



## FIFTH GRADE

### **Religion**

[Spirit of Truth by Sophia Institute for Teachers](#) is a beautiful series that introduces the Catholic faith to each grade in a way that helps students both understand and internalize our Catholic faith so they can apply it to their lives. Catechesis, scripture study, sacred art reflections, and lectio divina guide class lessons and activities. Fifth Graders also study virtues through the [Virtues in Practice](#) curriculum and develop a foundational understanding of our identities as sons and daughters of God through the [REVEALED Theology of the Body curriculum](#).

### **English Language Arts**

- **Spelling:** Although we expect our Fifth Graders to be reading fluently, they are not finished learning phonics! Students work on mastering the skill of encoding words through spelling in [Memoria Press's Traditional Spelling](#) series which goes much deeper than rote memorization of spelling words and builds a true foundation of phonetic mastery.
- **Grammar & Latin:** Studying English grammar is important to English speakers for obvious reasons, but studying Latin grammar is also incredibly foundational for developing a deep understanding of the English language which is so heavily influenced by Latin. Memoria Press publishes outstanding curricula which are designed to teach English grammar and Latin grammar side-by-side. Fifth Graders study English grammar with [English Grammar Recitation I](#) and corresponding Latin concepts with [Latina Christiana](#).
- **Literature:** Our Connecting with History curriculum provides literature guides and activities for fiction and non-fiction novels related to the time period being studied. We may also incorporate non-historical literature, but that is yet to be determined.
- **Poetry:** The study and memorization of poetry and Bible verses expands students' language skills and gives them a treasure trove of rich verses to call upon throughout their lifetime.
- **Writing:** In this age of artificial intelligence, it is more important than ever for children to learn how to formulate and present independent thoughts, ideas, and opinions in an effective manner. Fifth Graders study and implement writing strategies using [Evan-Moor's Daily 6-Trait Writing](#) to learn this valuable skill which preserves human writing proficiency, and these skills are further practiced through writing assignments based on the literature in Connecting with History.

### **Mathematics**

[Math Mammoth's Light Blue Series](#) focuses on teaching a conceptual understanding of math through mastery-based lessons which ensure students receive a thorough understanding of each concept before progressing. Daily student work covers mastery-reinforcing problems while each chapter contains spiral review to help students retain previous concepts. Free video lessons and online math games accompany this curriculum to offer families extra support. Beginning in Fifth Grade, students will take a placement test to determine their math level and will be placed in classes according to their level.



## **History**

[Connecting with History by RC \(Roman Catholic\) History](#) is a cyclical, family-based approach to studying history through a Catholic lens. We are using the co-op version of Connecting with History which includes historical literature (fiction and nonfiction), projects, class discussion and presentation, and various styles of writing prompts to bring history to life for Fifth and Sixth Graders in a fun and age appropriate manner on school days. Home days are assigned to be as family-centered as possible with family read-alouds and family activities. The 2025-2026 school year will study the first cycle which covers the Old Testament and Ancient Cultures Before Christ time period. We will also take a break from Connecting with History in the spring for the entire school to spend a unit studying Tennessee state and U.S. History using [TN History for Kids](#) and a local field trip.

## **Geography**

An overview of maps and hands-on map crafts and worksheets in [Evan-Moor's Skill Sharpeners series](#) introduces students to a new level of understanding the world around them.

## **Science**

Scientific Connections Through Inquiry is an interdisciplinary science curriculum which seeks to build a true foundation of scientific thinking through hands-on activities, data journaling and recording, and thought-provoking discussions. This curriculum cultivates wonder in students by its inquiry model which sparks curiosity and the desire to learn. Fifth Graders use [SCI's Level 5](#) to learn about biology, chemistry, physics, and earth and space science.

## **Specials**

All students in First through Eighth Grades will attend one special per school day. These classes have not yet been determined for the 2025-2026 school year.

