



Fifth Grade Curriculum

MCS Fifth Grade is aligned with the California State standards.

BIBLE (*ACSI - Purposeful Design*) Fifth graders do an in-depth study of major Old Testament figures from Genesis through the major prophets, examining their choices and applying what we learn to our own relationship with Christ. We also learn the books of the Bible and key words to remember the contents of each. Prayer and personal Bible study are emphasized. We participate in service projects to share God's love with our community, country, and children around the world.

MATHEMATICS (*Scott Foresman - 2008 Diamond Edition*) Students learn and practice skills in the following areas: place value through billions, decimals through thousandths, money, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, fractions, and decimals, units of time, graphing, geometry and measurement, and algebraic concepts. We emphasize solving problems using a variety of methods, estimating, evaluating, and justifying answers in writing.

READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS (*Houghton Mifflin*) Fifth graders are learning to be effective communicators while going above and beyond the California State Standards. The program focuses on listening skills, speaking skills, reading skills, and writing. The students study thematic units as they learn reading and comprehension strategies, decoding and phonics, high frequency words, reading fluency, monitoring and questioning, drawing conclusions, critical thinking and making inferences. Students are encouraged to sample a variety of literature genres through monthly book report projects. In language arts, students learn standard-based skills in grammar, spelling, and vocabulary. Our students do very well participating in ACSI Speech competitions as well as the ACSI Spelling Bee Competitions. Fifth graders do many types of writing, including report writing, journal writing, persuasive writing, problem-solution writing, invitations, poems, news articles, informative writing, opinion, and compare-contrast writing. We use ACSI spelling practice books which contain lists organized by phonetic concepts, word families, and a few by topics (such as math terms).

SCIENCE (*Scott Foresman*) Fifth graders explore units on health and nutrition, botany, ecology, geology, insects, structures, light, and chemistry. Each unit includes hands-on activities—

investigations, model-building, and experiments.

SOCIAL STUDIES (*MacMillan/McGraw-Hill*) Our students learn about United States geography and history, from Native American days, exploration, settlement, industrialization, the Revolutionary War, Westward Expansion, the Civil War and Reconstruction, both World Wars, the Civil Rights Movement, up to the present. The state report is a major research and writing project we undertake during the third quarter of the school year.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS: Students attend classes throughout the week in physical education, vocal music, and library science. Music and drama performance opportunities include the Christmas program, chapels, and a spring musical. Art is taught informally as part of the self-contained class program.

FIELD TRIPS:

Calaveras Big Trees State Park and Mercer Caverns

Christmas caroling at the hospital or a retirement home

Valentine's Day trip to Winco, the Gospel Mission, and the animal shelter

Gallo Center for the Arts

Old Sacramento (*Old Eagle Theater, Interpretive Handcar Program, State Railroad Museum*)

Sacramento - Capitol Tour

EXTENDED DAY CARE: Before and after school care is available.