

FIFTH GRADE

Core Classes

- Bible
 - We are committed to the study of God’s Word in all our subjects and its application to our lives as the foundation for living a joyful, victorious Christian life. Daily Bible class is an essential part of spiritual development at FCS. We ultimately desire that every student discovers and strengthens a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and develops a biblical worldview.
 - Students read and study the Bible, sing Bible songs, memorize Scripture verses and discuss Christian character and missions.
 - Topics studied during Bible class include:
 - Gospel presentation
 - Character qualities
 - Obedience
 - Being holy
 - My body, God’s temple
 - Evangelism and missions
 - Christmas and Easter
 - Teaching and practice of inductive Bible study using *How to Study Your Bible for Kids*
 - All parents are welcome to attend our chapels for worship and sharing about God’s Word and its application to our lives.
- Language Arts
 - Fifth grade students apply their reading skills in every subject area and practice reading on a daily basis. Students also maintain their reading skills and explore literary concepts through a class reading and study of novels such as *Sign of the Beaver*; *Treasures of the Snow*; *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; *War Horse*, *Number the Stars* and various short stories. Vocabulary-building and comprehension skills are integrated throughout the program.
 - Students thoroughly study the structure of sentences including parts of speech, types of sentences, vocabulary, grammar, usage and mechanics. Opportunities are given regularly for students to write about a variety of topics and experience the complete writing process (including research). Students also receive daily oral and written editing practice. Participation in the ACSI Creative Writing Festival is encouraged in 4th-8th grades.
- Social Studies
 - History, geography, culture, economics, civics and current affairs are the foundation of the social studies program through which we seek to learn about God’s providence in His world. In fifth grade, students continue their study of American history during the 20th century, including such topics as World War I, The Roaring Twenties, The Great Depression & New Deal, and World War II, and 1960 to the present. The continent study is Europe.
- Science
 - The study of God’s world through science is exciting and full of opportunities for us to know our Creator and Lord. The basic principles of the scientific method are illustrated

during the year. Fifth graders specifically study matter, heat, biomes, ecosystems, light, sound, the respiratory system, and the circulatory system.

- Mathematics
 - The study of mathematics provides unique opportunities to learn about God's orderliness, precision, absolute truthfulness and unchangeable nature. Emphasis is placed in several key areas: place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, patterns and graphing, measurement, geometry and volume.

Extracurricular

- Physical Education
 - In Physical Education class, offered twice each week, students learn to appreciate the amazing abilities of the human body and are taught the importance of care of the body. Students also learn and practice skills in a variety of team, individual and lifetime sports.
- Music
 - Students may choose to attend general music class or begin the study of a musical instrument. Concerts and other performance opportunities during the year allow students to share their gifts with others. General music (Chorus), Band, and Orchestra (depending on the campus) are among the music courses offered to students.
- Art
 - Students attend art class weekly and explore the foundational elements of line, shape, space, texture and color. An annual Visual Arts Festival highlights each student's artwork.
- Library
 - Students attend weekly library class where they learn how to use a library as well as explore many literary topics such as the parts of a book, authors and illustrators, listening skills, genres, research skills and overall literature appreciation. Students enjoy checking out books and develop personal responsibility for returning them each week.
- Computer
 - Students receive training in hardware and technology basics, digital citizenship, research skills, word processing and presentation application. They explore various venues that are available to create digital projects and the methods they practice are used the classroom to enhance the learning of curriculum. They train and practice using digital resources safely, ethically, and morally to impact our world for Jesus Christ. Fifth graders also practice keyboarding skills.
- Field Trips and Special Events
 - Field trips and special events are also a major part of our curriculum and are coordinated with the current curriculum units. These include the ACSI and Scripps Spelling Bees; ACSI Math Olympics and Creative Writing Festival; National Geographic Bee; Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day; Visual Arts Festival; National Museum of the Marine Corps; Narnia Day and Field Day.