



Enrichment

Physical Education

Students will develop self-confidence and physical fitness during physical education. Focus will be placed on skill development and games that prepare students to play volleyball, basketball, softball, and soccer.

Spanish

Students will explore the Spanish language including the development of grammar and vocabulary relating to weather, seasons, places, events, food and customs.

Music

Fifth grade students will study the history of music, composers, and music theory.

Computer

Through the use of lecture, research, discussion, and participation in collaborative and individual projects students will practice file management, basic Internet skills, formal typing skills to 25 wpm, word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software and digital media including photo, podcast, and simple movie.

Reading Counts!

FCS uses the Scholastic Reading Counts program. Students select from a wide variety of books in their assigned reading levels and, after reading the books, take computerized quizzes. In order to make book selection easier, our library books are color-coded to match corresponding reading levels in the Reading Counts program.

Outdoor Education

Fifth graders will travel to Cimi Camp on Catalina Island where they will spend three days gaining first-hand knowledge of God's creation through hands-on oceanography experiences including snorkeling.

Homework

Homework is a vital part of the learning process. Assignments are designed to extend or reinforce concepts learned in class. Students who stay focused and on task, should spend approximately 45-60 minutes per night on homework.

Research/Projects

Language Arts

Students will write, revise, and edit an Easter Simulation.

History

Each student will complete a research project on one of the fifty states.

Science

A variety of hands on projects will be completed in class.

Additional Programs

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are offered for students Kindergarten to 8th grade. There are two piano recitals in January and May. Every spring our school also participates in the ACSI Piano Festival.

Band

Our band program consisting of instrumental and string instruments is offered to 3rd – 8th grade students. The program includes individual private instruction, sectional rehearsals and full band classes weekly.

Drama

"Fairy Tale Theatre" is an after school drama club designed to allow students who are interested in acting and staging to participate in drama productions at an early age. Any FCS student in the 4th-5th grade may try out to be part of these spectacular productions.

Vocal Music

The Sunshine Singers is a select group of 4th through 6th grade students who have elected to join and commit to an elementary choir. This is a voluntary program and offers students the opportunity to learn about vocal technique, choral practices, and gain performance experience.

ACSI Activities

The Association of Christian Schools International offers opportunities for students to participate in activities with students from other local Christian schools. Activities include a spelling bee, speech meet, and art festival.

Foothill Christian School



Fifth Grade Curriculum Overview



FOOTHILL
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Decidedly Academic. Distinctively Christian.

The mission of Foothill Christian School is to provide families with a Christ-centered, biblically-directed education which encourages the development of a personal relationship with God and which instills the vision and practice of excellence in academics, character and service to God and others.



Language Arts

Reading

- ✚ Read and respond to a variety of culturally and historically significant pieces of literature including fiction, non fiction, and informative
- ✚ Describe and connect the essential ideas, arguments and perspectives of the text by using knowledge of structure, organization and purpose
- ✚ Identify and describe elements of plot, setting, characters, and interpret figurative language
- ✚ Read and respond to the novels *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, *Number the Stars*, and *Tuck Everlasting*

Writing

- ✚ Write clear, coherent, and focused essays. The writing exhibits the students' awareness of the audience and purpose
- ✚ Utilize the writing process including pre-writing organization, revising and editing to write clear, focused essays
- ✚ Writing applications: summary, narrative, short story, poetry, friendly letter, and informative reports

Oral Language

- ✚ Deliver focused, well-organized presentations

English Conventions

- ✚ Mechanics: identify and apply the correct rules for common punctuation
- ✚ Grammar: identify and use all parts of speech
- ✚ Sentence Structure: identify and use a variety of sentence types; use independent and dependent clauses; identify fragments and run-on sentences
- ✚ Identify and use new spelling and vocabulary

Mathematics

Number Sense

- ✚ Compute with very large and very small numbers, positive integers, decimals, and fractions and understand the relationship between decimals, fractions, ratios, and percents. They understand the relative magnitudes of numbers
- ✚ Perform calculations and solve problems involving addition, subtraction, and simple multiplication and division of fractions and decimals

Algebra and Functions

- ✚ Use variables in simple expressions, compute the value of the expression for specific values of the variable, and plot and interpret the results

Measurement and Geometry

- ✚ Understand and compute the volumes and areas of simple objects
- ✚ Identify, describe, and classify the properties of, and the relationships between, plane and solid geometric figures

Statistics, Data Analysis, and Probability

- ✚ Display, analyze, compare, and interpret different data sets, including data sets of different sizes

Mathematical Reasoning

- ✚ Make decisions about how to approach problems
- ✚ Use strategies, skills, and concepts in finding solutions
- ✚ Move beyond a particular problem by generalizing to other situations

Science

In science, students will use research and hands-on activities to explore the earth and its plants and animals. Units will investigate various types of matter, the structures of plants and animals, the processes of evaporation and condensation of water, energy produced from the sun, and the solar system. Students will use the scientific method to hypothesize and experiment.

History

Students in fifth grade will study the history of the United States from colonization to the western expansion. Emphasis will be placed on the people who were native to the land and from where others immigrated. Students will learn that our government was founded on Christian values and the English traditions of self-government. They will recognize that our nation has a constitution and that our government derives its power from the people.

Bible

Bible is taught as a separate subject, but is also integrated into all aspects of curriculum and campus life. The children learn, through their years at Foothill, the importance of their Christian faith and the value of serving others. We want all of our students to know the Lord on a personal level so that when they leave Foothill, they will be equipped to live a discerning lifestyle that honors God.

In fifth grade students will study key events and individuals of the Old Testament.

The fifth grade FAITH IN ACTION focus is assisting those around the world who are in need. Various forms of assistance are provided including medical aid, clean water, and care for orphans and refugees.

The Association of Christian Schools International has recognized the FAITH IN ACTION program at FCS as an exemplary program.