

Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Curriculum Overview

Grade 5



Kindergarten – 6th Grade Curriculum

Our goal at Illinois Lutheran is to educate the whole student academically, spiritually and physically. It is our privilege to currently have over 140 students enrolled in our preschool through 6th grade classes. For nearly a century we have provided Christ-centered education for children of the south Chicago suburbs, serving as an extension of the home and a partner with the church in providing Christian education.

Elementary Academics

As a Lutheran school, our goal is to proclaim, teach, and apply faithfully the Word of God in all courses of instruction in keeping with the Holy Scriptures. In doing so, we strive to meet or exceed guidelines provided by the State of Illinois and the Wisconsin

Our Mission

Illinois Lutheran Schools provides a quality, Christian education to students of the Church and community and the world by nurturing and reaching souls for time and eternity.

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Religion/Word of God

ChristLight

- Christ-Light studies the major stories of the Bible in chronological order. The study alternates between Old and New Testament stories. Applying the lessons of these stories to the lives of the students is a very important part of this class.

Catechism/Faith Foundations

- Catechism/Faith Foundations studies the six main teachings of Christian doctrine as found in Luther's Catechism. The Grade 5 curriculum focuses mainly on The Ten Commandments, The Apostles Creed, Baptism, and Holy Communion. As in Christ-Light, applications of the Catechism lessons to the student's life is a vital part of this class.
- The study of Christian hymns and selected Bible passages is also part of this class.



Reading & Language Arts

The study of reading in Grade 5 continues on the reading skills built in earlier grades. A variety of fiction and non-fiction resources are used to teach skills such as sequencing, fact and opinion, plot, setting, and climax. Spelling/vocabulary words from the reading selections help students increase their personal vocabulary.



English

Grade 5 English continues building on the skills of students learned in earlier grades. Students study:

- The six basic parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun, and preposition).
- Writing comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs.
- Subject-verb agreement in writing.
- Writing activities include personal narratives, fictional stories and writing to compare and contrast. fiction story, writing instructions and writing a description.

Social Studies

Grade 5 students examine American history. Students travel back to the earliest days of our country and the first known inhabitants.

We continue by reading about the Age of Exploration and the many countries and individuals that explored what is now the United States.

We then focus on the formation of colonies and our national government.

We also study the American Civil War and how it affected life in our country during and after the fighting.



We conclude the year by studying the United States in the 20th Century.

Mathematics

Saxon Math

Saxon Math is used throughout Illinois Lutheran Elementary School. Highlights of the Grade 5 curriculum include:

- Work with fractions, decimals, and percents.
- Continued mastery of long division.
- Work with multi-digit multiplication.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.
- Problem-solving using multiple steps and different operations.
- Investigations exploring statistics and number sense.



Science and Health

Grade 5 science continues studying the three basic areas of science: Earth Science, Life Science, and Physical Science.

- Earth Science stresses Earth's resources, weather and climate.
- Physical Science focuses upon matter, energy, and motion.
- The main areas of study in Life Science include classification of plants and animals, plant structures, animal adaptations, and ecosystems.



Fine Arts

Music

Grade 5 students have the opportunity to experience personal musical performance and basic musicianship skills especially through vocal performance.

Students continue to study music terms, note values, time signatures, and rhythm.



Art

Students experience both two and three-dimensional projects using multiple different media.

Students continue studying the art themes of line, shape, color, shading, shadow, and media.

Technology

Our Fifth Grade students have access to Chromebooks at a 1:1 level. With them we learn:

- Proper formatting of documents using margins, tabs, and spacing.
- Digital citizenship principles and identifying cyber-bullying and how to avoid it.
- Develop and practice online etiquette.
- Continued practice in basic keyboarding skills.

Physical Education

The physical education class for Grade 5 concentrates on helping students obtain confidence in using their bodies in different ways as well as using several sports to develop an understanding of self-control and physical coordination. These sports include track, soccer, basketball, and volleyball.