Fifth Grade Highlights

INTRODUCTION

Fifth grade emphasizes advanced learning activities that make for a smooth transition into middle school. Students extensively use a planner to chart their own homework and projects. All students learn to construct study guides for tests and quizzes; and learn note taking strategies in all subject areas. Students learn to use their time wisely and learn organizational skills which prepare them for their next step into middle school.

Religion

Voyages is a Christ-centered curriculum, which emphasizes living the faith in everyday life. It is our hope that the students will grow in their desire to know God and live His way. Lessons follow a chronological survey of the Bible where students are able to comprehend the big picture of God's plan of salvation. Bible verses, songs, prayer and memory work are integral parts of their study. The curriculum begins with a series of lessons on the Word of God. The balance of the lessons is based on selected, sequential Bible stories.

Reading / Literacy

Students are exposed to a variety of genre's and levels to increase their comprehension and retention of their reading. Students are instructed in reading strategies such as scanning, predicting, using background knowledge, summarizing, spelling, and asking questions. Reading instruction follows the Houghton/Mifflin reading curriculum.

Science

McGraw/Hill is a general science book with units that cover earth, life and physical science. We cover four main units: environmental science, earth science, chemistry and, in physics, Newton's Law, light, sound and energy.

Math

McGraw/Hill mathematics helps students develop proficiency in conceptual understanding, computational and procedural skills, and problem-solving ability.

Social Studies

Scott/Foresman - The United States textbook is used. The history of the United States is covered from early people through about the Civil War. Special projects and assignments include current events and presentation skills. One highlight is the state report.

Experiences Include:

- Art Literacy
- Band Instruction as extra curricular activity
- Battle of the Books
- Bi-annual Musicals
- Choir/Music/Handbells (Winter & Spring program)
- Community Service
- Dance Drill
- Field Day
- Field Trips to compliment units of study
- Library/Computer Instruction
- L.E.S.T. (Lutheran Elementary Schools' Tournament
- Monthly Public Library Trips
- National Geography Bee
- National Lutheran School's Week
- Overnight Field Trip to OMSI
- P.E. Instruction
- School Wide Assemblies
- Science/Art/Social Studies/Literature/Math Fair (Rotation)
- Sports (Volleyball and Basketball)
- Weekly Chapel