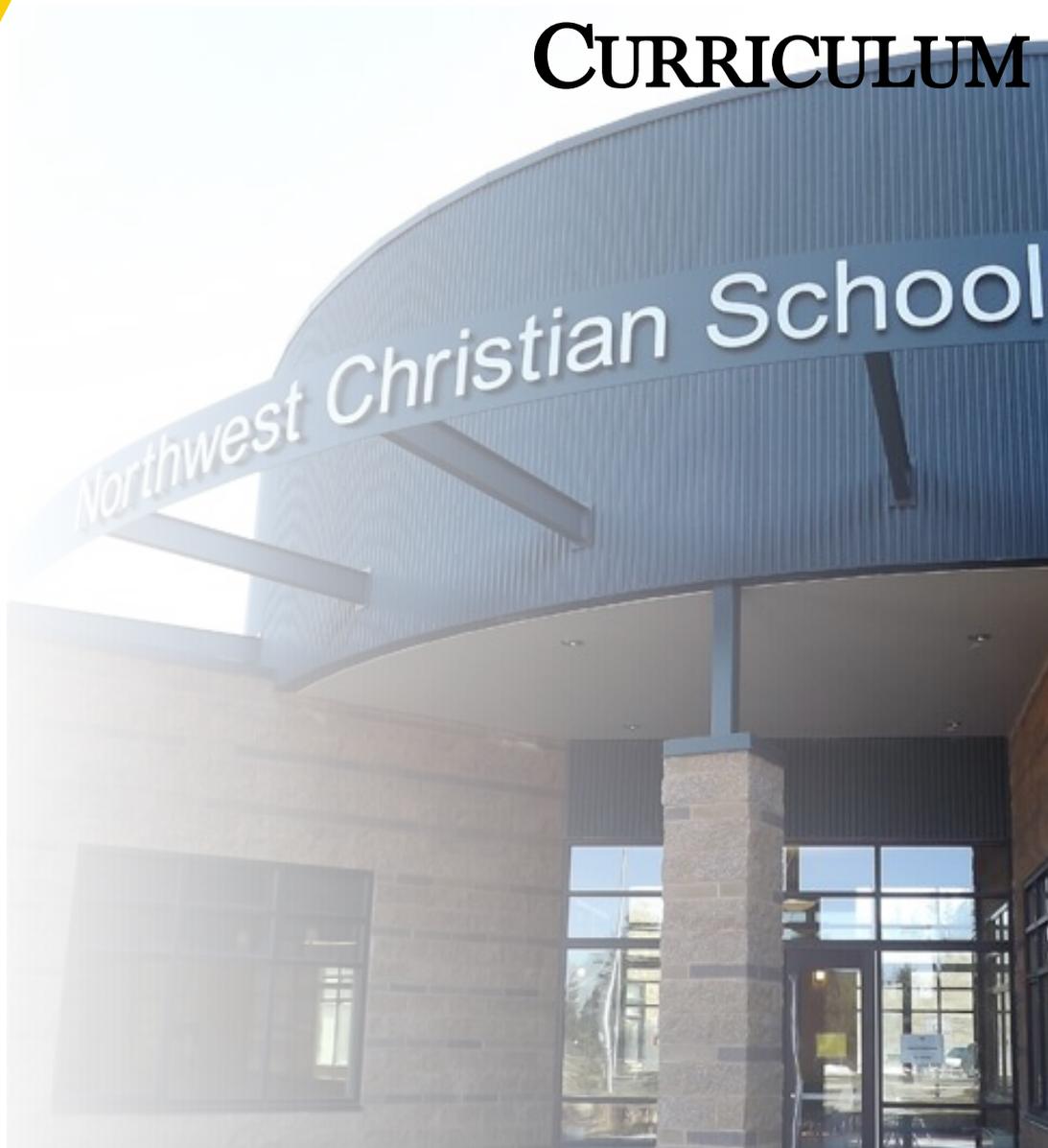




2019-2020 ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM



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Northwest Christian Elementary Schools (Kindergarten – 5th grade) offers a Christ-centered education with a balanced approach to teaching and learning. We are passionate about preparing students through a distinctively *biblical, relational and vibrant education* facilitated by caring, Christian teachers who are leaders for the next generation of young people. Our school is committed to meet the needs of students by providing dynamic learning experiences and equipping children with Scriptural truth. We encourage our students to find their unique areas of giftedness, think critically and solve problems while mastering basic skills through a variety of rich educational and extra-curricular opportunities.

“Preparing Minds...Transforming Hearts.”

Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computerized, standardized test which students in grades K-8 take in order to measure growth and learning in reading, math and language. Data is shared with parents and individual goals are set in order for students to achieve growth in these core areas. Results are reported in percentiles and RIT range scores based on national norms. This assessment tool is an effective way to measure student progress over time and a planning tool for differentiating instruction to both support and challenge all students in their learning.

- 2 times a year at lower campus (K-8)
- At NWCS, we strive to promote a balanced view of student testing. We recognize that standardized scores are only one piece of information that can show a picture of student growth. Daily work, classroom assessments and teacher observation are additional pieces of information which teachers use as well to monitor student progress.

Special Services

Learning Center

The Learning Center collaborates with Mead Special Services if additional testing is requested by teachers and parents. Additional program fees apply. We may refer families to Winston Center for additional testing.

- DIBELS (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Susan Barton Screening (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Susan Barton Reading and Spelling Program

Chapels

- Chapels are 2-3 times a month
- The Gospel message is continually shared
- Chapels afford students to gain experience and understanding in: *worship, Biblical Truth, and application of truth*
- *Reflection:* After Chapel, students go back to class and discuss what was taught with their teacher
- Local pastors are invited to teach at Chapel on occasion with administrative approval

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

Bible

- God's Word is truth (Psalm 119:105)
- Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God and Our Redeemer (John 1:1)
- God wants us to know Him through His Word and Holy Spirit (John 14:16)
- The Plan of Salvation for man is revealed through scripture (Jude 3, Ephesians 2:5-8)

Language Arts

- God is the ultimate Author. Writing is a powerful tool to influence people for His glory (Psalm 102:18)
- God is the Purposeful Communicator (2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, Romans 12:2)
- God is gracious (Ephesians 2:8, 9). God asks us to listen to others (James 1:19) and speak with purpose, kindness, truth and grace (Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 3:3, 1 Peter 1:15)

