focus of Grade 5.

## **Social Studies**

Our social studies program builds the knowledge of history, geography, civics, and economics in order to understand the world we live in. Inquiry, interpersonal relations, and critical reasoning skills are emphasized in order to gather, interpret, and analyze information, to engage in respectful and productive civic discourse, and to draw conclusions consistent with one's own values and beliefs. Respect for the values of a diverse and democratic society motivates students to safeguard their own rights and the rights of others, and to fulfill their responsibilities as citizens in a democracy through service to their school, community, and the world.

## **Integrated Science**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum explores the core ideas around Structures and Properties of Matter, Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems, Earth's Systems, Stars and the Solar System, and Engineering Design. Through hands-on labs and their coinciding data collection and analysis, students gain familiarity with the scientific method and the use of inquiry to create and test hypotheses. They then present their findings to their peers.

## **Additional Learning Opportunities:**

- Classroom Computers
- Library/Accelerated Reader
- Cross-Country, Volleyball, Basketball, and Track
- Geography Bee
- Lutheran Elementary School Tournament
- Band/Music/Art
- Field Trips to complement units of study
- Weekly Chapel/Service Projects
- Physical Education