

Academic Milestones

- Mastery of state capitals and states
- 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)
- Museum of Science and History (MOSH)
- Cummer Museum (history and art)
- Math Olympics
- Brunswick Regional Library

Teacher Quote:

“Fifth graders are wonderful! They are enthusiastic about learning and are easily excited about new subject matter. They are sweet and eager to please the teacher. They are encouragers to their peers. They work well with partners and enjoy competition. I enjoy working with this age. The fifth grade history curriculum and the literature books are my favorites!

Because Saint Simons Christian School has smaller class sizes, students are able to truly receive much one on one attention. 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 world view. It's such a blessing to help students see every subject as a part of God's plan.”

Teacher Profile

- Charter Member (involved with SSCS since its inception in 1994)
- Joined the Saint Simons Christian School teaching staff in the fall of 1998
- 20 years teaching experience
- BS – Early Childhood Education, University of Georgia, 1986
- Certified by the Association of Christian Schools International
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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.

5th 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
Calico Captive
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

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