Math

- God is orderly (Psalm 147:4)
- God is bigger than anything (Jeremiah 23:24)
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- God is unchanging (Malachi 3:6, Lamentations 3:23)
- God is wise He created people in His image to think (Genesis 1:27, Colossians 2:3)

Science

- God is Creator (Hebrews 11:3, Psalm 33:6)
- God is creative and orderly (Psalm 8:3-4)
- God is Revealer (Romans 1:20, Psalm 19:1-4, 1 Corinthians 14:12)
- God is our Provider (Matt 6:25-30, Genesis 1:29-30)

Social Studies

- God is the Source. He is our Provider (Colossians 1:6, Romans 8:28)
- God is Sovereign. He rules over all things (Romans 8:28)
- God is just. He does what is best (Romans 1:18, Psalm 111:7)

Music

- Music is a gift from our creative God (Book of Psalms)
- Music reflects the beauty and order of God's creation (Isaiah 55:12, Psalm 98:8)

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

- Music is an eternal language (Rev. 15:3)
- Music tells the story of God's people (Book of Psalms)
- Our bodies are a musical instrument (Psalm 95:1-7)
- With music we will worship and enjoy God forever (Rev. 5:8-13)

Band

- God is the ultimate Composer (Heb. 12:2) God recognizes writing as a powerful tool to influence people to obey Him (Psalms 102:18)
- God is a Communicator (2 Tim. 3:16) God urges us to be equipped to read content deeply with discernment that enables us to prove what is good, acceptable and perfect (Rom. 12:2)
- God is the Great Arranger/Orchestrator (Gen. 1; 2:1-3) God placed musicians into the body of Christ to be a voice of praise (1 Cor. 12:12-31)

Physical Education

- Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Therefore honor God with your body (1 Cor. 6:19)

Creative Expressions

- We were created to create (Exodus 35:31-32)

Technology

The Bible says "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31. It is our desire to use technology in such a way and to help the students achieve literacy in technology through a balanced approach that will help them to communicate, solve problems, access, manage, integrate, evaluate and create information to improve learning in all subject areas and to acquire lifelong knowledge and skills in the 21st Century.

KINDERGARTEN

BIBLE

Complete Character Curriculum

Christian School Curriculum

Near Ministry: *Partnering with
VA Hospital & Veterans*

Biblical Character Traits through Bible Stories

- Obedience
- Faith
- Thankfulness for home and family
- Orderliness
- Love
- Honesty
- Perseverance
- Friendship
- Kindness
- We honor God and all by demonstrating courtesy, respectful behavior and encouraging words

Memory Work

- Bible verses

Passover Celebration

- Israelites freedom from Egyptians
- First Passover
- Jesus' life, death and resurrection
- Application for us today

LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERATURE

Journeys, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Foundations, Wilson Language
Raz Kids

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

- Actively participates in listening to numerous "Read-Alouds"
- Describes the main character
- Describes the setting
- Re-tells the plot in sequence
- Gives a personal response to the selection
- Letter of the week activities
- Communicates ideas clearly and effectively through speaking
- Listening skills
- Display curiosity about print

- Use knowledge of common letter sounds to blend and decode words

Beginning Reading Skills

Using phonics as well as the whole language approach

- Recognizes rhyming words/word families
- Demonstrates ability to hear the sounds in words
- Knows the most common sound of each letter
- Blends words *with 2 and 3 sounds*
- Shows beginning awareness of directionality (i.e., points to where print begins; uses left to right & top to bottom orientation of print)
- Demonstrates one-to-one correspondence between written and spoken word
- Dibels assessment 3 times per year

Writing

- Daily penmanship
- Sight words
- Journaling
- "NWC Writes" Writing Rally

Penmanship - Manuscript

- Correctly forms letters in first name, last name
- Correctly forms capital letters
- Correctly forms lower case letters

MATH

Go Math, Houghton Mifflin

Northwest Christian Schools aims to provide a balanced approach to math instruction with a focus on critical thinking through problem solving according to 21st century standards alongside of mastery of basic facts and skills at each grade level.

Counting and Ordering/Operations of Algebraic Thinking

- Number sense
- Recognizes, forms and writes numerals 0-50
- Counts objects in sets and identifies the corresponding number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Number pairing up to 10
- Number and operations in Base 10
- Count and write order to 50
- Count orally to 100 by 1's, 5's, 10's
- Count to 20 by 2's

Kindergarten Curriculum

- Count backward from 10
- Verbalizes number stories 0-9 using concrete materials

Geometry and Positions

- Identify and draw shapes
- Compare two dimensional shapes
- Identify and describe 3 dimensional shapes
- Identify and describe positions (above & below, beside & next to, in front of & behind)

Measurement and Data

- Compare length, height and weight
- Classify and sort data (Algebra)
- Classify and count (sort by color, shape and size)

Graphing and Patterning

- Make and interpret graphs
- Count objects
- Add/subtract numbers of objects
- Probability: dice roll/graph (addition)
- Record weather/compare and contrast results

Calendar/Time Measurement

- Know that a calendar shows months, weeks and days
- Learn months/days of the year (odd/even)
- Sing and spells month
- Tally
- Identify time to hour/half0hour

Money

- Identify penny, nickel, dime and quarter

SCIENCE

Mystery Science

Incorporating Stem Practices

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

National Geographic Explorer

Earth Science

Weather and Seasons

- Chart and graph weather
- Compare temperatures
- Identify sunny, windy, cloudy, rainy and snowy days

Life Science

Five Senses

- Learn by use of senses
- Predict and describe using the senses

Animals

- Categorize animals by similarities
- Recognize the habitats of different animals

(Groundhog Day)

- Discuss hibernation and migration
- Kinds of Living Things
- Identify similarities and differences between plants and animals
- Identify animal groups
- Research, write and present a report on an animal of his/her choice

Physical Science

Floating and Sinking

- Predict outcomes of a variety of objects
- Make observations and communicates understanding of how objects either sink or float
- Categorize and label objects on graphs

Engineering

- Work words: push, pull, move, lift, scrub, grind
- Plan, investigate, record data, evaluate outcomes, communicate results
- Pushes and pulls
- Energy forces
- Make observations and communications
- Understand of how magnets work

