



PROVIDENCE
A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
FIFTH GRADE

equipping students for a life
WISDOM, VIRTUE, AND ELOQUENCE
to the Glory of God



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Fifth Grade Curriculum Overview

Spelling/Phonics Level 5

In the final year of spelling and phonics, students finish mastering the phonemes and rules of spelling so they may be equipped to read and write with fluency and familiarity in every discipline. Students will know how to read any word encountered through phonetic rules and spell words given certain rules of spelling.

Grammar Level 5

In fifth-grade grammar, students will know most of the rules and nuances of the English language that will enable them to craft careful sentences and read complex works with fluency. The goal is for students to gain mastery over the primary tool of thought that will allow them to process what is read and discussed for years to come with efficiency and ease. Continued study in the use of sentences, the parts of speech, punctuation, and the use of reference materials, students will be ready for more rigorous reading and writing.

Composition Level 5

In fifth-grade composition, students will more formally study expository writing. Students will practice conveying ideas with clarity and order, giving a full narrative account of events, either real or fictional.

Literature Level 5

In fifth-grade literature, students continue being exposed to great mythology and epics of recent years, and cultivate wonder at the imaginative worlds of Lewis and Tolkien. As they take on more complex works, they also observe even richer virtues in characters as they are faced with even more challenging conflicts.

Latin Level 5

In the first cycle of Latin language studies, students will appreciate the order of language through study of Latin, gaining insights into their own mother tongue along the way. Students will master essential vocabulary, paradigms, and grammar, as well as reading immersive texts that provide opportunity to acquire Latin naturally. Students will translate, parse, and analyze sentences in order to more deeply comprehend Latin.

Bible Level 5

In fifth-grade Bible, students will read Old Testament accounts, applying the broad knowledge gained from previous years and using the very Word of God to achieve greater understanding of the whole of Scripture.



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Fifth Grade Curriculum Overview (cont.)

History & Geography Level 5

In fifth-grade history, students will begin answering questions regarding causes and results and historical developments. By studying the ancient world, students will pull together all the many facts and figures of the age and how they relate to one another. Students will simultaneously memorize the capitals, countries, and major geographical features of Africa.

Science Level 5

In fifth-grade science, students focus on the concepts of density, electricity, microorganisms, and plate tectonics. By grasping some more abstract and large-scale aspects of nature, students will be further prepared to get into the really advanced studies of biology, chemistry, and physics for the coming years. Students will use experimentation to test hypotheses and come to their own conclusions. In their study of nature, students will focus on birds, flowerless plants, and the sun/moon.

Math Level 5

In fifth-grade math, students are nearing the end of math fact mastery and begin doing more work with fractions, decimals, and more complex mathematical notations. Students also get into much more intensive geometry, while being introduced to some basic statistical analysis.

Art

In lower school art, students learn how to appreciate beautiful works of art, while practicing the rudiments of artistic expression in drawing, painting, and sculpting utilizing a variety of mediums.

Music

In lower school music, students grow in their appreciation of beautiful works of music, while learning basic music history and theory. Music classes primarily focus on vocal skill development, with occasional instrumental practice. Students perform various vocal pieces at all school events and during morning prayer.

P.E.

In the fifth year of formal Physical Education, students will work more carefully on interacting with smaller moving objects, passing balls between team members, and adhering to stricter rules of boundaries and position in team sports.