

Fifth Grade Curriculum Overview

Handwriting (*Writing our Catholic Faith-Universal Publishing*):

- Students will enhance their cursive writing proficiency as they practice basic strokes, letters, number, joinings, words, and sentences.
- Manuscript maintenance will be reinforced as well.
- The Catholic curriculum reinforced throughout the book.

Reading (*Variety of novels, short stories and Vocabulary Workshop*):

- A variety of strategies will continue to be incorporated and analyzed throughout the various forms of reading. (fact/opinion, main idea/details, cause/effect, predictions, inferences, author's purpose, conflict/resolution, plot, character analysis)
- Students will read a variety of genres throughout the course of the year.
- Students will have the opportunity to strengthen oral and listening reading skills.
- Within small groups, students will collaborate with others during literature circles.
- Students will become proficient in presenting to an audience.
- Implement vocabulary words from an additional source other than from the short stories and novels that will be read.

Grammar/Writing (*Grammar Workshop-Sadlier*):

- Grammar conventions are reinforced from previous grades.
- Correct grammar conventions are recognized and used in student's daily writings and journaling.
- Students will continue using their parts of speech knowledge through everyday usage and writing.
- Sentence and paragraph structures are enhanced.
- Proofreading practice is used daily in the classroom.
- Spelling words are practiced on a nightly basis.
- The writing process is reviewed and implemented into each writing assignment.
- Students will write a variety of writing pieces through each genre of writing (descriptive, narrative, persuasive, expository)

Math(*Progress in Mathematics-Sadlier*):

- Students continue and further develop their skills in the concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- Relationships between fractions, decimals and percents are explored. The concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division for fractions, decimals, and percents are further elaborated.
- Measurement and geometry skills will be enhanced from previous grades.
- Problem solving skills and the various strategies will be utilized and analyzed.
- Students will be able to read and interpret various types of graphs.

Science (*Various titles-Pearson Publishing*):

- The main topics studied will be:
 - Characteristics of Life
 - Physical Science - Chemistry
 - Physical Science - Physics
 - Earth Science
 - Environmental Studies

Social Studies (/):

- Students will focus on the Northern Hemisphere (North and South America)
- The five regions of the United States will look at the capital cities, geographical locations, industries, major landforms, climates, and geography that make up each region.

Religion (*We Believe-Sadlier, Catholic Reflections-Universal Publishing*):

- The main focus is learning and understanding the Seven Sacraments and in to which of the three main types of sacraments they are classified.
- Students will look in depth at the parts of the mass.
- New this year, *Catholic Reflections* encourages students to think more deeply about their faith. It includes discussion and journaling prompts, scripture passages and prayer references. Students will read, talk, connect, and reflect on each lesson.

Technology:

- Various forms of technology devices and websites are implemented throughout the buildings;
 - Alphamation Plus- interactive handwriting tool
 - Vocabulary/Spelling City- www.spellingcity.com
 - IXL math- www.ixl.com
 - Sadlier Connect- online assessment program for *Vocabulary Workshop*
 - Maps101- interactive social studies resource
- Always looking for new and various resources and websites to implement into the curriculum within the classroom and at home.