

# Curriculum Overview

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Bible: (Purposeful Design)** Our curriculum has an Old Testament emphasis. We start the year discussing the truth of God’s word. Throughout the year we cover from Abraham to Moses, the cycle of sin, the judges, kings, and prophets of Israel. We finish off the year learning how Jesus is the fulfillment of divine prophecy and we focus on God’s attributes. Our school has a school wide weekly memory verse that focusses on a Godly character trait. We also have a weekly chapel on Thursdays from 8:45-9:30 with worship and a message from Pastor Scotty Brown.

**Math: (Big Ideas)** Math covers areas such as whole numbers, measurements, fractions, decimals, algebraic expressions, graphs, and geometry. Students are also able to use MobyMax, a computer based accelerated math program.

**Reading: (BJU Press)** In reading, we discuss the author’s purpose for our stories, how they connect to our lives and the world around us, and how the different parts of a story work together. Reading covers genres such as poetry, fables, fairy tales, novels, and short stories. We participate in small reading groups, partner readings, classroom discussions, and read alouds. Students are challenged to reach new reading goals through our AR program. Our reading curriculum also includes author showcases and literature skill days (such as encyclopedia, thesaurus, and dictionary skills).

**English: (BJU Press)** Our English program consists of eight grammar units and eight writing units. Grammar lessons include sentence structure and diagraming, identifying and using nouns, verbs, pronouns, verb tense, adjectives, and adverbs. Writing lessons include compare-contrast essays, book reviews, business letters, personal narratives, instructional how-to papers, poems, and plays. We also learn study and reference skills.

**Spelling: (Purposeful Design)** We cover a variety of spelling challenges including homophones, homographs, prefixes and suffixes, Latin and Greek roots, French and Spanish influenced words, and Vocabulary building words and definitions. We give pretests midweek followed by a weekly test on Fridays.

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**History: (BJU Press Heritage Studies)** In history, we cover US history from the first American people through the New Millennium. We also learn the names and capitals of all 50 states. We incorporate some hands on activities that reinforce specific units, and the students perform a special 50 States play.

**Science: (BJU Press)** Our science curriculum covers rocks, minerals, fossils, dinosaurs, matter, energy, sound, light, heat, weather, Biomes and ecosystems, as well as cells, Respiratory and Circulatory systems. The students have several opportunities for hands on activities throughout science units for example: rock collection, cast and mold fossil creations and a model of their chosen biome.

**P.E.:** Students will be able to participate in a Physical Education class once a week for a half hour.

**Music Program:** Students will attend Music class once a week. They will be able to showcase all they learn in Music through our Christmas and Spring Performances!

**Art:** We incorporate meaningful art lessons to complement what we are learning in Bible, Heritage Studies and Science.

**Technology:** Technology is woven throughout every subject in various ways, whether to spice up a lesson, take a test or improve the children’s computer skills.

**Library:** Students attend library once a week.

**Students Will Memorize:**

Weekly Bible Verses, Pledge to the American Flag, Parts of a Cell, Books of the Bible, All 50 States, and 7 Continents