

**Academic Milestones**

- Mastery of states and capitals
- Mastery of reading comprehension independently
- Develop enhanced writing techniques
- Third-year of Latin
- Classic poem memorization

**Special Field Trips:**

- St. Augustine, FL (history)
- The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum (history)
- World War II Homefront Museum
- Brunswick Regional Library
- Wesley Memorial Monument (history & Bible)

**Teacher Quote:**

I look forward to helping your child thrive in 5th grade. This is an exciting time for children as they grow in wisdom and stature. I am thankful to be a part of helping them to develop a strong Biblical worldview.

**Teacher Profile**

- Joined SSCS teaching staff in 2024
- BS in Psychology and Christian Counseling from Toccoa Falls College in 2002.
- Eight years home educating my children, teaching in Co-op, Twenty years teaching in church
- Church Home – First Baptist Church of Brunswick
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## **Bible**

Students learn to understand the various writings in the Bible. Lessons focus on the Old Testament and Gospel writings. Students memorize scripture verses.

## **Saxon Math**

Students master the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, fractions and decimals. Reasoning and problem-solving skills are practiced and developed throughout the lessons. The students also are exposed to a variety of age appropriate lessons from geometry, measurement and statistics.

## **Literature**

Students read and discuss literature books such as *Where the Red Fern Grows* and *The Secret Garden*. See attached literature list for more titles.

## **Writing & Grammar**

The curriculum helps to develop strong, independent writers with writing and grammar resources, fluency building exercises, usage and mechanics skills practice, plus a handy reference section. With extra practice for proofreading and revising, students progress from writing sentences to paragraphs to essays. Curriculum uses the Houghton Mifflin English textbook.

## **History / Geography**

Students study early American History beginning with the explorers up to present. Students learn about the important people, dates and events of the time. Geography integrated with history and includes the teaching of various landforms in America and throughout the world, as well as states and capitals.

## **Art**

Students discover the elements of art as they work on two dimensional and three-dimensional projects.

## **Science**

The science curriculum focuses on man's use of God's creation and design. Students study minerals and rocks, fossils, matter and heat, sound and light, weather, biomes, ecosystems and the respiratory and circulatory systems. Students develop science process skills as they participate in hands-on activities and projects.

## **Latin**

During the third year of Latin, students increase vocabulary to approximately 500 Latin words, identify and generate the more common of nominal declensions and verbal conjugations by use of paradigms memorization and manipulation. Students also acquire a fundamental understanding of basic Latin grammar, translate relatively facile sentences and passages from Latin into English and vice versa.

## **Physical Education**

The physical education program helps students develop their athletic skills, learn game skills, and grow in their understanding of honoring God in sports competitions.

## 5th Grade Literature List

The following is the list of adopted titles used in the fifth-grade reading program. (Although certain titles are assigned to specific grades, when necessary, teachers may use titles from the list above or below their grades.)

Students will read at least 7 books during the year.

**TITLE**

Black Stallion  
Landing of the Pilgrims, The  
Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil  
Secret Garden, The  
Shades of Gray  
What was the Gold Rush?  
Where the Red Fern Grows  
Who was Christopher Columbus?

**AUTHOR**

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Biography of Teacher's Choice