

# **Wilmington Christian Academy**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Neal**

**2011-2012**



**“Glory in Him”**

**Gal. 6:14**

**“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...”**

**\*\*\*Please read the following information about what will be expected and taking place in our class this year.**

# **Welcome to Fifth Grade!**

## **Here are a few things that you should know.**

### **Subject Description**

#### **Math**

Math will begin with a basic review of functions, adding new functions as we go along. Each lesson has a problem set assigned as homework that will give good practice for that lesson and a good cumulative review every day except Wednesday. Flash cards, speed drills, games, and competitions will add some fun to math. Weekly tests will be given.

#### **English**

English will alternate grammar and writing skills, providing good teaching and practice of grammar objectives, as well as teaching and development of various types of writing. Grammar games, writing and displaying poetry and reports will round out the course. Students will be required to participate in class. Quizzes and tests will occur weekly. Group projects and individual projects will be graded.

#### **Reading**

Reading will combine oral and silent reading practice and intensive work on comprehension- all provided with great literature. Each student is required to read at least 1 AR book and then take the corresponding test each month. This will count as 100 points towards each students reading grade. There will be one test and one reading comprehension grade each week.

#### **Vocabulary**

Our text is based on the latest research in the areas of vocabulary development and vocabulary skills, providing instruction both in specific words and in word-learning strategies. Students will complete daily exercises and complete a mid-week graded activity and a Friday Unit test. Each unit will take 2 weeks to complete! The test for the first week will be spelling, and the second weeks test will be definitions, synonyms, and antonyms.

#### **Handwriting**

Handwriting will teach proper formation of letters and numbers, as well as proper writing techniques. Students will usually have to complete one page front and back per week for a daily grade and a test on Thursday. All work will be completed in class.

#### **History**

History will focus on encouraging Christian growth by promoting historic and geographical instruction through a balanced approach of skills and concepts. Studies will be focused on geography, cultures, and events between 1890 to present day. Students will be required to take notes and participate in class. Quizzes and tests will occur weekly. Unit tests will occur at the end of each chapter. Group projects and individual projects will be graded. We play many fun review games and challenge each other with chapter study contests (Stock

Market Game, Supply and Demand Sale, etc.) Computer-generated notes on the overhead will be a means of giving notes. Projects and their guidelines will be posted in advance on the website.

### **Science/Health**

Science will allow us to study a variety of God's wonders. We will study nature's tools, mammals, invertebrates, the sea, energy and engines, light, the weather and the sky. Health will increase the student's understanding of the body that God has given them, and hopefully come to appreciate more and desire to keep it healthy. We will do group activities creating models of internal systems. "Pop quizzes" will be very likely! Students will be required to take notes and participate in class. Quizzes and tests will occur weekly. Group projects and individual projects will be graded. Computer generated notes will be projected on the overhead and will be a means of giving notes. Outlined notes will also be given. We will have many days of taking class outside and some experimenting with materials of study.

### **Bible**

Bible this year will focus in living in God's love. My desire is to teach the students to live the Bible as well as know the Bible. Scripture memory will be required and graded. Oral and written quizzes will be used for scripture. Tests will be given at the end of each unit. Students will read and study, listen to lessons, and learn what verses of scripture are really saying for their lives. Different ways of class time will hopefully increase their love for God's Word. Computer generated notes on the overhead will be a means of asking questions to create focused discussions as well as taking notes. Students will be required to take notes and participate in class. Quizzes will occur every other week, and unit tests every three. Group projects and individual projects will be graded.

### **Quizzes and Tests**

These will be given weekly and will be posted in each teacher's web page. "Pop quizzes" can occur. It is very important that each student pays attention at all times. No one class will dominate study time. Study guides will not be sent home, but each student will be provided with all the material that he or she needs to succeed.

### **Homework assignments**

Homework assignments will be posted on the class board at the beginning of class. Each student is responsible to write the assignments on their assignment pad as soon as they are seated. The teacher will make sure the class understands what will be due the next day. Weekly tests and quizzes will be posted every week on InfoDirect and the teacher's web pages.

### **Projects**

Projects will be posted several weeks in advance. Any project that requires work and research outside of class will be provided with an information sheet that

states the necessary requirements. All other in-class projects will be stated on the web page of that teacher and require complete student participation.

### **Make-up Work**

Any student who misses school for any reason is responsible to complete their work. Parents can pick up their make-up work on the day the student is sick. Please call the office to give us time to prepare it. Students have the amount of days they were absent to make up their work. Email is the best way of contacting teachers to get assignments sent home!

### **Test schedule**

Tests days are as follows:

Monday	Bible
Tuesday	Math, Science/Health
Wednesday	English, Reading
Thursday	Handwriting
Friday	Vocabulary, History

### **School Supplies**

Each student should be equipped with their own pens, pencils and paper. We have extras in case your student needs any thing during the day. A few extra items that we would like your student to bring the first full week of class are:

- 2 folders with pockets (for the purpose of taking homework home and covering their work during tests)
- Pencil Box- things get lost!
- 3 one subject composition notebooks (needed for taking notes)

### **Electives**

**The electives are the same this year!!! ☺**

Teacher	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Montgomery and Neal	Spanish and Art	Library	P.E. and Chapel	Computer	Music

### **Contacting the Teacher**

If for any reason you need to contact us, please call the school at (910) 791-4248 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as we can. Email addresses and phone extensions are listed below.