Cooking

- Measuring
- Kitchen chemistry
- Physical and chemical changes

SOCIAL STUDIES

Manners

- Demonstrate that good manners are a way to show respect
- Reflect an attitude of gratefulness and obedience

Community

- What are rules and why does God want us to follow them? (Community)
- How to ask questions
- Evaluates fairness

Personal Skills

- Shares viewpoints
- Identifies personal events/history
- Students are introduced to multiple art mediums

Special Americans/Holidays

- Johnny Appleseed
- Native Americans
- Martin Luther King
- Christopher Columbus
- Veterans' Day
- Memorial Day

Kindergarten Curriculum

- Thanksgiving
- The Christmas Story
- George Washington/Abraham Lincoln

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art vocab
- Introduction to color, shapes and patterns and how we use them in our artwork
- Learn how to create texture with paint and tools
- Introduction to the Master's of Art
- Introduced to elements of art for their age group (line, shape, color and texture)
- Collaborative art (murals)

MUSIC

- Praise and worship in class
- Experience joy through singing and musical movement
- Experience the order of music through keeping a steady beat and contrasts of silence and sound
- Play percussion instruments and bells
- Experience high, medium, and low ranges and pitches through instruments and voice
- Develops auditory awareness
- Experience large motor music activities
- Understand music notation as a universal written language
- Awareness of great composers and compositions through history

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Participate in free play
- Simple games
- Fitness activities
- Cooperative activities
- Very basic sports skills

LIBRARY

- Gain an appreciation for and love of books
- Practice proper care for books in the Library

TECHNOLOGY

Northwest Christian School utilizes the Microsoft Office 365 Suite which includes Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel and OneNote.

- Computers in the classroom
- Basic computer concepts, operations and navigate various browsers and programs
- Use computers to combine media such as text and graphics with assistance
- Use basic computer drawing tools to illustrate or communicate ideas
- Use teacher-selected Web sites to enhance and support curriculum
- Identify the basic components of the computer: monitor, keyboard, mouse, etc.

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Respect each other's work
- Use resources as directed

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Caldecott and Newberry Award Winners
Myths and Fairy Tales

FIRST GRADE

BIBLE

Enjoying God's Gifts, Positive Action for Christ
Near Ministry: *Horizon Hospice Crafts*

God's Gift: Himself

- Triune God

God's Gift: The World

- The Story of Creation

God's Gift: Special Promises

- Noah
- Abraham
- Jacob
- Joseph

God's Gift: Worship

- The Stories of Josiah and Joash

God's Gift: A Savior

- The Story of Jesus from birth through Crucifixion and Resurrection

God's Gift: Children

- The Story of Samuel

God's Gift: Friends

- The Story of David

God's Gift: Special Blessings

- The Story of Elijah
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LANGUAGE ARTS

Journeys, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Foundations, Wilson Language
Raz Kids

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

Grammar

- Introduce to nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions
- Identify complete sentences (subject/predicate)
- Recognize a statement/question
- Use synonyms/antonyms
- Demonstrates understanding of singular/plural nouns, common/proper nouns

Writing

Develop voice, organization, word choice, fluency, conventions and ideas in content:

- Writing to describe

- Writing to inform
- Writing to narrate
- Writing to express
- Writing to respond
- "NWC Writes" Writing Rally

Reading/Phonics

- Balance phonics instruction and literature
- Know the most common sound of each letter
- Identify multiple sounds of c, g, s, y
- Know short vowels, long vowels, vowel pairs
- Know diagraphs
- Know contractions
- Know compound words
- Know base words
- Know suffixes, prefixes
- Know spelling patterns
- Running Records

Comprehension

- Main idea/summarize
- Infer/predict
- Sequence of events
- Text and graphic features
- Story structure/characters
- Summarize
- Cause and effect

Fluency

- Accuracy, phrasing intonation, self-correct, expression

Vocabulary Strategies

- Classify and categorize
- Context clues
- Multiple meaning words
- A, B, C order
- Antonyms/synonyms
- Using a glossary
- Homophones
- Suffixes/prefixes
- Compare and contrast
- Main idea/details
- Question, visualize, summarize, author's purpose
- Compound words

Spelling

- Phonics based spelling tests

Penmanship / Manuscript

- Correctly forms capital letters
- Correctly form lowercase letters

MATH

Go Math, Houghton Mifflin
Splash Math

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Operations and Algebraic thinking

- Develop an understanding of addition and subtraction within 20
- Problem solving – use a variety of problem solving strategies

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Develop understanding of whole number relationships and place value, including grouping in tens and ones to 120
- Compare numbers (greater than, less than, uses symbols to compare) ($>$, $<$, $=$)
- Add and subtract 2 digit numbers
- Problem solving – use a variety of problem solving strategies

Measurement and Data

- Develop understanding of linear measurement and measuring lengths
- Telling time to the hour and half-hour
- Use a calendar to identify days of the week and months of the year
- Identify and know value of penny, nickel, dime and quarter
- Count money
- Problem solving – use a variety of problem solving strategies

Geometry

- Identify plane shapes i.e., circle, square, triangle and rectangle
- Identify solid shapes i.e., sphere and cube
- Fractions
- Problem solving – use a variety of problem solving strategies

SCIENCE

Mystery Science
Incorporating Stem Practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
Various topics from Scholastic News

Earth Science

- Relates daylight to time of year

Life Science

- God's design for living things: Order, structure, function
- Plants and animals are designed to help them grow and survive based on different parts
- Growth and Development of living things
- Animals and plants process information to help them survive
- Traits are inherited from parent plants and animals

Physical Science

- Waves: Light and sound
- Properties of waves

Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles in God's Universe

- The Universe and Stars
- The earth and planets in the solar system
- Sun, moon, stars

SOCIAL STUDIES

I Am Special

- See self as a wonderful creation of God
- Understand that each person has unique gifts and abilities from God

Families Are Special

- Recognize the family as a special community blessed by God

Famous Americans

- Johnny Appleseed
- Pilgrims and Squanto
- Christopher Columbus
- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Ruby Bridges

Map Skills

- Explore concepts of continents, oceans and equator

MUSIC

- Praise and worship in class
- Experience joy through singing and musical movement
- Make melody on chromatic bars and bells
- Experience the order of music through rhythmic patterns
- Demonstrate phrasing
- Begin to read music
- Auditory awareness through music
- Understand music notation as a universal written language
- Awareness of great composers and compositions through history

