



St. Gregory School
2009-2010

“What a child SEES, is what a child DOES.
What a child DOES, is what a child IS.”

Welcome to Our Fifth Grade Journey...



“I believe that children
Are the future, teach them
Well and let them lead
The way...”

George Benson- *Greatest
Love of All*

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Fifth Grade Curriculum Outline and Focus Points

Most work will be returned after grading. Test will be given at the end of most units and homework will be given daily. Make-up test can be taken only with the approval from myself. I give no extra credit.

- **Religion/Family Life**
The Sacraments and scripture reading
Family Life - values, puberty, AIDS

- **Social Studies**
US History
Immigrants
Maps and Globes
The first Americans
Exploration 1400s - Columbus
Life in English Colonies
Revolutionary War
Settling of the West
Culture

- **Language Arts**
Reading
Signatures/Harcourt Brace
Trade books/Journals
SRA Reading Lab
SSR/Outside Reading/Book Reports - Oral and Written
Writing
Journals, daily edit/grammar, creative writing, essays, poetry,
language book
Spelling book and activities
Handwriting
Students illustrating + writing their own books

- **Math**
See table of contents of text, also, math activities.

- **Special Classes**
Computer/Library
Drama/Music
P.E.
Art - Taught by myself and Art in Action Volunteers

- **Homework**

Usually Math and English assignments are given daily. Other assignments are given in Reading, Spelling, Science, Social Studies, and Religion when warranted. Outside reading is a daily assignment. Spelling test given on Fridays. Time spent should be 45-90 minutes; Mon-Thurs. Homework on weekends may be needed for long-term projects and Math.

- **Grades**

Late papers will be accepted, but will receive less credit if submitted within a week. If later than a week, a zero grade will be given. Most papers will graded. Work missed due to absence must be made up in a timely manner. Long term assignments turned in late will have grade lowered one whole grade for each day late.

- In the fourth quarter, no late work will be accepted. This will help them get acclimated for Junior High School.

- **Outside Reading**

Your child should read 20 minutes day away from school. This can be the form of books, newspapers, and magazines. Please have your child read to you part of the time, and you read to your child.

- **Field Trips**

You will find out about these later.

- **Birthdays**

Cookies, cupcakes, and donuts are fine. No drinks please and please send napkins.

- **Volunteers**

If you are interested in helping in the classroom or driving for field trips, please sign up indicating what you are interested in doing and when you are available.

Thank you for your support!

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Grading Scale

96 - 100	A
93 - 95	A-
91 - 92	B+
87 - 90	B
84 - 86	B-
81 - 83	C+
74 - 80	C
70 - 73	C-
67 - 69	D+
63 - 66	D
60 - 62	D-
59 - BELOW	F

Fifth Grade

Class Schedule 2008-2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 - 8:15 Opening Exercises Daily Edit	8:00 - 8:10 Opening Exercises Daily Edit	8:00 - 8:10 Opening Exercises Daily Edit	8:00 - 8:10 Opening Exercises Daily Edit	8:00 - 8:10 Opening Exercises Daily Edit
8:15 - 9:00 Computer (1/2) Library (1/2)	8:10 - 9:00 English	8:10 - 9:00 English	8:10 - 9:00 English	8:10 - 9:00 English
9:00 - 9:45 Computer (1/2) Library (1/2)	9:00 - 9:50 Math	9:00 - 9:50 Math	9:00 - 9:50 Math	9:00 - 9:50 Math
9:45 - 10:50 English	9:50 - 10:40 Social Studies	9:40 - 10:40 Social Studies	9:50 - 10:40 Social Studies	9:50 - 10:40 Social Studies
10:20 - 10:50 Math	10:40 - 10:55 Recess	10:40 - 10:55 Recess	10:40 - 10:55 Recess	10:40 - 10:55 Recess
10:50 - 11:05 Recess	10:55 - 11:35 Science	10:55 - 11:40 Science	10:55 - 11:35 Science	10:55 - 11:40 Science
11:05 - 11:45 Social Studies	11:35 - 12:15 PE	11:40 - 12:35 Religion	11:35 - 12:15 PE	11:40 - 12:35 Religion
11:45 - 12:25 Religion	12:14 - 12:35 Vocabulary / Journal	12:40 - 1:15 Lunch	12:15 - 12:35 Vocabulary / Journal	12:40 - 1:15 Lunch
12:25 - 1:00 Reading / Spelling	12:40 - 1:15 Lunch	1:15 - 1:30 SSR/Spelling	12:40 - 1:15 Lunch	1:15 - 2:05 Spelling / Vocabulary
1:00 - 1:05 Closing Exercises	1:15 - 1:30 SSR	1:15 - 2:05 Music	1:15 - 1:30 SSR	2:05 - 2:50 Art / Reading
1:05 Dismissal	1:30 - 2:05 Reading	2:05 - 2:50 Reading	1:30 - 2:05 Reading	2:50 - 3:00 Closing Exercises
	2:00 - 2:50 Religion	2:50 - 3:00 Closing Exercises	2:00 - 2:50 Religion (1/2) Computer (1/2)	3:00 Dismissal
	2:50 - 3:00 Closing Exercises	3:00 Dismissal	2:50 - 3:00 Closing Exercises	
	3:00 Dismissal		3:00 Dismissal	

8 ways parents can get children to read

As a parent you are your child's first – and most important- teacher. Here are eight ways you can help your child become a better reader.

1. **Read yourself.** Your actions really do speak louder than your words. When your kids see you reading the newspaper or curling up with a book, they'll want to follow your example.
2. **Make sure your children read every day.** Reading – like shooting baskets or playing the piano – is a skill. Like other skills, it gets better with practice.
3. **Get the library habit.** Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. Schedule regular trips to the library. While you're there, check out a book yourself.
4. **Read aloud to your children.**
 - Start when they are young. It's never too early to begin reading to your children.
 - Set aside some time each day for reading aloud. Even 10 minutes a day can have a big impact.
 - Don't stop reading to your children as they grow older. You'll both enjoy the change to do something together.
 - Read books you enjoy. Your kids will know if you are faking it.
5. **Use your newspaper to encourage reading.** Give your child a list of things to find in today's newspaper. Here are some ideas:
 - A map of the United States
 - A picture of your child's favorite athlete
 - The temperature in the city where a family member resides.
 - Three words that begin with "W"
 - A movie that's playing at a nearby theater.
6. **Give books as gifts.** Then find a special place for your children to keep their own library.
7. **Make reading a privilege.** Say "You can stay up 15 minutes later tonight if you're in bed reading." Or, "Because you helped me with the dishes, I have some time to read you an extra story."
8. **If you're not a good reader, you can still encourage your children.** As you children learn to read, ask them to read to you. Talk about books your children have read. Ask a friend or relative to read aloud to your children.