

Grade Five Overview

Classroom Experience:

At King's, students experience integrated, interdisciplinary classes and labs with engaging, enriching curriculum through differentiated instruction and team teaching.

Specialists: Technology, Spanish, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Health Sciences and Physical Education, Art, Life Skills, Library.

Student/Teacher Ratio: Moderately-sized classes

School Day: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm

Morning Recess

15 minutes

Lunch/Recess

25 minutes/30 minutes

Fifth Grade Distinctive:

King's Kids become confident, self-directed, collaborative learners ready to solve the real-world challenges set before them. Through an interactive, inquiry-based approach, students implement technology to explore, research and engage in the democratic process, students analyze current events, develop individual voice, and demonstrate leadership abilities to serve our community.

Spiritual Life:

- **Bible:** Emphasis is on studying the nation of Israel as revealed through Scripture. Students examine Bible characters in chronological order to illustrate God's love and plan of salvation for all people through the Hebrew nation.
- **Bible Memorization:** Emphasis is on committing Bible verses to memory that integrate with current areas of study.
- **KIDS Praise:** Emphasis is on student leadership in a weekly worship environment with exposure to Christian beliefs.
- **KING'S KIDS:** Emphasis on Respect, Cooperation, Empathy and Responsibility.

Academic Life:

Communication

- **Literacy:** Emphasis is on interacting with complex informational texts, literature, developing academic vocabulary, comprehension, grammar, spelling, the writing process and structural analysis; using text evidence to support ideas, close reading, and differentiation strategies.
- **Spelling:** Emphasis is on an explicit, systematic study of phonetic and structural spelling patterns to create phonemic awareness and to demonstrate literacy.

- **Writing:** Emphasis is on developing purposeful authors who successfully incorporate, collaborate, evaluate and apply writing conventions through expository, narrative, and creative prose.
- **Listening/Speaking:** Emphasis is on public speaking, dialoging, retelling, inferring, discerning, collaborating, discussing, summarizing, analyzing, clarifying, and presentation skills.
- **Library:** Emphasis is on using the essential learning skills needed for 21st century; gathering and using information ethically; using research tools responsibly and acquiring the skills to select, evaluate and use information effectively.
- **Spanish:** Emphasis is on developing Spanish vocabulary, fluency, and structure, both spoken and written, specifically through reading, storytelling, drama and activities.

STEM

- **Science:** Emphasis is on God's Creation as it relates to life science to develop and to maintain the essential skills that form the basis for the scientific method through a hands-on, inquiry approach.
- **Technology:** Emphasis is on advanced word processing with graphic, copy and posting; and research on Prezi for state essay multi-media presentation and beginner videography/video editing skills, locating educational resources online, and increasing user interface with iPads and netbooks.
- **Engineering:** Emphasis is on designing and programming utilizing Mindstorm Robots, Minecraft Edu, Scratch, iPad Photography, Geocaching and class sets of netbooks and iPads.
- **Mathematics:** Emphasis is on problem-solving, skill consolidation, and a deep understanding in preparation for algebra. Fractions, decimals, ratios, model drawings, expressions, equations, inequalities, rates, percent and proportional relationships are also emphasized. Students participate in an ability based math group learning environment.

Social Sciences

- **Social Studies:** Emphasis is on studying the history of the United States, including European Exploration and Colonization, the Revolutionary War, and United States Government.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:** Emphasis is on skill development, physical fitness and the knowledge to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Teamwork, cooperation, and communication are used to strategize and problem solve as students explore physical and health science through sports, games, activities and health labs.
- **Life Skills and Social Responsibility:** Emphasis is on respecting others and treating others the way they want to be treated. Students learn to stand up to negative behaviors, and have empathy for those who need help. Emphasis is on knowing how to use digital media in a safe manner. Students also learn how to be safe, respectful and treat others with respect and kindness when communicating on line through social media.

Fine Arts

- **Art:** Emphasis is on art literacy by experiencing art in various forms.
- **Instrumental Music:** Emphasis ranges from basic skills to advanced mastery with opportunities for public performances.
- **Vocal Music:** Emphasis is on developing the singing voice, choral tone and choral skills; reinforcing musical concepts through rhythmic activities and hands-on exploration of digital music production using iPad technology; studying music history; developing an appreciation for and enjoyment of various music

styles; and empowering students for leadership in the worship experience.

Grade Activities:

- **DISCOVERY Friday:** Emphasis is on specialized intermediate multi-age lab environments that bring exciting, enriching, and inspiring explorations in STEM.
- **Service:** Emphasis is helping and serving other people; locally, regionally and globally.
- **International Opportunities:** Cultural immersion experiences develop new friendships around the world; MeySen Academy, Japan and Joy Language School, Korea.
- **Extended Learning Trips:** Olympia Government Trip, Seattle Times, Woodland Park Zoo, Arboretum, Seattle Children's Theater.
- **Events:** Parent Information Night, Safety Programs, Math Olympiad, Taproot Theatre Anti-Bullying, Fall and Spring Concerts, KIDS Praise Leadership, Worship Teams, Community Service, Hooray Day, Safety Patrol, Knights of Honor, Robotics Teams, and Experience King's Open House.

Learning Resources:

- **Bible:**
 - Possessing the Land: Positive Action for Christ.
- **Literacy: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar**
 - Journeys: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- **Spanish:**
 - ¡Cuentame!: TPRS Publishing, Inc.
- **Science:**
 - Science: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Technology:**
 - Technology Education Series by Structured Learning (32 Lessons Every 5th Grader Can Accomplish On a Computer: Mavis, Edmodo.
- **Engineering:**
 - Mindstorm robot, LEGO Education, MinecraftEdu, Scratch, 3D Printing, iPod, class sets of netbooks and iPads.
- **Mathematics:**
 - Math in Focus, Singapore Math: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- **Social Science:**
 - Harcourt Social Studies, The United States: Harcourt School Publisher.
- **Life Skills:**
 - Digital Citizenship: Common Sense Media.
 - Bully Prevention Unit; Second Step: Committee for Children.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:**
 - Dynamic PE for Elementary School Children, (Dauer & Pangraz.)
 - Physical Education for Lifelong Fitness: NASPE (National Association for Sport and Physical Education).
 - Physical Fitness Games and Activities: Mary Kotnour, Parker Publishing Co.

- **Art:**
 - How Great Thou ART: Jody Coulston.
- **Vocal Music:**
 - Essential Musicianship: Hal Leonard Corp.
 - The Rhythm Redder: Hal Leonard Corps.
- **Online Reference Tools:**
 - Smartboard Notebook, Discovery Streaming, Worldbook, ProQuest, Culture Grams, Grolier, Think Central, YouTube and more.