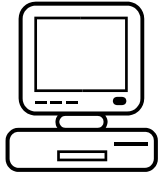


TECHNOLOGY



Fifth graders develop computer skills by learning keyboarding, word processing, and Power Point. Students also use the computer to enhance math skills, use reference materials, and explore the Internet.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This class focuses on various sports and activities. Emphasis is placed on learning and developing specific skills for sports such as basketball, softball, floor hockey and volleyball. Leadership, cooperation, sports etiquette, fair play, and best effort are stressed. They will also participate in the Presidential Fitness Program.

MUSIC

Choir- The main goal of the choir is to give glory to God through singing together while providing musical enjoyment and growth in vocal technique. Choir is a performing group, singing as scheduled at church services, chapel, and special events.

Hand bells- Students in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate in an optional hand bell choir. The students will read music, practice proper hand bell technique and perform in different settings.



ART

Fifth grade art focuses on the quality of and the effort put into art projects. Projects include origami, collages, painting, drawing, studying textures, etc. In addition, students receive technique instruction, art history, and exposure to the work of professional artists in six visits to the Krasl Art Center throughout the year.



SPECIAL FIELD TRIPS

Fifth graders participate in three programs designed by Sarett Nature Center specifically for this grade level – canoeing in voyageur canoes, cross-country skiing, and hiking the dunes of Grand Mere State Park. We also take numerous educational field trips throughout the year.

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5th Grade Curriculum



Our Mission Statement:

Trinity Lutheran School partners with students and families to live and mature in the Christian faith while providing educational excellence.

RELIGION

The CPH *Voyages* curriculum is used for religion instruction. Within the context of



each lesson, students are taught key concepts of faith such as Law, Gospel, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and grace, and are encouraged to put the concepts into action in their lives. The fifth grade course focuses on the life and work of Martin Luther and a study of Old Testament history.

Memory

Students learn the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism, as well as selected Scripture verses and hymns.

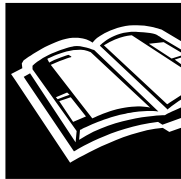
Confirmation

Our confirmation program begins in fifth grade with a study of the basic foundations of our faith as presented in God's Word and the catechism. The CPH Pathlight curriculum is used as the basis for this instruction.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading

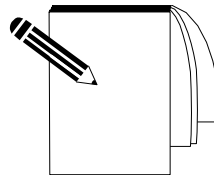
Students use a variety of genre to strengthen their reading skills. Historical fiction, realistic fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry, and biographies are explored. Trade books are also used individually and with the entire class to study skills such as inferring, analyzing, summarizing, drawing conclusions, and predicting. The Accelerated Reader program, a computerized reading program, is used as extra incentive and motivation to strengthen



reading skills and to instill a life-long love of reading.

Writing

In fifth grade communications skills are emphasized through a study of sentence and paragraph structure, parts of speech, grammar, writing mechanics, vocabulary building, and study skills. Students are given a variety of writing experiences including narrative, descriptive, informative, and report writing.



Spelling

The spelling program is correlated to the reading program, so that in addition to studying word families and patterns, students also study vocabulary related to the current reading story. Emphasis is also put on correct spelling in all subject areas.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The fifth graders study U.S. history, beginning with Pre-Columbian history, through exploration, colonization, and the American Revolution. Skills are developed in interpreting timelines, and reading and creating maps and other graphics. Core democratic values are also taught, as well as basic economic concepts.

MATH

Fifth graders' math studies are based on real-life problem solving, balanced instruction, manipulative learning, multiple methods for basic skills practice, an emphasis on communication, enhanced home/school partnerships, and an appropriate use of technology.

Students will need and use compasses, protractors, and rulers both at home and at school.



SCIENCE

The fifth grade students study forms and uses of energy, space and astronomy, sound and light, geological formations and processes, and structures of cellular life. This is a "hands-on" curriculum with labs 4-5 times per week. Science record books are kept, logging real data obtained and analyzing results. The scientific method is practiced daily in activities.

