

A Day in the Life of a 5th Grader



Resurrection School, Sunnyvale, CA

Sample Monday and Tuesday schedules

While classes have defined periods each day, subjects are blended when possible to enhance student learning. Classes include traditional lecture, partner collaborations, independent learning, and group projects. In addition to classical subjects, special studies include Art, Library, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, offered one-to-two times per week. Technology is integrated into every element of learning, with students using an individual iPad in the classroom.

Monday Schedule

8:00 - 8:10	Morning Prayer and Flag Salute - Schoolwide Morning Routine
8:10 - 9:30	English Language Arts, Grammar and Vocabulary
9:35-10:25	Math
10:25 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:35	Religion
11:35 - 12:25	Social Studies
12:25 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:30	Independent Work Project Based Learning
1:30 - 2:30	Spanish
2:30 - 2:50	English Language Arts, Reading Comprehension
3:00	Prayer and Dismissal

Tuesday Schedule

8:00 - 8:10	Morning Prayer and Flag Salute - Schoolwide Morning Routine
8:10 - 8:40	Physical Education
8:40 - 9:30	English Language Arts, Writers' Workshop
9:30 - 10:25	Math
10:25 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:45	Science with Lab
11:45 - 12:25	Social Studies
12:25 - 1:05	Lunch
1:05 - 2:20	Religion
2:20 - 3:00	English Language Arts, Literature
3:00	Prayer and Dismissal



Resurrection Catholic School - 5th Grade Curriculum 2022-23

Language Arts

In the fifth grade, students build upon their learning in Language Arts through the main areas of reading, writing, and language knowledge. Reading and Responding includes focus on Authentic Literature, Comprehension, Inquiry and Investigation, Practical Reading Applications, and Work Knowledge. Writing and Language Knowledge include focus on Greek and Latin Root Word Studies, Vocabulary, Spelling, Grammar Usage and Mechanics, along with Expressive Writing, Writing Process Strategies - including Editing, and Writers' Workshops. In this grade, students learn more expressive writing through the study and use of traditional and contemporary poetry. Students apply their learning through short-term assignments and longer-term projects.

Language Arts integrates technology into the class through the weekly use of Spelling City, Membean, Lexia, Reading Plus and other applications.

Textbook: Wonders

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. In addition, students develop essential life skills including note-taking, showing complete, organized work.

Math integrates technology into the class through weekly use of a web-based adaptive math program that guides students along individual learning paths allowing them to manage their own "time, space, path and pace" of math development.

Textbook: Eureka Math

Religion

Students advance their understanding of the Catholic religion and a life built on a foundation of faith by learning about the Sacraments, the Beatitudes, and the life of Jesus Christ. The curriculum helps students understand the why, what, and how of the faith, how they can be like Jesus and be a person of justice and peace, as well as discover and define how they can be signs of God's love for family, friends, and their communities.

Students celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist each week at Friday Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation whenever available. Students regularly attend Adoration to deepen their faith and learn to listen in the silence. An annual field trip allow students to see God's beauty through the Catholic Church. Religion integrates technology through the use of research and news sites to inform and assist with both short- and long-term assignments.

Textbook: Blest Are We and Benziger's Family Life Series

Social Studies

Students delve deeply into the history of the North American continent, European exploration and settlement, and the development and growth of a new nation, the United States. Integrating history with geography, cartography, economics, ethics and beliefs systems as well as social systems, students learn just how the new nation came to be and how the pattern of human behavior repeats throughout history and is still repeating today. National identity, constitutional heritage, and citizenship are taught to add students' understanding of the country.

Social Studies includes learning the fifty states and their capitals. Long-term projects include a research report on one of the fifty states, and an annual experiential Colonial Day hosted by the students. Social Studies integrates technology through the use of Social Studies Weekly online, Newsela, GeoInt, National Geographic, Smithsonian, and other online resources.

Textbook: Reflections - The United States, Making a New Nation

Science

Students curriculum in the fifth grade aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), a nationwide effort to help better prepare students to develop the mindset of scientists and engineers. Through the year, students learn the fundamentals in Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Earth Sciences. Through learning and application of the Scientific Process, students learn and then test their understanding of Matter, Changes in Matter, Basic Structures of Organisms, Human Body Systems, Water on Earth, Weather, and the Solar System. In each area, 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, and Communicating Information. Through innovative labs and projects, students are able to apply their learning to the world around them.

Science integrates technology through the use of Science Weekly online, Google classroom, and other applications.

Textbook: California Science

Plus: Art, Library, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish