

# 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

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## Religion

Religion is a part of every aspect of Immanuel's curriculum. As a Christian school, we teach each subject from the perspective of the Bible. This means that "Religion class" also happens in Science, Social Studies, and all of the other subject areas of the school. Each day, the students of Immanuel participate in one of two religion classes, as well as daily devotions. We also participate in a weekly chapel service with the entire school.

Bible History: Immanuel uses the ChristLight curriculum published by Northwestern Publishing House. It is a chronological study of the events of the Old and New Testament. Through this study, the students have the opportunity to learn about God's love and his plan of salvation that was fulfilled through Jesus. Students will focus on the Old Testament one year and the New Testament the next.

Bible Teachings: Bible Teachings class is a chance for students to explore the foundational teachings of the Bible. Specific attention is given to applying the truths of God's Word to the daily lives of each of our students as we strive to live God-pleasing lives.

## Language Arts

The Language Arts curriculum at Immanuel focuses on developing the skills of our students in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

### Reading

The development of reading skills takes place throughout the school day in all classes. Students will also have the opportunity to read a variety of texts, both fiction and nonfiction. Short stories are used from SRA's Open Court Reading text as an opportunity to learn and enhance reading skills and strategies. Novels are also used throughout the year. Students will also complete monthly reading goals to encourage the development of healthy attitudes and habits for reading.

Novels that are typically used at this level include, but are not limited to:

Maniac Magee  
Holes  
Number the Stars

Hatchet  
The Pushcart War  
Where the Red Fern Grows

## English

Immanuel uses the Houghton Mifflin series as the core of its English curriculum. Students learn about the foundational parts of the English language and develop the proper mechanics and usage necessary to be successful in the world. English classes also extend into Reading classes and through a variety of writing units and activities.

## Writing

Writing takes place across the curriculum at Immanuel. In specific writing units, students continue to develop their writing skills in a variety of forms. Students will write summaries, narratives, opinions, poetry, as well as creative writing. They work through all parts of the writing process; prewriting, writing the first draft, revising, editing, and producing a final draft. Writing assignments are also integrated into other school subjects like Reading, Science, and Social Studies.

## Spelling and Vocabulary

Immanuel uses the Zaner-Blozer Spelling Connections series as the foundation of word study. Students will work with weekly word lists, exposing them to new words and their use in the English language. Vocabulary study also takes place across subject areas.

## **Mathematics**

The students will follow the curriculum plans in the Saxon Math series according to their academic ability. Individual topics are covered through direct instruction, and students are continually exposed to the topic in daily problem sets that follow. Topics are grouped into nine strands:

1. Numbers and Operations
2. Algebra
3. Geometry
4. Measurement
5. Data Analysis and Probability
6. Problem Solving
7. Communication
8. Mathematical Reasoning
9. Connections

## Social Studies

### *World History (Year A)*

Students will have the opportunity to study the history of the world in which they live. Using \_\_\_\_\_ as a guide, we examine the events of the world starting with creation, and follow the events that brought us to the present. A specific focus is put on how God's hand is evident in the events of our world. Social Studies also offers the opportunity to learn research skills.

### *Geography (Year B)*

Students have the opportunity to study the human and physical features of our world through the study of Geography. Starting with the development of skills like understanding maps, graphs, and other tools, the students use the five themes of Geography to look at the different regions of the world. We also focus on the beauty of God's creation throughout the world, and how it relates to us today.

## Science

Using the Prentice Hall "*Science Explorer*" series (Life, Physical and Earth Sciences), the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders cover the following units in a two-year rotation.

### Year A:

Cells and Heredity

Diversity of Living Things

Earth's Changing Surface

Earth's Waters

### Year B:

Sound and Light

Electricity and Magnetism

Exploring Planet Earth

Astronomy

\*As part of the science curriculum, the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are required to participate in a science fair that is held every other year.

## Art

Students will participate in weekly art classes. During these classes, students will learn different skills and styles of art, and will have the opportunity to express themselves using a variety of mediums.

## **Music**

The students will participate in Music class two days a week. Music class will be a balance of music history, basic music theory, and choir.

## **Physical Education**

Physical Education takes place twice a week at Immanuel. Through this class, the students will learn healthy habits and the importance of being a life-long active and healthy individual.