



# Memorial Christian Academy

Educating Minds, Experiencing God, Expecting Excellence

## *FIFTH GRADE*

### **Bible**

In fifth grade, the focus of the study is about biblical rules through a chronological and thematic study of the Old and New Testaments. Bible characters include Levites, Samson, Deborah, Jonah, Rehoboam, King Asa, and Philip and the Ethiopian. Themes include sin and grace, obedience, holiness, my body as God's temple, evangelism and missions, and false teachers. There are special lessons for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Textbook: BJU Bible Truths 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

### **English Language Arts Reading**

#### **Reading**

The focus of reading in fifth grade includes vocabulary knowledge (analogies, idioms, multi-meaning words, connotation/denotation); vocabulary strategies (context clues); comprehension strategies (text features, predictions, repair strategies, summary author's purpose); constructing meaning (generalizations, details, main idea, fact/opinion, draw conclusions); organizational structure (compare/contrast, sequencing, cause/effect); literary elements (plot, theme, characterization, setting, narrator, point of view); genre characteristics (fiction/non-fiction, reality/fantasy); author's craft (figurative language, sensory details, literary devices); and analyzing argument (reasoning and support, credibility, persuasion, bias/logical fallacies).

Textbook: Teacher developed units; novel sets

#### **Language**

Punctuation, capitalization, and quotation facts; recognizing eight parts of speech; word usage; sentences and sentence parts, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms; dictionary and thesaurus skills; letters – friendly, post cards, thank you notes; making an outline; writing a library research paper; creative writing

Textbook: ABEKA

**Spelling** - Textbook: ABEKA

### **Math**

The focus of mathematics in fifth grade is to challenge students to apply their knowledge of operations of whole numbers to decimals and fractions. Students will also continue to develop their pre-algebra skills and deepen students' understanding of geometry, measurement, and data. Students are expected to have automaticity of multiplication and division facts (0-12) and be able to fluently solve 2-step word with an introduction to 3-step word problems.

Textbook: BJU Math 5 (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)

### **Science**

Topics to be introduced in fifth grade science include general science (process skills, scientific tools, scientific method), earth science (layers of the earth, soil, mineral, rocks, fossils, layers of the atmosphere, weather and space); life science (dinosaurs, biomes, ecosystems); human body (respiratory system, circulatory system); and physical science (heat, sound, light, measuring matter, states of matter, physical changes, mixtures, atoms and molecules).

Textbook: BJU Science 5

### **Social Studies/History**

In Grade 5, a survey of the history of the United States from 1565 to the present is the focus to include the colonial period, the American Revolution, the establishment of the U.S. Constitution and American identity, westward expansion, the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration and industrialization, and the 20th and 21st centuries. Students study regions in the United States including the physical features and human activity and how people adapt to and modify the environment. Students explain the characteristics of the free enterprise system and describe economic activities in the United States. Students learn about the roots of representative government and important ideas in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

Textbooks: Pearson My World 2013 ed.