

## Each Day

Fifth grade students have both classroom time and enrichment class time each day. Bible lessons are taught daily and normally start each student's day. Recess and lunch are typically in the middle of the day to provide a "brain break" for students. Students rotate to another teacher one time each day. Parents need to check Parents Web for the class newsletter, spelling words, Bible verses, special assignments and classroom information. Fifth grade students use a daily planner which gives information about assignments and special projects. Parent signs the homework planner each night.

## Classroom Parties

At TCA, we celebrate Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and an End of the Year party each year. Our parties are coordinated by the class "room mom" and planned by parent volunteers.

For birthday celebrations, students may bring a snack to share. The time and day must be pre-arranged with the teacher.

TCA policy does not allow siblings to attend class parties.

## Field Trips

In fifth grade, students may take field trips to places such as Dinosaur Valley, they participate in Packs of Love, and Bureau of Engraving. Approved drivers take students to the events. Permission slips will be sent home with all information concerning field trips.

TCA policy does not allow siblings to participate in class field trips.

## Homework

As a parent it is critical at this stage in your child's development to be actively involved in student's homework. This includes helping the child by providing time, supplies and an area that is free from distractions where children can build good study habits, organizational skills and responsibility. Homework will be assigned to reinforce concepts and skills taught in the classroom. Additionally, work not completed in class may be sent as homework as well as special class projects. It is the student's responsibility to turn in his/her homework the following day. Work turned in late will receive a 15 point deduction on the first day the work is late. After one day, work is given a zero. Per TCA policy, a student has one day for every day absent to return completed make-up assignments.

In fifth grade, homework is normally given on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Nightly homework requires approximately 30-45 minutes of work at home.

## Fifth Grade Hours

8:20-3:15

Early Bird Before School Care– 7:30-8:10

Eagle's Nest After School Care– 3:35-6:00

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# Welcome to



# Fifth Grade

Trinity Christian Academy is dedicated to developing excellence in education, character, and servant leadership through a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

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Fifth grade at Trinity Christian Academy is a transition year from elementary to secondary school. Students apply their knowledge in various subjects and gain independence in learning. They become more responsible for their learning. Both traditional and hands-on learning allows fifth graders to explore all subjects through a Christian worldview using Bible-based curriculum. Below are some distinctives of fifth grade at TCA:

- Small class size (1 teacher per 20 students)
- Bible-based curriculum
- Strong, balanced reading and language arts program
- Traditional classrooms which allow for whole group instruction, peer learning and independent learning
- Weekly chapel
- Field trips
- Bible buddies
- Enrichment classes

## Enrichment Classes

Students attend Spanish, computer, library, music and PE twice a week. Students attend art class once a week.

## Mission Projects

In order to teach Christian service, each teacher will select a classroom mission project for the year. Teachers explain the project to students and make arrangements for class participation. Fifth grade classes most often gather items needed by missionaries, and help at local charities.

## Bible

Fifth grade Bible class is a “survey” class of the Old Testament. Beginning in Genesis, students gain a much clearer perspective of how the events of the Old Testament prepare the way for Jesus. Much attention is given to students finding answers in the Word of God for themselves.

The Bible textbook for fifth grade is Possessing the Land by Positive Action Publishers.

## Handwriting

Fifth graders spend time each day refining cursive writing. Students use upper and lower case letters. They work on alignment, slant, size, shape and spacing. Cursive is used in words, sentences, Bible verses and paragraphs during handwriting practice. Students are required to use “cursive only” in fifth grade.

## Spelling

Students will be given a list of spelling words on Thursday and receive a final test on Wednesday. Each week students review long and short vowels, VCCV and VCCCV spelling patterns, diphthongs, schwa patterns, homophones, homographs, prefixes, suffixes, and Greek and Latin root words. Spelling lessons also incorporate dictation, use of words in context, and dictionary skills.

The spelling book for fifth grade is Spelling Grade 5 by Purposeful Design Publishers.

## Reading

The primary goal of fifth grade reading is to encourage student comprehension. In order to accomplish this task, students will build an understanding of:

- Phonics: syllables and word patterns
- Vocabulary development-morpheme analysis, dictionary and glossary use, classification mapping and analogies
- 3 Novel Studies
- Comprehension: silent reading and guided discussion

Classes focus on the development of literal, interpretive, critical and appreciative skills needed for comprehension.

The reading textbook for fifth grade is Reading 5 by BJU Press.

## Language Arts

Fifth graders are given many opportunities to experiment with writing by creating personal narratives, letters, compare and contrast essays, book reviews, research papers, fictional stories and poetry. Language arts also focuses on diagramming parts of speech, identifying types of sentences, and building research skills. Students are taught through drills, games, and worksheets which correlate with topics covered during reading.

The language arts textbook for fifth grade is Phonics and English 5 by BJU Press.

## Math

Fifth grade students will increase their math reasoning skills by using:

- Number sense: millions, billions, decimals, positive and negative numbers, Roman numeral and place value
- Addition and subtraction: of decimals, six digit numbers, and integers
- Multiplication: prime and composite numbers, distributive property, 3-digit multipliers and factor trees
- Geometry: lines and angles, planes, rays, quadrilaterals, polygons, perimeter, triangles, area, square roots
- Division: 2 and 3 digit quotients, 4-digit dividends, estimation, and decimals
- Fractions: improper, mixed, common, lowest terms, addition and subtraction of like and unlike fractions and multiplication and division

Students will gain a better understanding of math terminology, estimation, measurement, time, graphing, and statistics in order to solve various types of word problems. Students participate daily in lessons reinforced with a variety of manipulatives and games. Practice at home is often needed to help master math facts.

The math textbook for fifth grade is Math 5 by A Beka Traditional Arithmetic.

## Fair Requirements

Fifth grade students will be required to participate in the following TCA/ACSI fairs: Speech Meet, and History fair. Students may choose to participate in Art Fair and Young Author’s Fair.

## History/Geography

Fifth grade history and geography is a study of Ancient World History. Students study the history of Asia, Middle East, Central and Southern Asia, Africa, Ancient Greece/Rome, England and the British Isles, Western Europe, Australia, Oceania and Antarctic. Not only do they learn the facts of the past, they relate them to the present. Overall, they see God’s hand throughout history.

The history textbook for fifth grade history/geography is Old World History and Geography by A Beka Publishing.



## Science

In fifth grade, students learn about God’s creation by studying the earth (minerals, rocks, fossils, dinosaurs), matter, energy and heat, climate, weather, biomes and ecosystems. Students also study sound and light waves. Respiratory and circulatory systems are discussed as part of a biology study. All of science is taught with the understanding that God is the creator.

The science textbook for fifth grade is Science 5 by BJU Press.