



FIFTH GRADE

GENERAL INFORMATION

RSM Christian School (RSMCS) provides fifth graders with a well-rounded education, including Bible, math, science, language arts, and social studies, all taught to meet California State Standards. Enrichment subjects like physical education, music, Spanish, STEAM, art, and library are taught by specialized teachers. Students also attend field trips throughout the year. ACSI and WASC accredit the school, and our teachers are Christians, ACSI certified, and credentialed.

SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL

Bible

The program emphasizes Christian character traits demonstrated by Old Testament Bible characters and how they apply to students' daily lives. It encourages Bible reading, memorization, journaling, and application of scripture.

Curriculum: *DeepRoots*

Chapel

Each week, students come together for chapel, engaging in powerful worship and receiving a relevant message. They are also encouraged to live out their faith by serving and loving others, and supporting both local and global outreach partners.

Social

RSMCS emphasizes Christian character development, biblical conflict resolution, and fosters independent study habits, executive functioning, and a growth mindset. Students are encouraged to take on academic and social responsibilities, building skills that will benefit them throughout their school years and beyond. Through the Prayer Partners program, older students mentor younger ones in prayer, fostering connections across age groups.

ACADEMICS

Mathematics

The program emphasizes computing, solving mathematical problems, and developing reasoning skills. Instruction covers addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, decimals, fractions, ratios, proportions, and geometry.

Curriculum: *My Math Grade 5* (McGraw-Hill), Mad Dog Math

Language Arts & Reading

The program emphasizes reading, comprehending, and analyzing historically and culturally significant literature from a Biblical worldview. Students focus on writing personal narratives with dialogue, persuasive essays, responses to literature, and using Write Reflections techniques. They also develop written and oral responses to literature, along with weekly reading logs and reflections.

Curriculum: *Grammar* (Sadlier), *Spelling Plus* (Purposeful Design)

Science & Health

The program emphasizes exploring life, physical, and earth sciences through reading, research, discussion, group and individual projects, and experiments using the scientific method.

Curriculum: *Science 5* (BJU Press)

History & Geography

The program focuses on the history of the United States, including the study of American Indians, early settlers, the colonial government based on Christian principles, the American Revolution, land conflicts, slavery, and westward expansion. Students learn about the causes and effects of the War for Independence and the development of the U.S. Constitution. Each student writes an in-depth state report and participates in a state dinner with native foods.

Special activities: overnight field trip to Riley's Farm offers a Revolutionary War re-enactment.

Curriculum: *Heritage Studies* (BJU Press)

Enrichment

Art
Library
Music
Physical Education
Spanish
STEAM
Technology