

A Day in the Life of a 5th Grader



Sample Monday and Tuesday schedules

In fifth grade our specials include Library time, computer lab instruction, art, music, Spanish, and P.E. twice a week.

Monday Schedule	
8:00 - 8:10	Morning Prayer and Flag Salute - School Wide Morning Routine
8:10 - 8:40	Religion
8:40 - 10:30	Blended Learning Rotations
10:30 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:35	Language Arts
11:35 - 12:25	Math
12:25 - 1:05	Lunch
1:05 - 1:35	<i>Spanish</i>
1:40 - 3:00	Independent Work Project Based Learning
3:00	Prayer and Dismissal

Tuesday Schedule	
8:00 - 8:10	Morning Prayer and Flag Salute - School Wide Morning Routine
8:10 - 8:40	<i>Physical Education</i>
8:40 - 9:30	Math
9:30 - 10:30	English Language Arts, Literature Circles
10:30 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:45	Science Lab
11:45 - 12:20	Math
12:25 - 1:05	Lunch
1:05 - 2:20	Independent Work Project Based Learning
2:20 - 3:00	Music
3:00	Prayer and Dismissal



Language Arts

1) Reading and Responding: Authentic Literature, Comprehension, Inquiry and Investigation, Practical Reading Applications, Word Knowledge

2) Language Arts and Writing: Spelling, Vocabulary, Writing Process Strategies, Writer's Craft, Grammar, Usage & Mechanics, Listening, Speaking and Viewing

Long and short term writing projects and assignments introduce students to the language of writing. Students practice how to get actively involved with reading, using Newsela and Reading Plus and how to write organized paragraphs, stories, reports and essays. In addition, fifth graders develop vocabulary, word agreement and grammar skills through an introduction to classical Latin terms.

Math

Students explore the meaning of the nature of numbers (factors, divisibility, order of operations); master meaning and operations on decimal numbers, fractions, and integers; explore ratios, rates and percentages, and delve into geometric concepts of angles and polygons. Applications and extensions to these concepts are also explored, including basic equations, area of polygons, and surface area and volume of rectangular prisms. Students are introduced to the 6th grade curriculum including types of graphs and statistics, probability, and customary/metric units of length, capacity and mass. Regular practice using ALEKs math, the web-based adaptive math program, guides students along individual learning paths allowing them to manage their own "time, space, path and pace" of math development. In addition, students develop essential life skills including note-taking, showing complete, organized work. *Textbook: Go Math!*

Religion

Blest Are We was written to help young people understand more about the sacraments. Students are encouraged to:

- celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist weekly and reconciliation regularly
- discover ways to be signs of God's love for family, friends, and neighbors
- learn to be like Jesus in his healing, forgiving service to everyone and be a person of justice and peace

Textbook: Silver Burdett - Blest Are We Benziger Family Life Series

Social Studies

The Reflections - The United States - Making a New Nation text offers knowledge and understanding of history, geography, economics, culture, ethics and belief systems, as well as social systems. National identity, constitutional heritage and citizenship are also covered. In fifth grade, the emphasis of study is on exploration and settling of America, life in colonial times, the American Revolution, immigration and moving West. The student textbook is enriched with additional map work, field trips, videos, Newsela, a long term research report on one of the fifty states and a two-day experiential Colonial Days experience.

Textbook: Harcourt Brace

Science

The fifth grade curriculum aligns to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), a nationwide effort to help better prepare students to become scientists and engineers. NGSS focuses on eight key activities that describe behaviors scientists engage in as they explore the natural world: • Questions/Defining Problems • Using Models • Carrying Out Investigations • Interpreting Data • Computational Thinking • Designing Solutions • Engaging in Argument from Evidence • Communicating Information. NGSS will clarify for students the relevance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to everyday life.

Technology Education/Integration

In an effort to continue to promote a love of learning to all the students while recognizing that students learn in different modalities, and as one of the schools of the Drexel School Initiative of the Diocese of San Jose, there is 1 iPad for every student in 5th Grade. The use of technology supports the entire curriculum, and adaptive software programs are used to supplement content learning in Math and ELA; specifically ALEKs Math, Lexia and Reading Plus. The frequent use of various iPad applications such as Nearpod, iMovie, Newsela, and Kahoot!, keeps students engaged in their learning and helps enhance mastery of content skills. Google Classroom is also utilized as a tool for the administration, documentation, tracking, reporting and delivery of e-learning contents and programs in the classroom.

Plus Music, Spanish (2X per week), Art, P.E. (2X per week) and Library