FIFTH GRADE CURRICULUM

IN FIFTH GRADE GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION our students will:
• write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive
• learn basic grammatical elements of a sentence by sentence diagramming
• study Latin and Greek roots and their English derivatives (“English from the Roots Up”)
• learn the basics of composition: introduction, lines of argument, and conclusion

IN FIFTH GRADE LITERATURE our students will read and discuss:
• novels such as Tom Sawyer, The Secret Garden, and The Wind in the Willows
• stories from Frederick Douglass, Sherlock Holmes, and Tales from Shakespeare
• Poems such as “O Captain! My Captain!” by Whitman and “The Tyger” by Blake
• Myths and legends such as The Samurai’s Daughter and The Sun Dance

IN FIFTH GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY our students will:
• memorize and identify the Great Lakes of the World
• study the Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation, and English history
• study the early growth and expansion of Russia and related geography
• study the history and culture of feudal Japan and related geography
• study the history of antebellum America, the Civil War, and westward expansion

IN FIFTH GRADE MATH our students will:
• add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions
• find the area of triangle and the volume of cuboids
• understand and apply the order of operations to mathematical problems
• analyze data using coordinate graphs and straight line graphs

IN FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE our students will:
• classify living things by kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, and species
• study the structures and processes of cells in both plants and animals
• examine the asexual reproductive processes of fission, spores, budding, etc.
• study the human endocrine system, including the types of glands and their functions

IN FIFTH GRADE ART our students will:
• study the major works of art from the Italian and Flemish Renaissance
• become familiar with Renaissance architecture such as the Florence cathedral, etc.
• draw, paint, and sketch perspectives using a horizon line and vanishing point

IN FIFTH GRADE MUSIC our students will:
• take rhythm dictations and write their own original rhythm using standard notation
• listen to instrumental and choral music of the Renaissance era
• sing the fifth grade repertoire including God Bless America, Greensleeves, Dona Nobis Pace