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Develop and refine motor skills
- Fitness emphasis
- Movement in place and motor skills
- Cooperative activities and sportsmanship
- Simple games
- Basic sports skills

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art instruction builds upon itself and scaffolds K-5
- Students use multiple art mediums
- Art vocabulary
- Intro into the color wheel with primary and secondary colors
- Intro to color mixing and tinting with black and white
- Discover geometric and organic shapes
- Direct instruction drawing
- Use color, shapes and patterns in our artwork
- Expanded art vocab
- Learn and apply basic art elements (line, shape, color, texture and space)
- Collaborative art (murals)
- Learn about balance in art (symmetry)
- Introduction to the Master's of Art

LIBRARY

- Learn proper care of library materials
- Select a book of interest using a shelf marker and return to proper place as necessary
- Listen and respond to a variety of media
- Understand the parts of a book and the purpose of the author and illustrator
- Alphabetize by first letter

TECHNOLOGY

Northwest Christian School utilizes the Microsoft Office 365 suite, which includes Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel and OneNote.

- Computers in classroom
- Basic computer concepts and operations
- Use computers to complete a variety of writing involving the use of text and graphics
- Use computers to explore and develop math skills
- Transfer knowledge of basic operations to new applications

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Respect others' account privacy and work; practice safe and responsible use of online resources

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Mo Willems	
Caldecott and Newberry Award Winners	
Myths and Fairy Tales	

SECOND GRADE

BIBLE

God's Promises, Christian Schools International

Near Ministry: Avalon Care Center

- Creation and Patriarch eras
- The Prophets speak to Israel and Judah
- God preserves His people in exile and brings them back
- A Savior is born
- Jesus' early ministry
- Who is Jesus?
- The parables
- Jesus' death and resurrection
- The early church
- The Lord's prayer
- Revelation

LANGUAGE ARTS

Journeys, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Foundations, Wilson Language

Raz Kids

Reading

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Grammar

- Identify nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns
- Identify regular/irregular verbs
- Recognize homonyms
- Understand alphabetical order

Writing

- Use foundational skills for writing process
- Write complete sentences
- Write paragraphs
- Write reports
- "NWC Writes" Writing Rally

Penmanship

- Review of Manuscript printing
- Introduction of D'Nealian Manuscript and Cursive
- Forms letters correctly in all of writing
- Practices cursive letters

Reading

Decoding and Phonetic Skills

- Balance phonetic instruction and literature
- Identify words with phonograms and blends
- Increase sight vocabulary
- Identify compound words
- Discern prefixes/suffixes/base words
- Understand contractions
- Dibels assessment 2 times per year

Comprehension

- Make inferences and predictions
- Understand cause and effect
- Summarize main idea
- Use prior knowledge to enhance meaning
- Use picture and context clues
- Integrate English components to enhance reading comprehension

Fluency

- Read at an appropriate rate
- Use voice inflection to interpret text

MATH

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Number and Operations in Base Ten (Number concepts)

- Understand place value to 1,000
- Count patterns within 1,000
- Compare numbers
- Understand multi-digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping
- Problem solve using multi-digit addition and subtraction
- Write equations to represent addition and subtraction
- Solve multi-step problems

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Basic addition and subtraction facts
- Relate addition and subtraction
- Problem solve using addition and subtraction

Grade Two Curriculum

Measurement and Data

- Understand values of coins and bills
- Tell time to hour, half hour and five minutes
- Understand length in customary units (inches, feet)
- Add and subtract in inches
- Estimate lengths
- Understand length in metric units (centimeters, meters)
- Add and subtract lengths (metric units)
- Estimate lengths in meters
- Measure and compare lengths
- Read picture and bar graphs
- Collect and display data

Geometry

- Understand two-dimensional shapes
- Understand three-dimensional shapes
- Understand angles in two-dimensional shapes
- Show equal parts of a whole

SCIENCE

Mystery Science
Incorporating STEM practices
(*Science, Technology, Engineering, Math*)

Animal Adventures

- Biodiversity
- Classification

Patterns

- Biodiversity
- Species & Habitats
- Engineering

Plant Adventures

- Seed Dispersal
- Roots, Water & Minerals
- Light, Leaves & Competition

Work of Water

- Mapping
- Earth's Surface & Landforms
- Erosion
- Engineering

Material Magic

- Material Properties
- Engineering
- Classifying Materials
- Material Changes & Phases of Matter
- Material Inventions

SOCIAL STUDIES

Neighborhoods and Communities: The World Around Us, Macmillan
Scholastic News

Neighborhoods

- Describe places in own neighborhood
- Explore routes on a map
- Describe different types of communities

Working Together

- Understand basic economic principles
- Explain purposes of rules and laws that guide people
- Know leaders are elected by majority rule
- Understand God ordained family relationships and workings of a community

Geography

- Able to identify continents on a map
- Locate the USA on a world map

American History

- Identify the Capitol-Washington D.C.
- Appreciate people from our past
- Identify American holidays
- Identify national symbols
- Identify important first Americans
- Describe the fight for freedom from England
- Investigate pioneer life

MUSIC

- Praise and worship in class
- Sing melody with harmony in rounds
- Skills of choral participation
- Creative expression through music
- Experience rhythm through movement, body percussion, rhythm and chromatic instruments
- Play melodic patterns on chromatic instruments
- Auditory awareness through music and identification of parts of the orchestra
- Develop fluency in musical notation

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Structured fitness program: cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and flexibility
- Develop sports skills: football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, bowling, hockey and t-ball
- Participate in cooperative activities
- Partake in simple games for fun and fitness
- Emphasis on sportsmanship

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art instruction builds upon itself and scaffolds K-5
- Students use multiple art mediums
- Art vocab
- Color wheel with Primary and Secondary colors
- Intro to intermediate colors
- Intro to color mixing, tinting and shading
- Direct instruction drawing
- Intro to 3D forms and basic sculpture methods
- Foreground, background and horizon line
- Still life
- Collaborative art (murals)
- Apply elements of art and introduce principles of art
- Identify 3D forms and basic sculpture methods
- Foreground, background and horizon line
- Still life
- Collaborative art (murals)
- Apply elements of art and introducing principles of art
- Apply techniques learned from the Master's of Art

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills from 1st grade
- Recognize the need for information
- Demonstrate enjoyment of the library by reading, listening and viewing for personal information and topical study
- Explore entire library while distinguishing fiction and non-fiction books

- Introduction to the Dewey Decimal Classification System
- Alphabetize to the second letter

TECHNOLOGY

Northwest Christian School utilizes the Microsoft Office 365 Suite which includes Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel and OneNote.

