

# SYLLABUS GRADES 4&5

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Encourage One Another- 1 Thessalonians 5:11

## TRINITY LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

Connecting people to Christ in His Word and Love.

## PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT

To teach, care for, and listen to students, while preparing them to be responsible, productive, Christian members of society.

## RELIGION

The key concepts of faith are learned in One In Christ, a Concordia Publishing House religion series. This includes a study of God and His Word, Law, Gospel, Confession, Repentance, Forgiveness, and Grace, as well as a study of the 6 Chief parts of Luther's Catechism. Finally, a history of the Reformation is studied, and how we can witness our faith for life. Daily devotions are a part of our school day, as well as incorporating our faith across the whole curriculum.

## MEMORY

Memory work consists of daily prayers, Bible passages, hymns, Luther's Small Catechism contents, including The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar. Musical and chapel presentations are also assigned for memory work. Memory work is usually assigned twice a week. Students are given some class time to study Memory Work, but should also practice 5-10 minutes each night at home.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Our Language Arts curriculum, entitled ReadyGen, will include studies in reading, comprehension, good study skills, improving vocabulary, phonics, grammar and composition. Our spelling curriculum will also align with our ReadyGen curriculum.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

The main themes of our Social Studies text, Harcourt Social Studies – are “States and Regions” and “United States history and geography”. Students will learn map and globe skills, the location of states and their capitals, and study other countries of the Western Hemisphere in addition to learning United States history and geography. Skills in Note taking, vocabulary, and reading comprehension will also be learned.

## SCIENCE

In the Nancy Larson (c.2013) Science series, topics to be covered will include: Biology, Botany, Ecology, Zoology, and Physics (Energy and Electricity). Students will all utilize interactive workbooks that go along with Nancy Larson Science 4. Testing will cover units of instruction.

## MATH

Fourth grade students will review and/or learn the following math concepts:

Place value

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with whole numbers

Patterns and sequences

Fractions and decimals

Operations with fractions

Customary and metric measurement

Perimeter and area

Geometry.

Fifth grade students will review and/or learn the following math concepts:

Place Value

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of fractions, decimals, and whole numbers

Number theory and fractions

Probability and Statistics

Geometry

Customary and Metric Measurement,

Area, volume, and perimeter

Ratios, proportions, and percentages

Algebra Concepts

Math for both fourth and fifth grades will integrate problem solving and decision making strategies with the general practice of concepts, testing of skills, chapter study guides, cumulative reviews, enrichment, and performance assessment. The math text used in this class is McGraw-Hill My Math.

## HANDWRITING

Cursive handwriting will be used in most subject areas with an emphasis on neatness, correct letter formation, and legibility. The D'Nealian Handwriting method will be used.

## MUSIC

All students will take a music class which is taught by Miss Jurchen two days a week. There is a school choir which sing at chapel, church, and various other functions. All students are in the choir, which meets once a week, and is taught by Miss Jurchen. Band is taught by Lincoln Lutheran's Band teacher, Mr. Werner, and students will meet for instruction two or three times weekly. Band is offered to all fifth graders. It is possible that Band may be offered to fourth grade students, depending on Lincoln Lutheran's schedule and Mr. Werner's availability. Band will be an extra cost for those interested. Exact cost will depend on how many students participate and will be communicated at a later date.

## ART

Various activities will be used to teach the history and appreciation of art, and to improve skills in the areas of drawing, painting, prints, and crafts. The SRA Art Connections curriculum will be used in addition to other class projects.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical Education classes, students will learn/review exercises and stretches as well as some games. Sports such as volleyball, basketball, baseball/softball, soccer, and track will also be taught/reviewed. Grades 3-5 will have PE class together.

## COMPUTER

Computer classes will be held twice weekly. Some of the things that will be learned are keyboarding and basic computer skills.

## FIELD TRIPS

Some of the 5th grade field trips may include any of the following: The Lied Center, Earth Wellness Festival, UNL, Camp Luther, SAC Museum, and Earth Wellness Festival. Because of scheduling, all of these field trips are not attended every year and others could be added.

## EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to treat others and themselves with respect, follow directions, and use good, Christian behavior at all times. Assignments are given daily in most subject areas. Some classroom time is given for daily work. In addition to daily work, some homework assignments are given which will be due the next day. Some special projects will be given more time to complete. Forty minutes is the average amount of time your fourth grader should spend on homework and fifty minutes can be expected for fifth grade students; however, if it is consistently more than one hour that your child is working on homework, please contact me so we can help your child get back on track. Work assigned during absences should be made up as quickly as possible, so that the student's workload does not become overwhelming. A good rule of thumb is to have one extra day per absent day to complete assignments, or to be completely caught up by the next weekend. It will be my pleasure to work with you and your child, and I am looking forward to the school year. God's blessings to you and your families.