

Welcome to WCCA's Fifth Grade!

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Our Overall Goal -

The average fifth grader is ten years old and on the brink...about to leave elementary school and enter the changing world of junior high. Students will soon begin to experience changes in body, values, and ability.

WCCA feels strongly that at the end of fifth grade, our students need to be firmly grounded for what lies ahead, so there is a strong emphasis on developing a solid command of the "basics." Our goal is to give our fifth graders a well-rounded mixture of skills they will use and need, presented to them in an interesting and "palatable" manner!

Curriculum Basics

The fifth grade **Bible** curriculum, Positive Action for Christ, presents a survey of the Old Testament. Students continue verse memorization and weekly chapels.

Our **Language Arts** curriculum centers on the A Beka texts, the ACSI **Spelling Series**, and the Zaner-Bloser *Strategies for Writing*. Our writing program teaches students the writing process and how to improve their writing through the use of rubrics. Students delve further into mastering the parts of speech, punctuation, capitalization, and use of the dictionary. Reading comprehension skills are also stressed.

A Beka also provides our **Math** curriculum, which emphasizes multiplication tables through twelve, fractions, decimals, averaging, geometry, graphing, rounding and estimating numbers, multi-step story problems, factoring, measurement, and algebra.

ACSI Purposeful Design **Science** curriculum capitalizes on human curiosity about the world and its workings. It engages students in hands-on investigations, observation through the scientific method, and critically thinking about the world around them. Specifically, students study vertebrates, invertebrates, classification of animals, plants, cells, energy, matter, the atmosphere, endocrine system, weather, conservation, and technology in science. Students also learn the importance of healthy bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit.

A Beka is again the **Social Studies** curriculum of choice for teaching our students more about our nation's past. Throughout the year, we explore the periods of exploration and colonization,

how our nation was established, the settling of the West, how the U.S. gained power in the world, the U.S. today - it's challenges and hopes, and map skills. In addition, students study states and their capitals and complete an in-depth state report.

The development of one's whole self must include physical activity, creativity, and musical understanding and expression. Therefore, rounding out our core curriculum, fifth graders receive weekly, age-appropriate instruction in physical education and music. Our music program includes opportunities for students to perform in an annual Christmas concert and spring chapel. Art is sometimes integrated within the framework of the core subjects.

Fifth graders continue mastering their library skills in our library, specifically reviewing the Dewey Decimal System, and becoming more familiar with various research tools. In preparation for higher grades, they also receive more detailed computer instruction in our computer lab in the areas of keyboarding, word processing, spreadsheets, database, and graphics.

Peacemakers is a school-wide program to equip students with the social and Biblical skills to appropriately handle conflict.

And finally, students participate in off-campus field trips throughout the year focusing on Art and Science experiences.

WCCA Sample Fifth Grade Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 to 9:10	Bible	Bible	Chapel	Bible	Bible
9:10 to 9:40	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:40 to 10:00	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
10:00 to 10:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
10:30 to 11:15	English/Reading	English/Reading	English/Reading	English/Reading	English/Reading
11:15 to 12:00	Recess/Lunch	Recess/Lunch	Recess/Lunch	Recess/Lunch	Recess/Lunch
12:00 to 12:30	Spelling	Spelling	Computer	Spelling	Spelling
12:30 to 1:15	Science or History	Science or History	Computer	Science or History	Science or History
1:15 to 2:00	P.E.	P.E.	P.E.	P.E.	P.E.
2:00 to 2:45	Study	Music or Study	Library or Study	Study or Music	Spelling or Library

Quote from Parents...

“Our fifth grader particularly loves to participate in the annual Christmas program. It is a fabulous production that is a joy for the parents to watch and a wonderful way to celebrate our Savior’s birth.”

Marc and Mary Malott

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