



**LEGACY
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**

5TH GRADE

**CURRICULUM
OVERVIEW**

2018-2019

Welcome to the Great Adventure of Life with Christ

Legacy Christian Academy Middle School

Fifth Grade

Middle school is full of exciting new challenges for students who are growing up in all sorts of ways - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Research shows the rapid learning and changes undergone by the brain during adolescence years, are surpassed only by those of toddlerhood. Understanding the unique needs of middle school students, allows teachers to customize the learning experience for this developmental stage.

Legacy faculty and staff support students as they practice making all kinds of choices - academic, social, and spiritual - with a Love and Logic approach. We know to be really successful in life, we don't have to be perfect, but we do need to be able to learn from the natural consequences of our decisions. Your 5th grade student will be supported by a forgiving and redeeming God, and teachers and friends who are on our side.

Curriculum for 5th grade students is chosen with great care to engage students in a vibrant, hands-on learning environment.

5th Grade Curriculum

LANGUAGE ARTS

Grammar

Focus: Teaching students to communicate effectively through writing, with an emphasis on grammar and mechanics. Students learn a variety of writing styles and methods.

Resource: *Language B* by Abeka, *Quizlet* - vocabulary
Spelling City – bi-weekly spelling lists

Reading

Novels:

[Tuck Everlasting](#)
[Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry](#)
[Children of the Storm](#)
[A Father's Promise](#)

Writing

Focus: Genre writing

Resource: *Write Traits*

MATH

Focus: Exploring whole numbers, decimals, data & graphs, fraction concepts and operations, percent, algebra and geometry. Math is taught with a hands on approach and made applicable to real life situations.

Resources:

HSP Math 5-Harcourt School Publishers

The math program includes: hardback books and ebooks with technology features to offer a successful and positive math education.

SCIENCE

Focus: The name of the Science curriculum, *Purposeful Design*, relates to the creative work of God's creation. Every unit in our study integrates the wonder of the created world with a Biblical worldview. It uses the student's natural God-given curiosity to engage them in investigating, observing, and thinking about the world around them. Vocabulary is a large part of the science curriculum

Resources: *Change-Science 5* by ACSI Purposeful Design, *Quizlet*-Vocabulary

BIBLE

Focus: Champions of Faith in the Old and New Testaments, and Church History

Bible Memorization:

Focus: Bible literacy, students will explore the entire Bible by learning motions and keywords for the main storyline of the entire Bible.

Resources: *Discipleland*, *Walk Thru the Bible*

GEOGRAPHY

Focus: Exploring the physical world God has created. The geography curriculum is based upon National Geography Standards. In class, we will explore the world God created through many different learning experiences such as projects, media and literature.

Resources: *My World Geography*, Pearson Publishers

5th Grade Enrichment Courses

Physical Education

PE at Legacy is structured to develop a love for life-long physical fitness through organized games and activities.

Technology / Character Strong

Students participate in a weekly technology class which will be covers basic keyboarding and computer skills along with coding. In addition to this, the students will be focusing on character development. Each week they learn about the importance of character and the positive impact it can have for ourselves and those around us.

FINE ARTS

5th grade students rotate through the four fine arts offerings (art, band, choir, drama) over the course of the school year.

Art

For most students, this will be the capstone of their education in visual art. For others, this course sets the foundation for up to six years of daily instruction in 2- and 3-D Art. Students learn basic drawing skills and color theory as well as graphic design and architectural construction.

A portfolio of student art will be sent home at the end of the course.

Band

Students attend 5th Grade band class four times a week for one quarter of the year. Students are assigned school instruments; that they learn how to care for instruments, create a characteristic sound, and play simple tunes. By the end of the quarter, our goal is to find out what instrument family (woodwind, brass, or percussion) best suits each child.

Choir

Students sing one and two-part choral literature and establish the best possible ensemble sound. Students learn basic music theory, sight-reading, and music history.

Drama

Students learn the importance of interaction and listening as well as dialogue through improvisational warm ups and games. Students are introduced to dialogue and staging as well as the other areas of acting. Drama is a great opportunity for students to use the gifts God has given them to entertain and inform.

Curriculum Enhancing, Special Events for 5th Grade

Participation in Frisco Storytelling Festival

Animal Cell Construction

Talent Show

National Geographic Bee

Ft. Worth Science and History Museum Field Trip

Lego STEM Event

Hot Air Launch STEM Event

Laps for Legacy Service Opportunity

Finally Fun Machines- Field Day

PSIA Competitions