

5TH Grade

Curriculum Overview



English Language Arts

Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA)

CKLA integrates grammar, spelling, reading, and writing through content-based units that build literacy skills while expanding students' knowledge of science and social studies topics.

- Personal Narratives
- Visions and Verse: Poetry
- The Deep Blue World: Oceans
- Road to Independence: The American Revolution
- Cultures and Histories: Native Americans
- Arts and Culture: The Renaissance
- Building Up the World: Global Architecture
- Novel Studies
 - Don Quixote (adapted version)
 - Where the Red Fern Grows
 - The Phantom Tollbooth

Writing

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In each unit, students have multiple opportunities to write for a variety of purposes before producing a culminating writing piece, such as an opinion essay, a cause and effect essay, and a biography.

- Personal Narrative
- Informative Texts
- Poetry
- Opinion Essay
- Cause and Effect Essay
- Fictional Narrative
- Biography
- Research Essay

Math

Sadlier Math, Progress in Mathematics

Progress in Mathematics helps students build problem-solving, reasoning, and fluency through explicit, step-by-step instruction and real-world applications.

- Place Value, Addition, and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Number Theory and Fractions
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division of Fractions and Decimals
- Probability and Statistics
- Measurement

Science

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Dimensions

HMH Science Dimensions engages students in hands-on, inquiry-based learning that builds scientific thinking and deepens understanding through real-world investigations.

- Energy and Matter in Organisms and Ecosystems
- Systems in Space
- Earth's Systems
- Heart and Human Activities

Religion

Sophia Institute Spirit of Truth, Education in Virtue

Spirit of Truth teaches students the truths of our Catholic faith through Scripture, Tradition, the Catechism, and engaging lessons that encourage them to live out their faith. The Education in Virtue program, infused throughout the school day, helps students develop strong character by teaching them to live the virtues through everyday habits and choices.

- God is the Source of All Life
- Seven Sacraments

Social Studies

Project-Based Learning, Ascension Press God's Plan in Scripture

Students meet diocesan standards through project-based learning experiences that build critical thinking, collaboration, and understanding of grade-level concepts. Additionally, God's Plan in Scripture familiarizes students with salvation history, and CKLA integrates social studies content knowledge.

- Salvation History: Divided Kingdom / Exile
- Life and Tension in the Colonies
- American Revolution
- Westward Expansion
- Civil War
- U.S. Government
- U.S. Geography