

Spanish

Fifth graders explore Spanish language concepts and culture through music, movement, and meaningful connections. Students have Spanish class twice a week for 35 minutes.

Physical Education

Students practice motor skills, ball-handling skills, sports skills, fitness, tumbling, and swimming. Fifth graders have P.E. twice a week.

Science

Our specialist guides students as they explore the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) including Earth and Space Science, Physical Science, Life Science and Engineering and Technology Application.

Library and Technology

In library, students are able to check out books, learn how to prepare a bibliography, and practice research skills. In Technology class, students learn word processing, create presentations and spreadsheets, conduct internet research, and practice coding skills with a focus on using technology responsibly and appropriately. Fifth graders have Library and Technology once a week.

Fifth Grade Curriculum

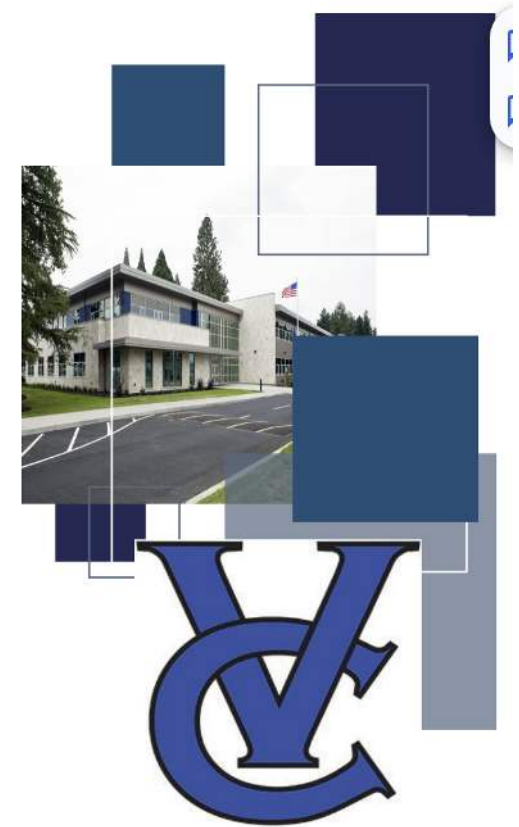
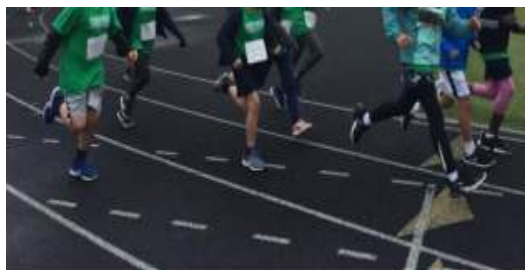
Fifth graders follow the Archdiocesan Standards as well as the Common Core State Standards.

CYO Sports and Extracurricular Activities

Valley Catholic Elementary School offers CYO Sports and many varied after-school enrichment opportunities.

Music

Students learn music theory, rhythm, and singing. Fifth graders have Music two days a week. Students also have the opportunity to perform in orchestra, hand bells, and Marian Singers, and can register for private music lessons through the Music School.



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Social Studies

Students learn about the regions of the United States, the Age of Exploration, U.S. History from colonization through the Revolutionary War, and United States government.

Math

Students learn number and operations in base ten and fractions, operations and algebraic thinking, measurement and data, and geometry.

Art Literacy

Parent-led Art Literacy classes are taught multiple times a year in fifth grade.

Reading

Students read fiction and non-fiction works from their basal reader to improve fluency building, comprehension, vocabulary, reading skills, and story elements. Students also complete several novel studies throughout the year.

Spelling

Students learn fifth grade core spelling words, spelling rules, and practice phonics/word work skills, and proofreading.

Religion

Prayer is integrated throughout the day. In addition, students learn about the Liturgical Year, the seven Sacraments, and the Rosary. Student-led Masses or prayer services are celebrated.



2024-25 School Theme

“United In Love”

Writing and Oral Communication

Fifth grade students focus on narrative, opinion, and informational writings, and poetry, utilizing the writing process. Writing is done throughout the year and across the curriculum.

Students practice speaking and listening skills by preparing and delivering oral and group presentations throughout the year and across the curriculum.

Grammar

In Grammar students learn the mechanics of the English language and work on transferring those skills into their writing and oral communication.