



# Zion Lutheran School

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## Zion Lutheran School Fifth Grade Overview

**Religion:** We use the Concordia Publishing House Series Voyages: Exploring God's Word. We have weekly memory work which includes a Bible verse and a catechism section along with memorizing the books of the Bible. The curriculum focuses the students may grow through the grace of God in their abilities to:

- Know God as a loving and forgiving God.
- Develop and grow in their faith and ministry
- See themselves as redeemed children of God and important members of God's family
- Live happily in peace as Gods children with the hope of eternal in heaven
- Express their faith in worship and loving service to God and others
- Value God's creation

The series focuses mainly on Old Testament stories with a brief section on the life of Christ.

**Mathematics:** We will be using the Houghton Mifflin Mathematics Series. They will focus on whole numbers up to one billion, decimals and integers, addition, subtraction, and equations, multiplication and division up to three-digit numbers, decimals, and fractions, measurement, probability, number theory, geometry ratio, percents, and the coordinate plane.

**Spelling:** We use the Scott Foresman series. Students will cover an array of different groups of words based on a spelling pattern. They will have a weekly test of words for the lesson of the week.

**Reading:** We use the Scott Foresman series for reading also. The fifth graders will read, analyze, evaluate a variety of literary forms including short stories, novels, poetry, etc. They will work with different techniques to help them in their comprehension and their abilities to draw inferences.

**Language Arts:** We use The Shurley Method. Fifth graders identify and compose sentences based on sentence parts. They concentrate on grammar skills and writing proper sentences. New vocabulary words along with definitions, synonyms, and antonyms are introduced on a regular basis. Writing paragraphs and essays are a part of our writing process along with journaling.

**Science:** The McGraw-Hill series is used in the fifth grade. Units covered include structures of plants and animals, the interaction of living things, weather, matter and energy, and motion and energy.

**Social Studies:** The Scott Foresman series used for the fifth grade covers life in the eastern and western hemispheres and then the migration of these people to the United States. The forming of the United States along with the struggles that were encountered as the formation took place is discussed. Globe and map skills, along with graph skills are also covered.

**Art:** Fifth graders have art instruction once a week. The children learn the elements of art (line, shape, form, color, texture, composition, and perspective). They also learn about the techniques used by many different famous artists. Developing their creativity is also an integral part of the art curriculum.

**Music:** The fifth graders have Music twice a week with the opportunity to be in band and have lessons. Music class involves singing, listening, and playing simple instruments. They are involved twice a year in the school musicals and also sing at Zion several times through out the year.

**Physical Education:** Fifth graders have PE three times a week. They participate in activities to enhance their strength, endurance, and flexibility. They participate in individual and team sports. Cooperation and good sportsmanship are also taught as key components.

**Computer:** Students have computer lab twice a week. They concentrate mainly on typing skills using the Mavis Beacon program. Spreadsheets, word processing skill, and power points are also skills that are taught. Students also use the computers to reinforce skills from other subject areas and complete projects using the computers.