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Middle School Program Fifth Grade Curriculum Guide

Bible - Purposeful Design

The Purposeful Design Bible series focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.

Our fifth graders focus on an Old Testament survey, presenting major Bible concepts from the Old Testament.

Math – Bob Jones

Math 5 builds confidence in working with fractions and increases students' understanding of math concepts by using manipulatives, which help students visualize the ideas discussed. Students will build upon previous math knowledge and be challenged by a pre-algebra chapter.

Writing - Lucy Calkins

The Lucy Calkins fifth grade writing series consists of four units.

- Unit 1: Narrative Craft - helps students deliberately use their knowledge of narrative craft to make their stories more thematic
- Unit 2: The Lens of History: Research Reports - students draw inspiration and understanding from mentor texts, historical accounts, primary source documents, maps, and timelines to write focused research reports that engage and teach readers
- Unit 3: Shaping Texts: From Essay and Narrative to Memoir - helps students grasp that form follows content, learning to take insights about their lives and decide whether these are best expressed in narratives, in essays, or in a hybrid genre created especially to convey the writer's content
- Unit 4: The Research-Based Argument Essay - students learn to build powerful arguments that convincingly balance evidence and analysis to persuade readers to action

Grammar - Multisensory Grammar/Write Source Skills Book

Multisensory Grammar provides a concrete, colorful method for teaching the functions of parts of speech and sentence structure. Routines are put into place for introducing and reinforcing the parts of speech, and strategies that promote students' use of fundamental grammar in oral and written expression.

The *Write Source Skillsbook* provides daily practice for grammar, usage and mechanics.

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Spelling – Bob Jones

Spelling 5 introduces new spelling words organized by phonetic sound for the 5th grade spelling level. Word histories and the way words have changed are presented to build understanding and interest in the English language.

Reading – Bob Jones

Reading 5 provides literature selections that help students build reading comprehension, exercise critical thinking skills, and cultivate an appreciation of literature.

Novels are also incorporated into the fifth grade curriculum each nine weeks:

Knee-Knock Rise, Natalie Babbitt

My Life in Dog Years, Gary Paulsen

Little House in the Big Woods, Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett

Social Studies - Pearson My World

With an integrated and interactive curriculum, stories from our world engage students and help develop thoughtful, literate citizens. Lessons apply inquiry processes, practice reading and writing, and involve collaboration and communication skills. The fifth grade Social Studies theme is called Building Our Country and focuses on the following contents:

- The First Americans, Exploration and Settlement
- The American Revolution and Growth
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- Expanding West and Overseas
- Industry and Immigration
- World War II
- The Cold War
- America Change and Americans Today

Science - Bob Jones

Science 5 explores God's creation in a study of minerals and rocks, fossils, matter and heat, sound and light, weather, ecosystems, and the respiratory and circulatory systems. Students develop science process skills by participating in hands-on activities and projects.

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