

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Profile

## Mrs. Elizabeth Olson

### **Academic Milestones**

- Mastery of states and capitals
- Mastery of reading comprehension independently
- Develop enhanced writing techniques
- Third-year of Latin
- Classic poem memorization

### **Special Field Trips:**

- St. Augustine, FL (history)
- The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum (history)
- World War II Homefront Museum
- Brunswick Regional Library
- Wesley Memorial Monument (history & Bible)

### **Teacher Quote:**

“Fifth grade is such an amazing year of growth, transformation and learning. Students enter elementary schoolers and leave ready for middle school! I love the energy and fun this age group brings, and the wide variety of content we are able to cover in just one year!

Because Saint Simons Christian School has smaller class sizes we have greater freedom to dig deeply into our subjects. We are able to create meaningful work together, connect real world issues with our academic learning, and grow socially, emotionally and spiritually together.

For instance, when we are writing an essay, students are able to spend several days working on first drafts and receive guidance and editing tips as needed. I don't sit down. I am able to deliver a one on one focus to the work of each student.

Students are able to truly master subjects. Because of this, their confidence level is heightened to a healthy level. In addition, students are exposed to and are able to learn a biblical worldview. It's such a blessing to help students see every subject as a part of God's plan.”

### **Teacher Profile**

- Joined the Saint Simons Christian School teaching staff in the Fall of 2019
- 16 years teaching experience
- BA's in both Early Childhood Education and Special Education from Cedarville University in 2007
- Masters in Special Education from National University in 2014
- Certified by the Association of Christian Schools International
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# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

## **Bible**

Students learn to understand the various writings in the Bible. Lessons focus on the Old Testament and Gospel writings. Students memorize scripture verses.

## **Saxon Math**

Students master the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, fractions and decimals. Reasoning and problem-solving skills are practiced and developed throughout the lessons. The students also are exposed to a variety of age appropriate lessons from geometry, measurement and statistics.

## **Literature**

Students read and discuss literature books such as *Where the Red Fern Grows* and *The Secret Garden*. See attached literature list for more titles.

## **Writing & Grammar**

The curriculum helps to develop strong, independent writers with writing and grammar resources, fluency building exercises, usage and mechanics skills practice, plus a handy reference section. With extra practice for proofreading and revising, students progress from writing sentences to paragraphs to essays. Curriculum uses the Houghton Mifflin English textbook.

## **History / Geography**

Students study early American History beginning with the explorers up to present. Students learn about the important people, dates and events of the time. Geography integrated with history and includes the teaching of various landforms in America and throughout the world, as well as states and capitals.

## **Art**

Students discover the elements of art as they work on two dimensional and three-dimensional projects.

## **Science**

The science curriculum focuses on man's use of God's creation and design. Students study minerals and rocks, fossils, matter and heat, sound and light, weather, biomes, ecosystems and the respiratory and circulatory systems. Students develop science process skills as they participate in hands-on activities and projects.

## **Latin**

During the third year of Latin, students increase vocabulary to approximately 500 Latin words, identify and generate the more common of nominal declensions and verbal conjugations by use of paradigms memorization and manipulation. Students also acquire a fundamental understanding of basic Latin grammar, translate relatively facile sentences and passages from Latin into English and vice versa.

## **Physical Education**

The physical education program helps students develop their athletic skills, learn game skills, and grow in their understanding of honoring God in sports competitions.



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature List

The following is the list of adopted titles used in the fifth-grade reading program. (Although certain titles are assigned to specific grades, when necessary, teachers may use titles from the list above or below their grades.) Students will read at least 7 books during the year.

## **TITLE**

*Black Stallion*

*Landing of the Pilgrims, The*

*Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

*Secret Garden, The*

*Shades of Gray*

*What was the Gold Rush?*

*Where the Red Fern Grows*

*Who was Christopher Columbus?*

Biography of Teacher's Choice

## **AUTHOR**

Farley

Daugherty

Konigsburg

Burnett

Reeder

Bader/Holub

Rawls

Bader/Holub