- Computers in the classroom
- Begin to use computers to type stories, poetry or research related to curriculum
- Use teacher-selected Web sites to locate and access information or programs
- Introduce basic keyword search techniques
- Introduce strategies to collect information, solve problems and complete projects
- Login to network and enter password independently with minimal assistance
- Use two hands on the keyboard most of the time. Introduce "home row" position
- Locate, open, print and save files (with appropriate file names) with minimal assistance

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Respect others'

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THIRD GRADE

BIBLE

Calling of God's Tribe, Christian Schools International

Near Ministry: *Reading buddies with Cedar Campus*

Genesis to Judges – God's attributes as Righteous King who has revealed Himself in the Old Testament

- Creation, sin and restoration
- Biblical literacy Genesis to Judges
- Old Testament Festival

LANGUAGE ARTS

Journeys, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Step Up to Writing, Storyworks Jr.

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

Literature

In addition to the Journeys curriculum, we incorporate several novel units which may include:

- *Poppy* by Avi
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson
- *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *The BFG* by Rhoald Dahl
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- *Ramona Quimby* Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
- Reading selections are analyzed through a biblical lens

Grammar

- Review of nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns
- Recognize subject-verb agreement
- Identify direct object, possessive nouns and indirect object
- Identify and write compound sentences
- Identify helping and linking verbs
- Identify pronoun
- Identify and write direct quotations

Writing

- Incorporate foundational skills through writing process
- Appreciate literature samples using the Six Traits of Effective Writing: Voices, Ideas in Content, Organization, Word Choice, Fluency and Conventions
- Incorporate the six traits in own writing
- "NWC Writes" Writing Rally: Folktale Project
- Scaffold and independent practice in editing and revision skills

Spelling

- Weekly word lists that coordinate with Journey literature stories

Penmanship

- Practice of weekly New Testament life application Bible verses
- D'Nealian Manuscript and Cursive letters upper and lower case

Language

- Focus on studying a variety of reading genres including in-class study, book reports, creating projects and presentations

MATH

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Moby Max, Rocket Math, Factivation

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Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Addition and subtraction within 1,000
- Number patterns, rounding, estimating, place value, and mental math strategies
- Understand multiplication
- Problem solving with models and arrays
- Algebraic equations and solving for an unknown number
- Multiplication facts, multiples, patterns and strategies
- Distributive property, associative property and community property
- Use multiplication facts
- Understand division with bar models and groups

Grade Three Curriculum

- Division facts and strategies
- Two step problems and order of operations

Numbers and Operations

- Understand fractions with equal parts and parts of a whole
- Compare and order fractions
- Problem solving

Measurement and Data

- Represent and interpret data
- Make and use picture graphs, line plots, bar graphs
- Time, length, liquid volume and mass
- Perimeter and area
- Problem solving

Geometry

- Two dimensional shapes
 - Quadrilaterals, polygons, triangles and plane figures
- Common math block 3rd – 8th grades*

SCIENCE

*Mystery Science
Incorporating STEM practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)*

Earth Science - Stormy Skies

Weather, Climate & Water Cycle

- Water cycle, phases of matter
- Local weather patterns and weather prediction
- Climate and global weather patterns
- Natural hazards and engineering

Life Science - Animals Through Time

Habitats, Heredity & Change

- Fossil evidence and classification
- Creation fossil evidence and behavior, flood and ark evidence
- Patterns in traits

Physical Science - Invisible Forces

Force, Motion & Magnetism

- Forces - pushes and pulls
- Balance of forces - engineering (bridges)
- Balance of forces - friction
- Magnets and engineering

Life Science - Power of Flowers

Life Cycle, Traits & Heredity

- Pollination and seeds
- Plant reproduction
- Traits in plants

SOCIAL STUDIES

US Geography

- NE Region
- SE Region
- Midwest Region
- SW Region
- NW Region

In each region will focus on states and capitals, landforms, climate, natural resources, landmarks, vegetation, Native American people group, and a historical figure for this region

Spokane County and Inland Northwest History

- Examine Spokane's history and contributions from diverse viewpoints
- Native Americans – early inhabitants
- Spokane history 1800's to present
- Tour of MAC Museum, and Campbell House, Riverfront Park
- Geography and map skills

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills from 1st-2nd grade
- Identify Dewey Decimal Classification categories
- Associate non-fiction with the Dewey decimal numbers
- Locate and retrieve, with some assistance, material and information using the library computer catalog
- Alphabetize to the third letter

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Daily fitness program
- Activities that develop and refine motor skills
- Sports skills for football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey, bowling pickle ball and softball
- Cooperative activities and sportsmanship
- Games that promote fun and fitness

MUSIC

- Sacred music and worship expression
- Skills of choral participation
- Beginning harmony

Grade Three Curriculum

- Music theory and notation
- Choral performance and pitch development
- Enjoyment of differing musical genres (folksongs, patriotic and classic songs)
- Chromatic instrument exploration
- Beginning recorders

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art instruction builds upon itself and scaffolds K-5
- Students use multiple art mediums
- Color wheel with primary, secondary and intermediate colors
- Intro to complementary and monochromatic colors
- Color mixing, tinting and shading
- 3D forms and sculpture
- Foreground, background and horizon line
- Intro to positive and negative space
- Still life
- Intro to collage
- Basics in sketching
- Intro to self-portraits
- Collaborative art (murals)
- Apply elements of art and introduce principles of art.
- Apply techniques learned from the Master's of Art

TECHNOLOGY

Northwest Christian School utilizes the Microsoft Office 365 Suite which includes Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel and OneNote.

