

# Who We Are

## About Us

Joyful and authentically Catholic school with a curriculum that provides a foundation in what is good, true and beautiful

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## FIFTH GRADE

*Curriculum Summary*



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## Summary of the Year

Fifth grade students at St. Francis School are challenged to stretch their imaginations and to incorporate thinking skills while learning to problem solve across the curriculum. Hallmarks of the year include teamwork and dependability.

## Specials

Art, Music, Latin, Spanish, Computers, Gym, Library, Natural Sciences, Tin Whistle

## Extracurricular & Clubs:

Band, Choir, Lego League, Ski Program, Squires

# YEARLY CURRICULUM

## Language Arts

### Reading

Students complete book reports or give book talks on books such as *Everything for a Dog* by Ann M. Martin; *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, by E.L. Konigsburg, *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli; *Bridge to Teribithia* by Katherine Paterson; *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies; *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder; *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan; *Shiloh* by Phyllis R. Naylor.

### Writing

Concepts covered are that fifth graders will write an organized, multi-page composition in sequential order with a central idea; identify conflict/climax/resolution in a story. Students will write a personal narrative, tall tale, how-to articles, a mystery, a non-fiction project with illustrations, a short story, poetry, fables, descriptions, and formal letters.

### Grammar

Students will master correct grammatical usage of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, conjunction, interjections. Students will correctly use punctuation and diagram sentences weekly.

## Religion

Focus is on God and His church as understood by the creed that we profess. Students review and enter more deeply into truths learned through the Old Testament, the life of Christ, and the beginning of the Catholic Church.

## Mathematics

Fifth graders work with large complex numbers and understand fractions and percentages. They also start to apply the math skills they have learned in order to solve real world situations involving money, time, and measurement. Fifth graders begin to develop their ability to use logical reasoning to solve more difficult word problems.

Students will develop their skills with multi-digit whole numbers, fractions, and decimals across the four arithmetic operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

## Social Studies

Students will aptly discuss land and regions, bodies of water, climate and vegetation regions, the first Americans, the world in the 1400s, the background to European exploration, the Spanish conquerors, Jamestown and Plymouth colonies, New England's economy, the French and Indian war and the American Revolution. A field trip to the NH State House and to the NH Historical Society is planned for November.

## Science

Students will study the respiratory, circulatory and digestive systems, parts of a plant, the stages of a plant's and an animal's life cycle, the solar system, and the classification of rocks and minerals. Students will use the scientific method to create a Science project for the annual Science fair.