

Mrs. Dow – 5th Grade

The 5th Grade



Wow, we are already almost halfway through the year!! I can't believe it! Let's always thank the Lord for the progress and gifts that He has bestowed on each and every one of us!

Overview of the 5th grade year:

Bible-

Bible is the most important part of the curriculum at PCA. The goal of PCA is to instill a Biblical worldview into the hearts of the students. In order to do this, we must teach them the answers they need to live their lives as believers. The curriculum is divided into ten different units. We also have weekly chapel times and will be memorizing God's word weekly. Our goal is to equip the students to be able to understand how to defend their own faith and make it their own.

Language
Arts

Language arts is an important subject, and we devote much of our day to this area. 5th grade divides their language arts into four different areas-spelling, reading, language, and writing.

Our students read every day in almost every subject. The focus in the upper elementary is comprehension through silent reading. Vocabulary words are introduced daily before the

reading selections. The 5th grade learns the parts of speech, how to write properly, how to write book reports, and how to write creatively.

In Language, students work on the mechanics of writing-punctuation, capitalization, and quotation facts. Diagraming is introduced, also.

ACSI holds a writing festival every year in which PCA participates. The students are also given the opportunity to be in the spelling bee held in the spring.

Mathematics

5th Grade Mathematics at PCA provides the students the ability to master the four processes (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) of whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. Problem solving skills are practiced through story problems, estimation problems, and measurement equations. Other areas covered this year are roman numerals, metric measurements, factoring, divisibility rules, probability, percentages, algebraic equations, and basic geometry.

The students are encouraged to participate in the annual Math Olympics in which the students compete with other Christian schools in the area.

Science

Science is an excellent subject to teach the students the character of our awesome God. The students will learn this through their study of insects, birds, plants, matter, energy, geology, oceanography, and astronomy. The students will participate in projects and experiments while they are learning.

World History

The history curriculum introduces the students to an

introduction to world history. We will be discussing the Fertile Crescent, Ancient Middle East, Middle East today, India, China, Ancient Egypt, Africa, Greece, Rome, Christianity, England, Europe, and Australia. We will be doing a good amount of map study skills and learning different locations around the world.

Textbooks

Bible: BJU Press

Reading: BJU Press and various trade books

Spelling: BJU Press

Language: BJU Press

Science/Health: ABEKA

History: ABEKA

Arithmetic: ABEKA

About your teacher:

My favorite verse:

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in a time of need.

Why I love teaching in a Christian school:

I believe wholeheartedly in Christian education. My passion is to teach children the truth of God's word so that they can defend their faith.

My experience:

I graduated from Bob Jones University with a B.A. in

elementary education. I have taught kindergarten through 5th grade- this being my 19th year. God has blessed me with a wonderful family and three awesome children.

My hobbies:

I love spending time with my family, Zumba, playing board games, and weightlifting.

Discipline in the classroom

The goal for the 5th grade classroom is to have an atmosphere in the classroom that encourages respect for their teachers and their classmates. How I Act is an acronym for the following areas of behavior:

H-deals with honesty (cheating, lying, stealing)

O-Out of Order (pushing, out of seat at inappropriate times, etc...)

W-Work not in (homework or class work not turned in)

I-Intentional Disobedience

A-attitude lacking (disrespect or poor attitude)

C-Courtesy lacking (name calling, rudeness, etc...)

T-Talking (when inappropriate to be talking)

N-Not Following Directions

They will receive tally marks for the times that they choose the wrong behavior. Two or less tallies for the week allows them to get a prize out of the treasure box.

Homework

The academics in this grade can be very challenging for the

students. To help each student keep up with all homework, class work, projects, tests, and quizzes, and to ensure good communication between teacher and parent, please check the daily homework page each night in their homework folder. If your child does not know how to study, this is the year to help them learn how. **If at any time your child is spending more than an hour doing homework, please contact the teacher so that we can tailor your child's homework to meet their needs.** Also, contact me if you feel your child needs extra help in any subject area. My email is kdow@pcalions.org. I will respond to emails written to me usually between 3:15-3:45 each day. We are also using a new school wide app called remind.