



### FIFTH GRADE LITERATURE

#### Novels

Tom Sawyer  
Alice in Wonderland  
The Secret Garden  
The Wind in the Willows

#### Poems

"Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll  
"Casey at the Bat" by E.L. Thayer  
"The Tyger" by William Blake  
"The Eagle" by Alfred Lord Tennyson  
"O Captain! My Captain!" by Whitman  
"The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost

#### Stories, Myths, and Legends

Sherlock Holmes stories  
Tales from Shakespeare  
The Samurai's Daughter  
The Sun Dance  
Coyote Goes to the Land of the Dead

#### Biographies

Narrative of Frederick Douglass  
Who Was Leonardo da Vinci?  
Who Was Galileo?  
Catherine the Great  
Who Was Sitting Bull?

## FIFTH GRADE CURRICULUM

### IN FIFTH GRADE **GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION** our students will:

- write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- learn basic grammatical elements of a sentence by sentence diagramming
- study Latin and Greek roots and their English derivatives ("English from the Roots Up")
- learn the basics of composition: introduction, lines of argument, and conclusion

### IN FIFTH GRADE **LITERATURE** our students will read and discuss:

- novels such as Tom Sawyer, The Secret Garden, and The Wind in the Willows
- stories from Frederick Douglass, Sherlock Holmes, and Tales from Shakespeare
- Poems such as "O Captain! My Captain!" by Whitman and "The Tyger" by Blake
- Myths and legends such as The Samurai's Daughter and The Sun Dance

### IN FIFTH GRADE **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** our students will:

- memorize and identify the Great Lakes of the World
- study the Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation, and English history
- study the early growth and expansion of Russia and related geography
- study the history and culture of feudal Japan and related geography
- study the history of antebellum America, the Civil War, and westward expansion

### IN FIFTH GRADE **MATH** our students will:

- add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions
- find the area of triangle and the volume of cuboids
- understand and apply the order of operations to mathematical problems
- analyze data using coordinate graphs and straight line graphs

### IN FIFTH GRADE **SCIENCE** our students will:

- classify living things by kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, and species
- study the structures and processes of cells in both plants and animals
- examine the asexual reproductive processes of fission, spores, budding, etc.
- study the human endocrine system, including the types of glands and their functions

### IN FIFTH GRADE **ART** our students will:

- study the major works of art from the Italian and Flemish Renaissance
- become familiar with Renaissance architecture such as the Florence cathedral, etc.
- draw, paint, and sketch perspectives using a horizon line and vanishing point

### IN FIFTH GRADE **MUSIC** our students will:

- take rhythm dictations and write their own original rhythm using standard notation
- listen to instrumental and choral music of the Renaissance era
- sing the fifth grade repertoire including God Bless America, Greensleeves, Dona Nobis Pace