

# Ridgeland School District 122

## *5th Grade Curriculum Overview*

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### **Welcome to Fifth Grade!**

This family curriculum guide provides an overview of what your child will be learning during the school year. Each grade's curriculum reflects the Illinois Learning Standards and provides focused learning experiences for students. Our district holds a commitment to continually improving our curriculum to foster growth in every classroom throughout our district. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year. It is through our partnership that we nurture the academic and social emotional growth of every student, providing a safe, fluid and fulfilling environment that empowers curious and independent thinkers. More information about programs and assessments is available on the district website.

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### Literacy

In 5th grade, your child will read widely and deeply from a range of high-quality, increasingly challenging fiction and nonfiction from diverse cultures and time periods. Students will write clearly and with a purpose, while keeping the audience in mind.

A sample of what your child will be learning in 5th Grade includes:

- Identify themes or main ideas
- Summarizing key details of stories and nonfiction materials
- Identifying and judging evidence that supports particular ideas in an author's argument to change a reader's point of view
- Reporting on a topic or presenting an opinion with his or her own words, a logical sequence of ideas, sufficient facts and details, and formal English when appropriate
- Expanding, combining, and reducing sentences to improve meaning, interest, and style of writing
- Building knowledge of academic words with an emphasis on those that signal a contrast in ideas or logical relationships

### Math

In 5th grade, your child will build on last year's work and gain important new skills. Students will extend their understanding of base-ten notation and build fluency with addition and subtraction.

A sample of what your child will be learning in 5th Grade includes:

- Understanding what the digits mean in three-digit numbers (place value)
- Using understanding of place value to add and subtract three-digit numbers
- Counting in fives, tens, and multiples of hundreds, tens and ones
- Measuring and estimating length in standard units
- Describing and analyzing shapes by examining their sides and angles.
- Building, drawing, and analyzing 2-D and 3-D shapes to develop foundations for area, volume, and geometry in later grades

### Handwriting

Penmanship from 4th Grade will be refined throughout the year in 5th Grade.

A sample of what your child will be learning in 5th Grade includes:

- Proper formation of upper-case and lower-case cursive letters
- Using correct capitalization and punctuation

### Social Studies

5th Grade students focus on learning in the areas of inquiry, geography, civics, economics/financial literacy, and history. Students learn about these concepts around the theme of "My Nation, My World".

A sample of what your child will be learning in 5th Grade includes:

- Create questions to guide inquiry
- How communities work to accomplish tasks
- Compare the goods and services that different communities produce
- How individuals and groups have shaped significant historical change

### Science

The performance expectations in second grade help students formulate answers to questions such as: “How does land change and what are some things that cause it to change? What are the different kinds of land and bodies of water? How are materials similar and different from one another, and how do the properties of the materials relate to their use? What do plants need to grow? How many types of living things live in a place?”

A sample of what your child will be learning in 5th Grade includes:

- Insects and plants
- Rocks, soil, and water
- Solids and liquids

### Social Emotional Learning

The elementary years are the ideal time to nurture social-emotional competence and develop foundational learning skills. Students engage in learning around five competencies which include self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness, interpersonal skills, and responsible decision-making skills.

A sample of what your child will be learning in 5th Grade includes:

- Skills for learning such as listening, focusing attention by identifying classroom distractions, self-talk for learning, and being assertive
- Skills for empathy including using physical, verbal, and situational clues to determine what others are feeling, detecting when their own and other’s feelings change, and identifying ways to show compassion to others
- Skills for emotional management including identifying calming down steps such as belly breathing and positive self-talk and using assertive communication to respectfully get what you want or need
- Skills for problem solving including identifying a problem, generating several solutions in response to problems and determining if they are safe and respectful, accepting responsibility for actions, and conflict resolution