Fifth Grade at Harvest Christian Academy-Lantana

Growing in Wisdom, Faith, and Purpose

Fifth grade is an important year of growth as students deepen their academic skills, strengthen their independence, and prepare for the transition to middle school. At Harvest Christian Academy, students are challenged to think critically, communicate effectively, solve problems, and apply what they learn to the world around them. Through a Christ-centered education, students are encouraged to grow in knowledge, character, and faith as they discover how to use their God-given abilities to serve others and glorify Him.

Biblical Education

Fifth grade focuses on **building the foundations of a biblical worldview**. Students learn to distinguish a biblical worldview from other, competing worldviews and are equipped to understand and live according to God's truth. As they connect the overarching story of Scripture to essential Christian beliefs and values, students explore what the Bible teaches about their identity, work, relationships, society, and belief system. Through biblical study, discussion, reflection, and practical application, students are encouraged to evaluate ideas through the lens of Scripture and recognize how their faith shapes their everyday choices and interactions with others.

Language Arts

Students strengthen their reading, writing, speaking, listening, and critical-thinking skills as they engage with increasingly complex literary and informational texts. They learn to identify themes and main ideas, summarize information, make inferences, compare texts, evaluate an author's purpose, and support their understanding with textual evidence. In writing, students develop organized personal narratives, informational pieces, opinion essays, and other compositions. They practice writing clear introductions and conclusions, supporting ideas with relevant details, revising for clarity, and editing for grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure. Research projects and oral presentations help students gather reliable information, communicate their findings, and develop confidence as independent learners.

Vocabulary

Students expand their vocabulary by exploring word meanings, context clues, synonyms and antonyms, multiple-meaning words, and the relationships between words. They study prefixes, suffixes, roots, and other word parts to determine the meanings of unfamiliar words and

recognize how language conveys precise ideas. Students also examine shades of meaning, figurative language, and academic vocabulary across subject areas. These skills help students become more thoughtful readers, stronger writers, and clearer communicators.

Handwriting

Students continue developing legible, consistent handwriting with attention to letter formation, spacing, alignment, and neatness. They work toward greater fluency and efficiency when recording information, completing assignments, and expressing ideas in writing. As students take on longer and more complex writing tasks, they are encouraged to present their work clearly and carefully while building habits that support success in middle school.

Math

Students develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts while strengthening accuracy, fluency, and problem-solving skills. They work with whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and operations, including multiplying and dividing with larger numbers and applying these skills to multistep problems. Students explore equivalent fractions, fraction operations, decimal concepts, and relationships among different forms of numbers. They also study numerical expressions, patterns, coordinate grids, geometric figures, measurement, volume, and data representation. Financial literacy introduces practical concepts related to money and financial decision-making. Throughout the year, students are encouraged to explain their reasoning, use mathematical tools strategically, evaluate the reasonableness of their answers, and apply math to real-world situations.

Science

Students investigate the natural world through observation, experimentation, data collection, and evidence-based reasoning. They explore matter and its properties, physical and chemical changes, force and motion, energy, electricity, and the relationships among light, sound, and other forms of energy. Students study the Sun, Earth, and Moon, weather patterns, the water cycle, and the ways Earth's surface changes over time. They also examine ecosystems, food webs, the flow of energy, and the ways organisms interact with living and nonliving parts of their environments. Students consider how human activities can help or harm ecosystems and learn to use scientific evidence to explain patterns, make predictions, and develop solutions to problems.

Social Studies

Fifth grade focuses on the history of the United States, beginning with early European exploration and colonization and continuing through major events in the nation’s development to the present day. Students study the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, westward expansion, the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration, industrialization, and important developments in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. They

explore the foundations of representative government, the rights and responsibilities of citizens, the principles of the free enterprise system, and the contributions of individuals and cultural groups to the nation. Students also examine U.S. geography, regions, natural resources, and economic activities. Through maps, timelines, primary and secondary sources, research, and classroom discussions, students develop historical understanding, evaluate evidence, and strengthen their ability to explain and support their ideas.

Spanish

Students continue developing foundational Spanish communication skills through listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities appropriate to their level. They build vocabulary related to everyday life, practice useful phrases and sentence structures, and explore aspects of Spanish-speaking cultures and traditions. Through interactive activities and guided practice, students gain confidence using another language and develop an appreciation for people and cultures beyond their own.

Art

Students expand their artistic skills and creativity through a variety of materials, techniques, and projects. They explore drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and other forms of visual expression while applying the elements of art and principles of design. Students learn to make intentional artistic choices, develop and refine their ideas, and evaluate their own work and the work of others. They also explore how art reflects history, culture, and individual perspectives, learning to appreciate creativity as a way to communicate ideas and express God-given gifts.

Music

Students continue developing their musical understanding through singing, rhythm, movement, listening, and instrumental activities. They strengthen their ability to read and interpret musical notation, recognize musical patterns, and use expressive techniques when performing. Students explore music from different cultures and historical periods while learning to listen thoughtfully, work collaboratively, and appreciate music as a meaningful form of expression and worship.

STEM and Technology

Students apply creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills to real-world challenges. Through hands-on investigations and design projects, they identify problems, develop possible solutions, build and test models, and refine their ideas based on results. Technology instruction develops digital literacy, responsible technology use, data organization, and computational thinking. Students are introduced to programming concepts and learn to break complex problems into manageable steps, recognize patterns, and use technology to communicate ideas and create solutions.

Physical Education

Students develop physical fitness, coordination, balance, agility, and fundamental movement skills through individual and team activities. They practice sports skills, participate in structured games, and learn to follow rules, work cooperatively, demonstrate good sportsmanship, and show respect for teammates and opponents. Physical education encourages students to challenge themselves, persevere through difficulty, and recognize the value of effort, teamwork, and responsible participation.

More Than Academics

At Harvest Christian Academy, fifth grade is about preparing students for what comes next—not only academically, but also spiritually, socially, and personally. Students are encouraged to take greater ownership of their learning, manage responsibilities, communicate respectfully, and persevere when faced with challenges. Through a Christ-centered environment, they continue developing integrity, compassion, leadership, and a heart for serving others. We partner with families to help students grow in wisdom and confidence, deepen their understanding of God's truth, and use their gifts and abilities to honor Him in all they do.