

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE CLASS OVERVIEW

We are initially enrolling students in a combination fifth/sixth-grade class until we enroll enough students to split those two grades apart. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions the class size maximum is 14 students. Grammar and Writing, Spelling, and Math will each be taught at the appropriate grade levels, whereas Bible, Literature, Science and Social Studies will be taught to all students in the class at the same grade level, rotating between 5th and 6th grade curriculum every other year. Instruction this upcoming year would be from the sixth-grade curriculum. We have invested in what we consider to be the best, most effective curriculum available that is consistent with our philosophy of education that is also either biblically-based or does not conflict with our biblical values. We continue to utilize curriculum that is multi-sensory and engaging wherever possible.

Bible:

ACSI's (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) theme for fifth grade is an Old Testament survey, presenting major Bible concepts from the Old Testament. Sixth grade is a New Testament survey, presenting major Bible concepts from each New Testament book, the Kingdom as a treasure from Matthew, and submitting in love from Romans. There are cross-curricular connections with other academic subjects and memory verses are integrated into lessons. Students are provided a workbook that includes daily real-life applications and engaging activities.



Literature:

The Modos Press Literature series through ACSI (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) presents world-class literature, both classic and contemporary works, that are broad in their scope, intellectually challenging, and morally focused. The program is rigorous and engaging, and it thoughtfully explores family values and ethics. The fifth-grade book includes over 600 pages of prose, poetry, plays, and non-fiction narratives. Reading skills instruction is essential at the fifth-grade level and each lesson teaches language arts skills appropriate for the prose it precedes. Within this literature book are 26 short stories, 39 poetry sections, 9 nonfiction essays, 2 drama selections, a complete novel, index of authors and titles, a vocabulary glossary, and brief author biographies. The sixth-grade book demonstrates the beauty of language and the imagery and complexity of fine stories contained in over 700 pages. It presents world-class literature appropriate for a sixth grader that fosters thinking and talking about values, ideals, and behavior in a thoughtful and rigorous curriculum. It contains 36 short stories, 3 drama selections, 15 nonfiction selections, 46 poetry selections, 4 dramatic poems, 2 songs, index of authors and titles, a vocabulary glossary, and brief author biographies. Student materials at each grade level include a hardbound text and consumable student notebook.



Grammar & Writing:

In Bob Jones University Press' English curriculum, students cover one part of speech at a time with systematic review and ample practice, helping them develop writing skills and guiding them through the writing process as they write reports, stories, descriptions, poems, letters, and essays. English 5 studies traditional grammar and guides students through the step-by-step use of the Writing Process for a variety of writing assignments, such as compare-contrast essays, persuasive business letters, research reports, and more. The student worktext provides guided practice, independent practice, chapter reviews, and cumulative reviews. The elementary English educational materials provide a good balance of grammar and writing instruction. English 6 emphasizes traditional grammar as well as practice with essential reference skills. The elementary English educational materials provide a step-by-step introduction to the Writing Process for eight different types of writing assignments, such as personal narratives, newspaper editorials, historical fiction, and limericks.

Parts of a Paragraph



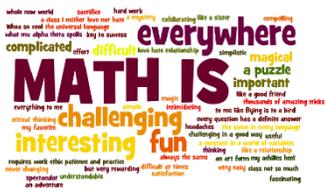
Spelling:

ACSI's (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) Spelling Plus curriculum provides so much more than just spelling. It incorporates grammar, writing, genres of writing and literature, Greek and Latin roots and more. Lessons are developed to meet national language arts standards, current educational philosophy, and best practices. Lessons provide activities for multiple learning styles, make cross-curricular connections, logically organizes words by their spelling sounds, then adds additional spelling possibilities as units unfold. They also naturally integrate a biblical worldview within lessons and word lists that include pattern words, high frequency words, and challenge words.



Math:

ACSI (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) curriculum incorporates rigorous standards and benchmarks for math literacy and learning, including those of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. It uses a variety of manipulatives, investigation, and modeling to produce students who understand the concepts and can think mathematically. There is an emphasis on a STEM interdisciplinary approach, which integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in hands-on and relevant learning opportunities. It also integrates an authentic biblical Christian worldview perspective of mathematics. It continues building and expanding on previous grade level concepts and reviews previous concepts utilizing lessons with engaging activities, conceptual understanding, problem solving, application, modeling, reasoning, and explores algebra and geometry to a greater degree. The focus in fifth-grade is on place value, addition/subtraction of whole numbers, decimals, and fractions, multiplication and division of whole numbers, decimals



and fractions with larger numbers and multiple digits, expands the study of geometry, measurement, ratios, proportions, percent, area, perimeter, statistics, graphing, and probability, and introduces rational numbers and integers. Sixth-grade continues building on the concepts taught in fifth-grade in the addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, decimals and fractions, geometry, measurement, ratios, proportions, percent, area, perimeter, statistics, graphing, and probability, and dives into integers in more depth.

Science:

ACSI's (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) science program reflects the requirements set forth by the National Science Education Standards, as well as portions of the Next Generation Science Standards where they best fit. It allows students to experience science from a biblical worldview through engaging, inquiry-based instruction that develops critical thinking skills. Lessons offer many hands-on activities that allow students to discover, explore, and investigate God's purposefully designed world. Science equipment kits are also purchased along with full-color and exciting student books to provide a well-rounded and rich experience. Student materials also include a consumable science notebook that contains engaging hands-on activities and experiments. Fifth-grade focuses on life science cycles, physical science transformations, earth and space science predictability as well as balance within the human body. Sixth grade's focus is on life science diversity, physical science structure, earth and space science patterns, and the interactions of systems within the human body and body stewardship.



Social Studies:

Bob Jones University Press' Heritage Studies textbooks use a chronological narrative approach to acquaint elementary-level students with historical people, places, and events. Activities, discussion questions, timelines, maps, and online searches are also employed to aid students' comprehension and retention of the materials. Fifth-grade continues the narrative of American history from the development of the automobile in the late 1800s through the inauguration of President Obama in 2009. Topics are presented from a biblical perspective and include the invention and influence of the automobile and airplane, World War I, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, World War II, the Vietnam War, struggles over civil rights, the war on terror, Afghanistan and Iraq wars, and immigration decisions. The sixth-grade curriculum engages students to think like Christian historians with the awareness that the field of historians is an open pathway. The course covers ancient civilizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas in addition to building skills in reading and interpreting maps and charts. Students will focus on the theme of the Creation, Fall, Redemption, and they will learn to recognize it in ancient civilizations.

