



# Grace Academy

## Fifth Grade Curriculum Guide

### *BIBLE*

- A. Curriculum
  - Association of Christian Schools International
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
  - 1. Overview of the Old Testament
  - 2. In-depth study of the lives of various Bible characters
  - 3. Making choices (whether good or bad)
  - 4. Hymn studies
  - 5. Missionary stories and exciting adventure stories

### *ENGLISH*

- A. Curriculum
  - Rod & Staff
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
  - 1. Learn the eight parts of speech; nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, pronouns, interjections, prepositions, and conjunctions
  - 2. Use punctuation marks such as; commas, apostrophes, and colons
  - 3. Build sentences from patterns; combine, expand, and use sentence variety
  - 4. Write paragraphs with topics and concluding sentences
  - 5. Write book reviews
  - 6. Use the writing process: Prewriting, drafting, revising, proofreading, and publishing for writing a variety of paragraphs, essays, and research papers
  - 7. Use six-trait writing with the writing process
  - 8. Use diagramming sentences for sentence structure development

### *HANDWRITING*

- A. Curriculum
  - A Reason for Handwriting
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
  - 1. Maintain cursive alphabet in both upper and lower case
  - 2. Learn alternative styles of capital letters
  - 3. Apply handwriting in all subject content areas
  - 4. Copy good cursive models that include Scripture, hymns, newspaper articles, information forms, haiku, fables, and titles

## ***HISTORY***

- A. Curriculum  
Bob Jones University Press
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
  1. Developing a knowledge of God through Creation
  2. Encouraging Christian growth
  3. Promoting historic and geographic literacy

## ***SPELLING***

- A. Curriculum  
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- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
  1. Learning to spell for academic excellence
  2. Increasing vocabulary
  3. Writing original and dictated sentences
  4. Learning exact meanings of words
  5. Learning exact pronunciations of words
  6. Using a dictionary confidently
  7. Understanding dictionary markings for pronunciation
  8. Identifying misspelled words
  9. Improving proofreading skills
  10. Dividing words into syllables
  11. Identifying the different usage of some troublesome pairs of words
  12. Distinguishing differences between common synonyms
  13. Using antonyms and homonyms accurately
  14. Enjoying and appreciating good poetry
  15. Reading poetry with meaningful expression

## ***MATH***

- A. Curriculum  
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- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
  1. Place-value concepts and skills such as reading, writing, comparing, and ordering numbers
  2. Extends the student's ability to add and subtract whole numbers
  3. Measurements, both with customary and metric units, as a means of comparing
  4. Multiplication is introduced through the use of array patterns and is gradually developed through multiplying by a 2-digit number

5. Introduction of division by a 1-digit divisor as a sharing activity
6. Develop division by a 2-digit divisor
7. Develop the concept of fraction, distinguishing between part-of-a-region and part-of-a-set interpretations
8. Fractions and mixed numbers are added, subtracted, and multiplied
9. Basic concepts of geometry and measurement of plane figures. It includes types of polygons and their characteristics, slides, flips, turns, symmetry, congruence, circumference, and area
10. Decimals through thousandths as a natural extension of our numeration system
11. Multiplication and division of decimals with emphasis on estimation and mental math skills
12. Develop the concept of ratio, proportion, and percents
13. Introduction of statistical concepts of range, mean, median, and mode
14. Visualizing and analyzing characteristics of space figures, as well as on understanding the meaning of formulas and using them to find volume
15. Introduction of Pre-Algebra. Addition and subtraction of positive and negative numbers

## ***READING***

- A. Curriculum  
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- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
  1. Phonetic skills of previous years are reviewed for those students who need this reinforcement
  2. Focus on critical and appreciative levels of comprehension skills
  3. Application of literary skills with study skills, skimming and scanning of encyclopedia and concordances

## ***SCIENCE***

- A. Curriculum  
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- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
  1. The student will be encouraged in his/her Christian growth through the process of promoting scientific literacy and scientific experiences
  2. Earth Sciences
    - a. Rocks and Minerals
    - b. Fossils
  3. Life Science
    - a. Biomes

- b. Interactions in an Ecosystem
  - c. Changes in an Ecosystem
  - d. Respiratory System
  - e. Circulatory System
4. Physical Sciences
- a. Matter
  - b. Energy and Heat
  - c. Sound
  - d. Light

### ***ENRICHMENT CLASSES***

A. Music Appreciation

Music instruction is an important part of our program. The love for singing and the appreciation of music is emphasized in music class. They perform concerts each year where they learn to share the "song in their hearts". A basic foundation of music and love for music is emphasized.

B. Computers

Computers are a part of our school program, using tools such as educational software to develop familiarity with the computer and keyboarding skills. Progression of these skills is emphasized in each grade level.

C. Physical Education

In providing a well-rounded program, P.E. is offered one day each week, teaching the students activities that encourage coordination, cooperation and problem-solving as well as plenty of exercise.

D. Spanish

Students are introduced to the Spanish language as they begin learning common words and phrases. Lessons emphasize development of vocabulary, listening comprehension and verbal communication skills.

E. Art

Students are introduced to the world of art as they beginning drawing using basic shapes (circle, straight line, rectangle, etc.). They also learn about pattern, texture, and color using a variety of mediums. These skills are developed throughout the years as they create various art projects. Students enjoy their time in this enrichment class.

F. Library

Students are introduced to elements of the library system, with increasing research skill progression in subsequent grade levels. Students are able to check out books each week. Family members are all welcome to use the library!