- Computers in the classroom
- Use various graphics, styles, and layouts to enhance expression/communicate information
- Select and use appropriate images; begin to use electronic spell check
- Use computers for creative writing using basic formatting techniques and tools
- Develop strategies to locate information from appropriate Internet sources and navigate websites with assistance and supervision
- Begin to cite information and image sources
- Continue to locate, open, save and print

files independently and understand and use the Group Shared / Individual folder

- Grades 3-5 build on the keyboarding exploration skills developed in primary grades
- Grade 3 - Learn the home row and standard fingering and begin developing consistent "home row" position
- Proper technique and posture are emphasized at all grade levels

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Respect others' account privacy and work
- Practice safe, responsible and appropriate use of local and online resources

RECOMMENDED READING

Abraham Lincoln (D'Aulaire*)
All the Places to Love (MacLachlan*)
Always Prayer Shawl, The (Oberman)
Amish Christmas, An (Ammon)
Anne of Green Gables (Montgomery)
Annie and the Old One (Miles)
Ben and Me (Lawson*)
Best School Year Ever, The (Robinson)
Biography series "Who Was ____" (publishers Grosset and Dunlap)
Boxcar Children Series (Warner*)
Boy Who Held Back the Sea, The (Hort)
Charlotte's Web (E.B. White)
Chicken Sunday (Polacco*)
Come Sunday (Grimes)
Dear America Series (Scholastic)
Family Under the Bridge, The (Carlson)
Founding Fathers of America Series (Fritz)
Hardy Boys Series (Dixon)
Homer Price (McCloskey)
House Without a Christmas Tree, The (Rock*)
Landing of the Pilgrims, The (Daughtery)
Little House on the Prairie series (Wilder*)
Magic Tree House Series (Osborne)
Moffats, The (Estes)
Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers (Winnick)
Nancy Drew Serie (Keene)
Patchwork Quilt, The (Flourney)
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes (Coerr)
Selfish Giant, The (Wilde)
Story of Ruby Bridges, The (Cole)
Stuart Little (E.B. White)
Taste of Blackberries, A (Smith)
Thy Friend Obadiah (Turkle)
Trumpet of the Swan (E.B. White)

Grade Three Curriculum

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge (Fox)

Wilma Unlimited (Krull)

You are Mine (Lucado*)

***any books by this author**

Grade Four Curriculum

FOURTH GRADE

BIBLE

Children's Inductive Bible Study

Near Ministry: *Union Gospel Mission*

- Learn how our Bible came to be (oral tradition/translations, etc.)
- Investigate history of God's people from I Samuel through Nehemiah

Memorization

- Selected passages for application
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LANGUAGE ARTS

Journeys, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Step Up to Writing

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

Grammar

- Review nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns, conjunctions and interjections
- Identify transitive verb, tenses of helping verbs and changing tenses of verbs in paragraphs
- Identify types of sentence
- Comprehensively cover and integrate with the writing process

Writing

- Use a five step writing process in formal writing: pre-write, draft, revise, edit and publish
- Generate all aspects of Six Traits Writing in own writing: Voice, Organization, Ideas in Content, Word Choice, Fluency and Conventions
- Integrate these qualities in content area writing with a focus on forms of writing: narrative, descriptive, expository and persuasive styles
- Write for a specific audience and purpose

- Presentation skills utilizing technology
- "NWC Writes" Writing Rally

Reading—is a powerful tool empowering one with information and broadening one's knowledge base

Literature—Portrays Christian worldview through virtuous heroes

- Little Pilgrim's Progress by Helen Taylor
- Stout-Hearted Seven by Neta Frazier
- The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia

Skills and Strategies—Read familiar text confidently and retells major content

- Build reading vocabulary by interpreting context clues and using dictionary and other sources
- Make predictions and is able to substantiate them
- Demonstrate usage of pre-, during and post-reading strategies

Comprehension

- Demonstrate understanding of a variety of texts
- Use prior knowledge to make meaning
- Expand comprehension by finding similarities and differences in stories
- Use inference and cause/effect to understand characters and story elements

Variety of Genre

- Read to learn new information (signs, labels, instructions)
- Read selected genre and present monthly written and project-style book reports

Spelling

- Individualized weekly spelling lists
- Analyze spelling patterns & rules

Penmanship

- D'Nealian Cursive
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MATH

Go Math, Houghton Mifflin
Moby Max

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Grade Four Curriculum

Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

- Place value addition and subtraction to one million
- Multiply by one digit numbers
- Multiply by two digit numbers
- Divide by one digit numbers
- Fraction equivalence and comparison
- Add and subtract fractions
- Multiply fractions by whole numbers
- Relate fractions and decimals
- Problem solving

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Multiply by one digit numbers
- Multiply by two digit numbers
- Divide by one digit numbers
- Factors, multiples and patterns
- Two dimensional figures
- Problem solving

Measurement and Data

- Relate fractions and decimals
- Angles
- Relative sizes of measurement units
- Algebra: perimeter and area
- Problem solving

Geometry

- Two dimensional figures
- Problem solving
- Fact fluency

*Common math block differentiation 3rd – 8th
Academic competitions for qualified students
through Math is Cool*

SOCIAL STUDIES

Washington, Our Home
Gibbs Smith
Washington Weekly Studies

- The Land of Washington
- WA Native Americans
- Exploring Washington
- Lewis and Clark
- Territory to Statehood
- Marketplace
- Living in Washington
- Investigate a variety of maps

SCIENCE

Mystery Science
Incorporating STEM practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
Experiments through Scientific Method

Physical Science

Energy

- Identify potential and kinetic energy
- Describe transfer of energy
- Describe how electricity travels in circuits

Life Science

Body, Senses and the Brain

- Describe the function of muscles and skeleton
- Describe the basic function of the eye
- Identify parts of the eyes and their functions
- Study the brain's role in receiving and information from the senses

Sound Waves

- Observe the relationship between sound and vibration

Invention Convention

MUSIC

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Selects Choir or Band option

Choir

- Become familiar with composers
- Identify the elements of music: melody, harmony, rhythm, form, texture and timbre
- Read 2- and 3-part choral arrangements
- Understanding of theory and music notation

Band

Fundamentals (Band)

- Implement the basic understanding of

Grade Four Curriculum

rhythm and beat as it pertains to written sheet music

- Introduce a musical instrument of the student's choice
- Understand the mechanics of the chosen instrument
- Produce and refining a proper sound on the instrument of choice

Theory (Band)

- Introduce home practice techniques
- Introduce music notation, scales and sight-reading
- Classroom rehearsal and behavior strategies

Concerts (Choir and Band)

