TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fifth Grade Curriculum

Trinity Christian School is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where children receive a quality education from a biblical worldview, while developing thinking and articulate students. We are devoted to fusing faith and learning in such a way that each student is practically equipped to face their future and become a life-long learner.

At the core of academic excellence is the role of the classroom teacher. Trinity Christian School seeks the most qualified teachers, who have a love for their students and a passion for teaching. All of our teachers are state certified and are devoted followers of Christ, who teach truth from a biblical perspective.

Mathematics: Purposeful Design

• Patterns • Number Theory • Place Value • Statistics • Addition • Subtraction • Multiplication • Division • Fractions • Decimals • Algebra • Geometry • Problem Solving • Probability • Measurement • Time • Money • Ratio, Proportion, and Percent • Continual Practice of Math Facts

Reading: BJU Press

• Literary techniques • Elements of literature • Comprehension drills • Book genres • Units include: Creatures, Journeys, Celebrations, Discoveries, Heroes, Virtues • Class Novels: *Number the Stars;* and *Gifted Hands*

Bible: Positive Action for Christ

This course covers a survey of major Old Testament events. • Abraham • Israelites • Early Kings of Israel • Division of the Babylonian Kingdom and Exile • Poetic and Prophetic Books of the Bible

English: BJU Press

• Parts of speech: noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective, preposition, conjunction • Compound/complex sentences • Punctuation • Study and reference skills • Writing units: Compare/Contrast, Persuasive, Narrative, Business Letter, Research Report, Book Review

History: BJU Press

• Includes history, geography, government, economics, and cultural skills • Knowledge of God and Christian character • Begins with the first Americans and spans through current day • European Exploration and Settlement • Thirteen Colonies • American Independence • Early National Period • A Young Nation Grows • Civil War • Reconstruction and the West • Gilded Age • WWI • Roaring '20s and Depressing '30s • Rulers with Iron Fists • WWII • Postwar America • Rise of the Counterculture • Leader of the Free World • A New Millennium • Research project: World Expo

Science: BJU Press

• Biblical Worldview • Rocks and Minerals • Fossils and Dinosaurs • Matter • Energy and Heat • Biomes • Weather • Changes and Interactions in an Ecosystem • Energy: Sound and Light • Respiratory and Circulatory System

Spelling: Purposeful Design

• Short and long vowels • Homophones • Homographs • Endings • Prefixes/suffixes • Plurals • R-controlled vowels • Words with Greek and Latin roots • Words from French and Spanish • Schwa "L" and "N" in both stressed and unstressed syllables

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Handwriting: A Reason For Writing

Integrates faith and learning by featuring lessons based on Scripture verses and built-in opportunities for sharing God's Word with others. Focus on alignment, slant, size, shape, and spacing

Art: Deep Space Sparkle

Art includes lessons from a combination of the EASE and EPIC curriculum, as well as additional seasonal projects. Exploring Art Supplies through Environments (EASE) – technique-rich exploration of different mediums and their potential, with colorful projects reflecting a variety of habitats. Elements and Principles Integration Curriculum (EPIC) – units that focus on each of the 14 elements and principles of art, with scaffolded lessons to meet student abilities at each grade level.

Computers

Students in grades K-8 learn about the working parts of computers, the internet and internet safety, research, coding, and how to use Microsoft Office Suite; all in order to further the Gospel and share the love of Jesus with others.

Spanish

Fifth through eighth grades focus more on grammar. gender of nouns, possessive adjectives, definite articles, adjustive agreement, regular -ar, -er, - ir verbs and irregular -ser, estar, tener verbs. Students also apply lessons previously learned, like telling time, using numbers 1-1,000, and traveling.

Music: Ukulele

Continue learning rhythms, tempos, melodies, dynamics, performance, and composition. Advance in reading music and begin to play ukulele. Focus on Musical Theatre through an in-depth study of a musical. Additionally learn music theory.

Library

Learn about different book genres through book talks and book reviews. Fourth and fifth grade students also focus on the Dewey Decimal System and how books are organized throughout the library. In addition, time is given to read in order to work towards the Accelerated Reader goals given to them by their classroom teachers.

Physical Education

• Develop team-building skills by working with others through physical activity • Understand principles of health promotion and the prevention and treatment of illness and injury • Students will perform loco motor, non-loco motor and manipulative skills at a utilization level, show fundamental components of healthy living, and use appropriate skills in team, group and individual activities • Introduced to basic fundamental skills of various team sports and other health-enhancing activities • During all activities, recreational play verses competitive play and good sportsmanship are continually fostered and encouraged.

2024-2025 Fifth Grade Test Scores

Iowa Assessment

Please contact our Director of Education if you have any questions.

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NP of Mean NCE

This means, a student whose NP is 72, scored higher than 72 percent of the fifth grade students nationally who also took the test. NP scores are useful for comparing local student achievement to student achievement at the national level.

Reading	Math	Language
55	59	61