

5th Grade

At CLA, fifth grade students are held to rigorous academic, moral, and behavioral standards in an engaging classroom environment.

Bible & Leadership – Fifth grade begins the year with an in-depth study of conflict and peacemaking strategies, followed by a study of the book of James. CLA’s core leadership values are an integral part of all Biblical and academic studies.

Reading – Students grow in comprehension and critical thinking while engaging in three novel studies, which bring our study of American History to life: *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, *Johnny Tremain*, and *Amos Fortune, Free Man*.

Spelling - Emphasis is placed on important spelling rules, root words, and languages of origin, so students will deepen their understanding of spelling before entering middle school.

Grammar – Students master all eight parts of speech this year, applying this knowledge to diagram and classify complete sentences of various patterns.

Writing – Students will refine writing skills learned in fourth grade and learn to refine and expand their writing using sophisticated techniques from the Institute for Excellence in Writing.

History – The study of American History from the beginnings of our country to the Civil War throughout the school year culminates in a field trip to Charleston, SC to experience highlights of American History including Revolutionary and Civil War sites.

Math – Students apply basics already mastered (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) to fractions, decimals, ratios, percentages, and much more.

Science – Fifth grade begins the year with a study of astronomy, including a visit to the planetarium and student presentations. During the second semester, we explore different aspects of chemistry and physical science through hands-on activities and labs.

“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” - Romans 12:18

Sandy Hall

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