- Ultimately to Glorify God with the talents He has blessed us with
- To showcase students success and growth
- Two per year, Christmas and Spring (required performances)

Events (Band only)

- Gathering of the Bands
- Junior Lilac Parade

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Daily fitness emphasis
- Participates in activities that develop and refine motor skills
- Learns sports skills for football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey, bowling, pickle ball and softball
- Participates in cooperative activities and sportsmanship

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art instruction builds upon itself and scaffolds K-5
- Students use multiple art mediums
- Color wheel with Primary, secondary and intermediate colors
- Color mixing, tinting and shading
- Intro to color schemes and theory
- Use complementary and monochromatic in our artwork
- 3D and sculpture
- Collaborative art (murals) and collage
- Intro to brush techniques
- Intro to proportion within the human figure and facial features

- Elements and Principles of art
- Research famous artists
- Identify art careers
- Identify famous artists and their work
- Apply techniques learned from the Master's of Art
- Sketch
- Intro to Impressionism, surrealism, cubism

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills from 1st-3rd grade
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Dewey Decimal System to use a call number to independently locate fiction and non-fiction material within the library
- Use reference materials with basic understanding of their various purposes
- Understand and explore a variety of genres

TECHNOLOGY

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- Computers in classroom
- Create interactive multimedia presentations using text, images, audio, and
- Develop computer skills for a variety of writing tasks using tools to import graphics from various applications
- Develop strategies for evaluating and citing sources appropriately
- Begin to use a variety of shortcut keystroke
- Grades 3-5 build on the keyboarding exploration skills developed in primary grades:
- Grade 4 - Use the home row and standard fingering
- Proper technique and posture are emphasized at all grade levels
- Be aware of basic file management techniques (organize, rename, delete files)

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Use resources in a manner that is safe, mindful of acceptable student conduct and respectful of the privacy of other users

RECOMMENDED READING

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Carroll*)
Amazing Grace: The Story of the Hymn
(Grayfield)
Anne of Green Gables Series (Montgomery*)
Bird's Christmas Carol, The (Wiggin)
Black Beauty (Sewell)
Black Stallion, The (Farley)
Blue Willow (Gates)
Borrowers, The (Norton)
Brighty of the Grand Canyon (Henry*)
Cabin Faced West, The (Fritz*)
Caddie Woodlawn (Brink)
Dog Called Kitty, A (Wallace)
Ellie (Borntrager)
Evergreen Wood, The (Parry)
Felicity (Tripp)
Five Little Peppers and How They Grew (Sidney)
Hans Brinker (Dodge)
Heidi (Spyri)
Jim Abbott: All-American Pitcher (Reiser)
Johnny Appleseed (Lindbergh)
Lassie Come Home (Knight)
Little Lame Prince, The (Craik)
Little Prince, The (de Saint-Exupery)
Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman
(Schroeder)
Nancy and Plum (MacDonald*)
One Wintry Night (Graham)
Oz Books, The (Baum*)
Prairie Songs (Conrad)
Priest with Dirty Clothes, The (Sproul)
Rag Coat, The (Mills)
Robinson Crusoe (Defoe)
Strawberry Girl (Lanski*)
Swiss Family Robinson (Wyss)
Teresa of Northwood Prairie (Boutwell)
Thank You, Jackie Robinson (Cohen)
Through the Looking Glass (Carroll*)
Toddlecreek Post Office (Shulevitz)
Trail of Apple Blossoms, The (Hunt)
Treasure Island (Stevenson)
Twenty and Ten (Bishop)
Well, The (Taylor)
Wheel on the School, The (DeJong)
Where the River Begins (St. John*)
Whipping Boy, The (Fleischman*)

***any books by this author**

FIFTH GRADE

BIBLE

Near Ministry: *Serve Spokane
& NWCS Thrift Store*

Thematic Study of the Book of Luke

- Review the life of Jesus
- Investigate the gospel message in depth

The Book of James

- Demonstrate understanding of how to conduct a word study and personal application of the Bible
- Perseverance
- Faith
- Testing and temptation
- Speech
- Works
- True religion
- Favoritism
- Memory work/entire Book of James

LANGUAGE ARTS

Journeys: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Step Up to Writing
Storyworks

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

Grammar

- Review nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns, conjunctions and interjections.
- Recognize and use a variety of sentence structures to improve writing
- Identify prefixes/suffixes/root words
- Vocabulary – Greek and Latin roots
- Comprehensive coverage of foundational skills applied to writing process

Writing

- Use a five step writing process in formal writing: pre-write, draft, revise, edit and publish

- Generate all aspects of Six Traits Writing in own writing: Voice, Organization, Ideas in Content, Word Choice, Fluency and Conventions
- Integrate these qualities in content area writing with a focus on forms of writing: narrative, descriptive, expository and persuasive styles
- Write for a specific audience and purpose
- Presentation skills utilizing technology
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Literature

- Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- By the Great Horn Spoon
- Gladys Aylward by Janet & Geoff Benge
- Escape: Adventures of a Loyalist Family by Mary Beacock Fryer
- Fever by Laurie Halse Anderson (Girls)
- Woodrunner by Gary Paulsen (Boys)
- Christian Biographies
- Various others

Skills and Strategies

- Portray Christian worldview through virtuous heroes
- Build reading vocabulary by interpreting context clues and inferring meaning
- Make predictions and is able to substantiate them
- Apply phonetic principles, word segmentation and language structure
- Identify and discuss reading strategies for pre-, during and post-reading success
- Self-correct and adjust rate of reading
- Use text organizers and graphic organizers
- Vocabulary development

Comprehension

- Demonstrate comprehension of the main idea, supporting details, and summarizing ideas in own words
- Use prior knowledge to enhance meaning of text
- Expands comprehension by finding similarities and differences in stories

Genre

- Read to learn new information
- Read to perform a task for a variety of real-life purposes
- Read for leisure time enjoyment

Grade Five Curriculum

Spelling

- Weekly word and definition lists from content areas and Bible verses.
- Teach skills of spelling according to rules of spelling
- Spelling/Vocabulary city

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Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Numbers and operations in Base Ten
- Place value, multiplication and expressions
- Deepen skills with dividing whole numbers
- Add and subtract decimals
- Multiply decimals
- Problem Solving

