

As students move from fourth grade to fifth grade, the curriculum creates more responsibilities and challenges for them. These changes are designed to develop the students and prepare them for the demands of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades here at St. Robert Bellarmine School.



The fifth grade curriculum is aligned with state standards and benchmarks as well as with Michigan's Grade Level Content Expectations in all subject areas. Special software applications, appropriate for this age group, support the language arts, science, mathematics, and social studies programs.

The core curriculum includes religion, reading, writing, mathematics, vocabulary, science, and social studies. It is a curriculum that stresses mastery of basic skills and critical thinking strategies necessary for children to develop their individual potential to the fullest!

Additionally, fifth graders participate in diverse enrichment programs that include computer, library, physical education, art, and music. As a direct result of this rich curriculum, fifth graders are provided with the educational tools they will need to live and work in the 21st century!

In the fifth grade year, students increase their listening, responding, and problem-solving abilities. The climate is one of cooperative learning, team building and individual growth. Emphasis is placed on time management, organizational and study skills in an effort to increase student achievement, self-discipline, and responsibility.

Above and beyond all, the underlying theme in fifth grade is Christianity and it is apparent as you walk through the door! Catholic beliefs are intertwined throughout the curriculum and school day.

The fifth grade experience culminates in an awesome three-day outdoor education program at Howell Nature Center that includes wonderful opportunities for deepening existing friendships, making new friends, and learning to work more effectively in a group.

Fifth grade, at St. Robert Bellarmine School, is indeed an exciting place to grow and a fun place to learn!