



Developing an Appreciation of the True, Good, & Beautiful

5th Grade Particulars

Class Sections

2

Students Per Class

18

Student to Teacher Ratio

18:1

5th Grade Traditions

Reptile Lady

At the conclusion of a reptile unit in Biology, students enjoy a hands-on presentation led by a public educator with the Dallas-Fort Worth Herpetological Society.

Aesop Fable Presentation

5th graders write scripts, rehearse and present select Aesop Fables to an audience of parents and peers.

Vision of a Providence Graduate

In light of the Providence vision and mission, we begin with a vision of our "ideal" graduate. What qualities would the student possess if he/she completed our K4-12 program? How would we define success? Therefore, a successfully educated student would leave our school with the following five attributes:

Virtue, Service, Leadership

Strong foundational faith

An ability to communicate eloquently & effectively

Well-rounded competence

An appreciation of the true, good, & beautiful



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Grade Level Profile for 5th Grade

Virtuous Character & Habit Formation

As children made in God's image, learning how to live in community is foundational to human flourishing. Students are trained in scriptures that promote Christian love, charity, and behavior. They are introduced to the theological and cardinal virtues and are expected to gradually demonstrate these traits as they mature. Our teachers create a gentle and nurturing environment that includes emotional coaching and modeling how to share and put others first, how to forgive and make amends, and how to encourage and show kindness in words and actions. During our awards ceremony at the end of the year, each student is recognized with a virtuous character award.



Chapel & Scripture Memory

Grammar school students attend chapel twice a week. Students participate in singing beautiful hymns steeped in rich theological Truth followed by a teaching based on the virtue of the month with the goal to always point to Christ. The students are also exposed to key doctrines of the Christian faith by participating in a question/answer time via 52 faith questions. Additionally, as part of the chapel program, all students memorize and recite two passages, one from the Old Testament in the fall and New Testament in the spring.



Specials

K4-5th grades participate in Latin twice a week and both art and music appreciation once a week.



Parent Involvement

Parents will receive instructions from the classroom teacher on a regular basis outlining satellite day assignments, follow-up study over previously covered material and the preparation or review needed for their students' next class. Parents function well in supporting the teacher's direct instruction. They also monitor their children's academic progress in all areas. Parents are charged with reinforcing, reviewing, and repeating key academic material and skills that the professional educator has initiated with the students in the central classroom.



Lower School Traditions

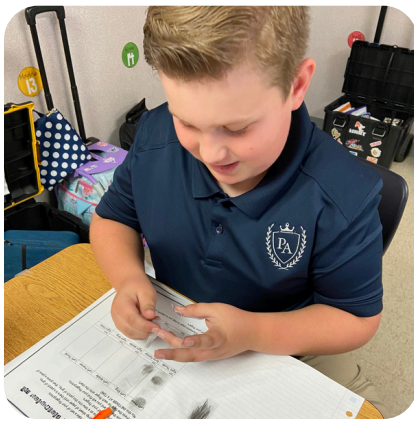
Special Grammar School traditions include History Day, End-of-Year Talent Show, Christmas Around the World, Mother-Son Event, Daddy-Daughter Dance, and more!



Providence Community Connections

Opportunities for Grammar School students to connect with the PA community at large include MLK Service Day, Fall Festival, sporting events, Fine Arts Night, and more!





Sample Schedule

8:05am-3:35pm

Chapel - 25 minutes

Writing- 30 minutes

Caesar's English - 20 minutes

Literature- 30 minutes

Latin - 30 minutes

Math - 90 minutes

Music/Art - 30 minutes

Lunch/Recess - 60 minutes

Science - 45 minutes

Fix It - 15 minutes

Grammar/Recitation - 20 minutes

History - 45 minutes

Special Presentations & Projects

Students are given opportunities to practice speaking in class to help them become comfortable and confident in their public speaking skills. 5th grade works on this by researching and presenting a character from ancient history from a first-person point of view in addition to participating in other opportunities to speak or perform at special grade level events. Rhetoric skills learned in Grammar and Logic schools build toward the capstone Senior Thesis, a 20-minute memorized speech that students present and defend in the spring of their Senior year.

Special Notes About 5th Grade

Nature Journaling

5th grade students explore God's creation through nature walks and are encouraged to document their findings in nature journals through pencil, colored pencil, water colors, and dictation. Once a month, students share their findings with the class.

Ancient History Day

On our school-wide History Day, 5th graders dress up as Ancient Greeks, Romans, and Egyptians and enjoy Olympic games and food from that time period.

Field Trip

Institution for Creation Research

Dissection

5th Grade is exposed to many vertebrate and invertebrate animals in a hands-on way via dissections and investigations.

Hands-On History

History comes alive for 5th grade with projects like creating replicas of the Ark of the Covenant and Achilles' Shield.

Satellite Day Expectations

To prepare for each week, teacher assistants will access and download the assignment sheet from FACTS Family Portal, our online school management system. Assistant teachers will then guide their student through the homework provided by the classroom teacher and can expect to spend approximately 2 hours on Language Arts, 90 minutes on Math, and 30 minutes each on History & Science once a week. We encourage families to go on a nature walk and record their findings at least once a week.

CORE SUBJECTS

MATH -Material covered the order of operations; geometry and measurement; integers; divisibility concepts; ratios; statistics and probability; prime and composite numbers; patterns and sequences; and powers and roots. Students will specifically learn about making a multiplication table, adding/subtracting fractions with a common denominator, multiplying by multiples of 10 and 100, perimeter, simple probability, decimal parts of a meter, reciprocals, volume, square roots, graphing points on a coordinate plane, and more.

LANGUAGE ARTS - By imparting skills incrementally, students learn the art of writing well while continuing cursive handwriting practice. They read the following novels: "Magician's Nephew," "The Children's Homer," "D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths," "Lillian Trasher: Greatest Wonder in Egypt," and "Detectives in Togas." Furthermore, they practice the art of narration, engage in grammar exercises, and memorize and recite poetry.

HISTORY - Students study the Ancient time period through reading, discussion, hands-on experiences, and map work.

BIOLOGY-Through the study of God's design, laws of nature and hands-on investigations, students explore the world of biology.