Numbers and Operations - Fractions

- Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators
- Multiply fractions
- Divide fractions
- Proficiency with decimal/fraction/percent/ equivalency
- Problem Solving

Measurement and Data

- Convert units of measure
- Geometry and volume
- Problem Solving

SCIENCE

Answers in Genesis Curriculum
Mystery Science
Incorporating STEM practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Heaven & Earth

Universe

- Structure of our universe and solar system
- The earth is unique

Planet

- Biblical world history
- Study of rocks and the earth's formation

Weather & Water

- Christian view of the weather
- Analyze and report the weather
- Ocean movement and the sea floor
- Weather vs. climate

Ecology

- Identify and describe the different ecosystems on our planet
- Describe oxygen and water cycles

Chemistry

- Involve students in "hands-on" experiences
- Explore parts of the Periodical Chart

Molecules and Atoms

- Discuss atomic theory of matter
- Describe how atoms behave and combine
- Compounds and mixtures

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Light and the Glory for Children, Peter Marshall and David Manuel, Fleming H. Revell, 1992

Our Country, Silver Burdett Ginn, 1995

United States History Map Skills, Nystrom, 1999
Story of the World, The Well Trained Mind, 2006

Map Skills

- Describe kinds of maps: political, physical and special purpose
- Use a grid system to find a location
- Review states and capitals, geographical regions, rivers
- Identify countries of Europe

Age of Exploration

- Discover background of classical and medieval history
- Research European explorers

Revolutionary War

- Examine primary sources
- Gain understanding of colonial and Christian foundation

Grade Five Curriculum

- Identify the strengths/weaknesses of a new nation
- Participate in a living museum presentation as a revolutionary war person

Government

- Identify rights and responsibilities
- Describe the branches of government
- Demonstrate knowledge of Bill of Rights and Amendments

Civil War

- Read primary sources
- Identify steps leading to Civil War
- Post war reconstruction efforts
- Study slavery and freedom

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills from 1st-4th grade
- Identify and describe general reference material
- Develop and use intermediate research skills and strategies for locating information
- Expand knowledge of literature; read a wide variety for both pleasure and information
- Distinguish between fact, fiction, opinion and point of view

MUSIC

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Selects Choir or Band option

Choir

- Become familiar with composers

- Identify the elements of music: melody, harmony, rhythm, form, texture and timbre
- Read 2- and 3-part choral arrangements
- Expanded understanding of theory and music notation

Fundamentals (Choir)

- Implement the basic understanding of rhythm and beat as it pertains to written sheet music

Theory (Choir)

- Introduction to music notation, scales and sight-reading
- Classroom rehearsal and behavior strategies

Band

Fundamentals (Band)

- Implement the basic understanding of rhythm and beat as it pertains to written sheet music
- Introduction to a musical instrument of the student's choice
- Understand the mechanics of the chosen instrument
- Produce and refine a proper sound on the instrument of choice

Theory (Band)

- Introduction to home practice techniques
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CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

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- Color schemes and theory
- Using complementary and monochromatic in our artwork
- 3D and sculpture
- Brush techniques
- Proportion within the human figure and facial features
- Balance and placement in artwork
- Point of view
- Elements and Principles of art
- Researching famous artists
- Identify art careers
- Identify famous artists and their work
- Apply techniques learned from the Master's of Art
- Sketching
- Impressionism, surrealism, cubism, collage and murals
- Balance and placement in artwork
- Point of view

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- Use media that may include text, graphics, digital images, videos and sound
- Use the computer for creative and expository writing and create a multimedia presentation that incorporates text, graphics, digital images, video and sound
- Locate, organize, analyze, evaluate and use information from a variety of sources and media
- Plan and execute strategies to effectively guide research and complete projects

- Grades 3-5 build on the keyboarding exploration skills developed in primary grades
- Grade 5 - Improve accuracy and technique and type regularly with all fingers
- Proper technique and posture are emphasized at all grade levels
- Be comfortable with all aspects of file management

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RECOMMENDED READING

Across Five Aprils (Hunt)
Amelia Earhart: Pioneer of the Sky (Parlin)
Amos Fortune: Free Man (Yates)
Banner in the Sky (Ullman)
Big Red (Kjelgaard*)
Big Wave, The (Buck)
Boy Who Cried Abba, The (Manning)
Call of the Wild, The (London*)
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch (Latham)
Castle in the Attic, The (Winthrop)
Childtimes: A Three-Generation Memoir (Greenfield)
Chronicles of Narnia Series (Lewis*)
Daniel's Story (Matas*)
Devil's Arithmetic, The (Yolen)
Drummer Boy, The (Weinberg)
Gathering of Days, A (Blos)
Great Little Madison, The (Fritz*)
Jayhawker (Beatty*)
Jip: His Story (Paterson)
Jump Ship to Freedom (Collier*)
Jungle Book, The (Kipling*)
Keeping Room, The (Myers)
Lincoln: A Photobiography (Freedman)
Maniac Magee (Spinelli)
Miracles on Maple Hill (Sorenson)
Old Yeller (Gipson)
Pearl Harbor is Burning (Kudlinski)
Perilous Road, The (Steele)
Pocket Full of Seeds (Sachs)

Grade Five Curriculum

Pollyanna (Porter)

Pushcart War, The (Merrill)

Rascal (North)

Rebecca's War (Finlayson)

Rifles for Watie (Keith)

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Taylor*)

Shades of Gray (Reeder)

Slave Dancer, The (Fox)

Souder (Armstrong)

Spying on Miss Muller (Bunting)

Summer of the Swans, The (Byars)

Tolivar's Secret (Brady)

Waiting for Anya (Morpurgo)

Which Way Freedom (Hansen)

White Fang (London)

Wind in the Willows, The (Grahame)

Wish Me Luck (Heneghan)

***any books by this author**

*Please keep literature titles as listed in Reading
section for classroom use only.*



NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC.

Mission Statement

A gospel-centered education, every day for every student.

Purpose

To glorify God through a Christ-honoring education.

Mission

To nurture the heart, mind and will of each student in the things of God through Bible-centered academics, encouraging them toward a life of fruitful service in the home and church, on the job and in the community.

Vision

To be a premier Christian school serving the Spokane area with quality education. Northwest Christian Schools is a community of faculty, students, families and supporters who are working together with excellence and a commitment to educate and disciple students to become leaders within the church, community and world.