

# FIFTH GRADE

A Day in the Life of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

Your 5<sup>th</sup> grade student experiences a family-feel classroom. We encourage and discuss character traits, growth mindset, and social-emotional learning.



There are also leadership opportunities for students: Safety Leaders, Character Cup, STEAM Club, Robotics, Battle of the Books representatives, Chorus, and News Team

Students learn the four core subjects of English Language Arts (reading, writing, spelling, and grammar), Math, Science, and Social Studies, while also exploring Physical Education, Art, Music, Media, Computers, Character, and STEAM in their related arts schedule.

## English Language Arts

In fifth grade Language Arts, we will delve into a variety of informational and literary genres while we explore themes such as Journeys, Observations, Reflections, Liberty and Systems. Informational texts will further be investigated through our social studies and science curriculum. In addition, we will conquer narrative, informational, and argumentative text-based writing. Click on the button for our focus of reading standards.



## Math

5<sup>th</sup> grade math is a milestone year in math. There are several topics where 5<sup>th</sup> grade is the last formal instruction in whole number and fraction operations. We also explore decimal operations and have fun with measurement and data. We end the year with geometry and 3D Shapes! Click on the button for our focus of math standards.

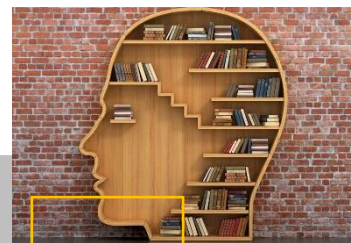


## Science

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science explores the four main areas of science: Scientific Thinking, the Nature of Science, and Physical Science in the first semester. In the second semester we learn about Earth and Life science.

## Social Studies

5th Grade Social Studies has an array of interesting topics! We begin the school year learning about Geography. Then we move forward with Native People of North America, Exploration, Colonial America, Revolution, and finally Westward Expansion. We even have a Colonial field trip! We have lots of fun projects and learn together using DBQ's



## Field Trips

### Whitney Labs

Whitney-trained docents use marine animals in a hands-on setting to introduce students to marine biology by exploring how the animals breathe, find and eat food, protect themselves and generally survive in their environment.



### Colonial Life

Take a step back in time and follow our tour guide, Ms. Paula Gates on our journey through the 1700's to the 1800's. We will learn about how Native Americans and Colonists lived in the colonies. What games did they play? What foods did they eat? How did they survive? Along the way, we will also learn about the Civil War and the roles of Loyalists and Patriots. What did their uniforms/equipment look like? What were the fighting conditions like during this time? Who were some of our fearless leaders? This traveling classroom brings the Colonial Period to life at Wards Creek.

### Universal

Our annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Universal happens in the Spring. We enjoy a charter bus ride on this trip. Students can choose either to spend the day at Universal Studios or Islands of Adventure. It's a full day trip leaving the school by 7:00 and returning in the evening.



**Mrs. Blaylock – ELA and Social Studies**  
**Mrs. Stinson – Math and Science**

**Mrs. Neel – ELA and Social Studies**  
**Ms. Badger – Math and Science**

**Mrs. Hansen – ELA and Social Studies**  
**Mrs. Fairchild – Math and Science**

**Mrs. MrCray – ELA and Social Studies**  
**Mr. Simpson – Math and Science**

**Mrs. Nieves – ELA and Social Studies**  
**Mrs. Stevens – Math and Science**

