



## Academic Overview – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Bible:** Students have learned many of the Bible stories in the Old and New Testaments. They have heard the Gospel and about Jesus’s love for them. Now, what do they do with that? Fifth graders are introduced to biblical worldview thinking with a focus on apologetics; they work to answer questions such as “What is truth? Does having absolute truth matter? Since there is truth, how does it affect my life? Why do I believe what I believe? Where does the Bible come from and can it be trusted? (the answer is yes!)” They study the events of the Creation, the Fall, and mankind’s Redemption; we build a “house” (an actual plastic model) and see how it is like our worldview.

Textbook: *Building on the Rock*. Summit Ministries

### Language Arts

**Writing:** Students will expand understanding and use of language to communicate God’s gifts and love to us. Unit focuses are part of speech, punctuations, writing process, and research writing.

Textbook: *Language 5*. Abeka

**Reading:** Reading fosters eager readers, develops word-recognition skills, builds comprehension skills and meets the individual needs of students while encouraging a love for literature. Unit focuses include: Introduction to Genres, Fiction vs. Nonfiction, Novels, and Poetry.

Novels: Stevenson, Robert L. *Treasure Island*

Benge, Janet and Geoff. *Jim Elliot: One Great Purpose*

Lewis, C.S. *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

de Angeli, Marguerite. *The Door in the Wall*

**Spelling:** Spelling is taught using a word study approach. Students are assessed at the beginning of the year and then again mid-year to determine their developmental level in spelling. They work in small groups as they identify and master phonetically-based patterns in words as well as high-frequency words. Weekly tests are administered, and there are two spelling bee opportunities including both Scripps and the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee.

Textbook: *Spelling 5*. Purposeful Design

**Math:** Students will build on sequential math skills. Unit focuses include, Place Value of Whole Numbers and Decimals, Addition and Subtraction of Fractions, Addition and Subtraction of Whole Numbers and Decimals, Multiplication & Division of Fractions, Multiplication of Whole Numbers, Ratios, Proportion, and Percent, Division of Whole Numbers, Area, Perimeter, and Volume, Multiplication and Division of Decimals, Geometric Properties, and Number Theory and Fractions.

Textbook: Under review

**Science:** Students will understand God's hand in science, develop scientific literacy and process skills through the study of fossils, weather, wind and heat patterns, flight, molecules, atoms, and the respiratory system. Units include: Minerals & Rocks, Fossils & Dinosaurs, Matter, Heat & Energy, Biomes, Molecules & Atoms, Interactions in Ecosystem, Changes in an Ecosystem, Sound, Light, Respiratory System, and Circulatory System.

Textbook: *Science 5*. BJU

**Social Studies:** Students will develop awareness of ancient history, geography, economics, culture and government. Units include: Ancient Worlds, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Israel, India, China, Greece, Rome, Ancient Mayans, Byzantine Empire, and Middle Ages. In February fifth grade students set up a huge History Fair and represent one for the above mentioned ancient civilizations.

Textbook: *Heritage Studies 6*. BJU

**Enrichment Classes:** Music (Choir, chimes, and handbells), Spanish, Computer, Art, P.E., Library

**Special Activities and Field Trips:**

- History Fair Projects related to world cultures
- Brethren Woods science trip
- Skyline Drive science trip
- Community trips such as the Bridgewater Ice Skating rink, Oakdale Park, and Pump It Up with 2nd grade Reading Buddies
- Regional Opportunities: ACSI Music Festival, Math Olympics, Spelling Bee, Kings Dominion Music Festival