

FIFTH GRADE CURRICULUM
Valley Christian Elementary School
2006-2007

BIBLE (Positive Action for Christ, Possessing the Land)
Survey of the Old Testament

MATH (McGraw-Hill, Mathematics)
Decimals, statistics, fractions, measurements, integers, graphing, algebra, and solid geometry

READING (SRA, Open Court Reading)
Thematic instruction, high interest stories, book reports, library visits, and independent reading with Accelerated Reader

LANGUAGE (ABeka, God's Gift of Language – B)
Proper punctuation, grammar, research skills, and parts of speech

SPELLING (Scholastic, Spelling)
Homophones, suffixes, Latin word roots, word families, and often confused words

HANDWRITING
Slingerland alphabet, proper letter formation and connections, neatness and conscientious effort stressed

SCIENCE (McGraw Hill, Science)
Beginning chemistry, plant and animal systems, weather patterns, investigations and experimentations

HISTORY (History Alive, America's Past)
US Geography, US History from pre-Columbian civilizations to westward expansion

MUSIC
Instrumental music required for all 5th graders: percussion, keyboarding (space is limited), brass, woodwind, or string; tryouts for ensemble and hand chimes

ART
Art elements, drawing, and painting taught on a rotational basis

P.E.
P.E. specialist works with the students for fitness and recreational sports

FIELD TRIPS
Youth Science Institute, Mission Springs Outdoor Education Science Camp (one week, overnight), Quilt Museum, San Jose Historical Museum, and De Anza Planetarium

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
Computers, Spanish, Hands-on Science