

Valley Catholic Elementary School



Fifth Grade Curriculum

Language Arts

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

Math

In fifth grade math, students will build a deeper understanding of numbers and strengthen problem-solving and critical thinking skills. They will work with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions; explore volume, area, and measurement in real-life situations; graph points on a coordinate plane; and recognize patterns and relationships through early algebra concepts.

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.

Science

In fifth grade science, students explore Earth's systems, matter and energy in ecosystems, and patterns in the solar system through hands-on investigations. They develop science and engineering skills by asking questions, analyzing data, and solving real-world problems.

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.

Health

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

Art

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