

St. Valentine School Curriculum Highlights

Grade 5

Work Habits expected of students in **Grade 5**:

- Have materials needed for class
- Stay on task
- Follow directions
- Request assistance when needed
- Complete and turn in daily homework
- Make use of student planner
- Completing and handing in assignments on time
- Studying for tests
- Assume responsibility for one's behavior
- Be respectful of others

*Parents will find an update on the school website classroom page each week outlining specific curriculum points that will be addressed throughout that week. It is the student's responsibility to use assignment notebooks daily and returned each morning with a parent signature.

Religion

Students in Grade 5 will study:

- Mysteries of the Rosary
- The Seven Sacraments and Sacramental
- School wide Faith Formation topics which follow a four year cycle of:
 - The Mass
 - The Saints
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament

Students will also participate in planning liturgies, attend weekly masses and scheduled prayer services. Catholic students will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

Language Arts

Inclusive of Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary and Handwriting

Students in Grade 5 will learn to:

- Read for enjoyment and understanding
- Build word recognition, fluency, and vocabulary
- Use Guided Reading Groups for small group instruction
- Build comprehension through a variety of new strategies:
 - Monitoring and clarifying
 - Predict and infer
 - Evaluate
 - Summarize
 - Question
 - Use phonetic decoding
 - Making connections
 - Questioning

- Inferences
 - Cause / Effect
 - Author's purpose
 - Plot
 - Main Idea
 - Context clues
 - Prior Knowledge
 - Visualizing
- Self-monitor individual reading
 - Communicate effectively through written, oral, and listening experiences
- Students will work to meet an Accelerated Reader goal each marking period.

Writing/Handwriting

- Utilize the Writing Process
- Use personal style and voice
- Develop various writing pieces, which include narrative pieces, poetry, comparative pieces, and a research project
- Use cursive in their daily work

English

- Develop proper usage and mechanics of grammar
- Consistently use complete sentences, with capitalization, punctuation, and proper spelling

Mathematics

Students in Grade 5 will:

- Problem solve
- Communicate using mathematical vocabulary
- Recognize relationships between math concepts
- Use mental math, critical thinking, and logical reasoning skills
- Master basic facts
- Improve computational skills
- Memorize math facts using an online program

Students in grade 5 will learn:

- Four basic operations involving numbers and fractions
- Decimal addition, subtraction, and multiplication
- Place value through the billions place
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Graphing
- Number theory
- Perimeter, area, volume

Social Studies

Students in Grade 5 will learn:

- The United States has a varied population sharing many ideals
- The United States is a republic in which citizens elect leaders
- The free enterprise system
- Regions of the United States
- History of the United States 1400's to present day

Science

Students in Grade 5 will:

- Use the scientific method for science inquiry
- Use process skills for scientific inquiry
- Communicate using science vocabulary
- Learn appropriate, safe laboratory behavior

Students in Grade 5 will study concepts in the following areas:

- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Earth Science
- Human Body

Health

Studies in this area for Grade 5 will give the children information and opportunities to build life-long health habits. They will include:

- Participate in the Think First Stay Safe program
- Healthy body awareness
- Importance of nutrition and exercise
- "Always changing" puberty education

Library

In the library, Grade 5 students will:

- Listen to chapter books
- Read for enjoyment
- Build on basic library skills and continue to use the card catalog software
- Use basic reference tools such as encyclopedias and dictionaries and expand to almanacs, atlases, and specialized encyclopedias
- Use the Encyclopedia Britannica Software
- Participate in Accelerated Reader
- Participate in special reading events
- Work with the teacher on assigned tasks

Spanish

Fifth Grade- Students will continue to build upon their foundation of knowledge of the Spanish language and culture through various activities such as reading, writing, listening, speaking, constructing, singing, and discussing and identifying.

- Colors
- Numbers 1-100
- Days of the week
- Months of the year
- Holidays
- Food
- Common greetings and closings
- Questions
- Feelings
- Family
- Clothing
- Weather
- Seasons
- Outdoors
- Common verbs
- Household items
- Seasons
- Sports
- Conversations
- Body
- Characteristics
- Adjectives

Students in Grade 5 will have classes in Physical Education, Art, Computers and Music once each week and Spanish twice each week. Students will participate in 2-4 field trips each year as they apply to grade 5 studies.