Mrs. Montgomery	ext. 320	email: <a href="mailto:bmontgomery@wilmingtonchristian.com">bmontgomery@wilmingtonchristian.com</a>
Mr. Neal	ext. 319	email: <a href="mailto:bneal@wilmingtonchristian.com">bneal@wilmingtonchristian.com</a>

**As teachers, we desire to teach your child to grow academically and spiritually. We desire to know the Lord more each day, and we want your child to see that as they are taught each day!**

## **Classroom Rules and Routine Procedures**

We believe that a classroom should be fun but structured. As teachers, we desire to have order in our classes by being prepared and always having the students working on something that will benefit them educationally. We will have fun as a class, but fun comes by having a specific plan and rules. For this reason, we stress these classroom rules and routine procedures. Our God is a God of order, and He has given us His Word for us to follow. We hope that these rules and procedures will be honoring to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Rules for Students**

Each student should follow all rules stated by the school. These rules are posted in the school's handbook. Rules that are not obeyed could equal suspension and if blatantly denied, eventually lead to expulsion. We desire that each student grow in the Lord and understand that God has a high standard for obedience.

### **Merit system-Discipline**

The Merit System has been placed here at Wilmington Christian Academy for the purpose of disciplining and making students responsible for their actions. Please refer to the school's handbook for the rules and expectations that this school requires of each student. This system will help each student to understand that God wants their best and encourage them to change.

### **Classroom Rules**

1. Listen carefully.
2. Be prepared for class.
3. Raise your hand when answering or asking a question.
4. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
5. Treat others with kindness and respect.
6. Stay seated at your desk unless told otherwise or in case of emergency.

### **Morning Routine**

When students enter the classroom they should first check the board to find the order of events for the morning. The morning routine will usually appear as follows:

- 1- Put book bags and coats in lockers.
- 2- Sharpen pencils.
- 3- Turn in all homework and notes from parents.
- 4- Begin the morning work that will be written on the board. (Work will usually consist of handwriting pages, Bible reading, or vocabulary.)
- 5- Once all work is completed, read or study silently.

Once students are settled into their seats, we will take roll, lunch orders, and check homework. Other details may require attention due to the occasion. After this time, class will start. Please refer to the daily schedule to see what we will be studying throughout each day!

### **Returning Homework**

When students enter the room in the morning, it is expected that they have completed it and that they will turn it in. Homework that is not complete or forgotten will result in lost recess or other extracurricular events as well as a grade of 0 for that assignment. Homework is to be placed into separate designated trays that are located at the back of the room. This makes the process easier to collect and to check. Weekly Folders will be sent home on Fridays returned on Mondays with a parent's signature showing that they have been checked.

### **Daily and Weekly Folders**

Students will have a single folder that will be taken home daily with their assignment pad stating their actions for the day. Please as a parent, check with your students on their behavior in class. Also, check your student's homework assignments with either InfoDirect or their assignment pad to make sure they are completing work and having sufficient time to study for upcoming tests. Weekly folders will be sent home every Friday! Failed tests will be sent home the day they are graded and must be returned signed by the parent the next day! These must be signed by a parent stating that they have seen the student's work and grades. Comments, concern, and possible need of tutoring can be written or requested on a note and placed in the Weekly folder. Please sign the designated place showing that you have checked your student's work and plan to help them and encourage them in their progress throughout the year.

### **Field trip money, Forms, etc.**

Students will be given typed notes to inform you when money is due for field trip and special events. These documents will be placed into the weekly folders that you child will bring home every Friday. We plan to take several field trips. Our plans are to visit the Oakdale Cemetery, Charleston, SC, and our end of the year party at (preferred) Thunder Alley Bowling! Our Fifth Grade trip to Charleston will take place in the spring. We plan to visit Patriots Point and the S.C. Aquarium. Other class trips may include: Cape Fear Museum, Latimer House (invite only), and Fort Fisher!

### **Seating**

Students will be seated in groups or rows in the classroom. This is beneficial for group participation as well as orderliness in our daily routines. Groups may change every nine weeks so students can get to better know others and sit close to them. A child may be moved if the teacher sees a need.

### **Emergency Drills**

The teacher will review and practice the school's procedures for the fire, intruder, and tornado drills during the first week of the school year.

### **Desks and lockers**

Students should expect to keep their desks neat. Students will be equipped with folders and lockers to make sure their desks do not get “junky.” When a student’s desk is not meeting the requirement, the teacher may ask them to clean it when there is free time during the day. Lockers should hold book bags, lunches, and Elective items. Students may only visit lockers at designated times during the day.

### **Bathroom**

Students are given two to three bathroom breaks throughout the day. Whenever students have an emergency, they will quietly raise their hand until teacher acknowledges them, and let them go to the hallway restroom.

### **Water Bottles**

Students will be permitted to bring a sealed water bottle to drink during a short break in the morning and afternoon. Since our classroom does not have a water fountain we will get water during our regular scheduled bathroom breaks.

### **Private and Group lessons**

Any students participating in these activities should pay attention to the times they should leave the classroom every day. The teacher will remind them that they have to leave. These students should leave and return to the classroom quietly. It is the student’s responsibility to check with the teacher for any missed class time or work.

Schedule as follows:	Beginner Band	TBA
	Intermediate Band	TBA
	Choir	TBA

### **Job Duty**

Helpers will be assigned each week to help the teacher make things run smoother throughout the day. Some students are responsible to pass out worksheets and others will hold doors. Helpers will be changed every week. Each student should be willing to help if a task is given.

### **Afternoon Dismissal**

Once students have written down all other assignments and received any worksheets or forms, they will receive their book bags and other personal items and begin to pack their bags at their desk. Once that is complete, the entire class will be dismissed with the teacher to the car line. Please be prompt in picking your child up after school. Any student not picked up by 3:15 will be taken to aftercare.

### **How can I help my child study...?**

**Math**- check Problem Sets and make them fix incorrect answers, create practice problems for child, Help Class for D's and F's

**English**- review pages covering test materials, use any extra worksheets to review, Help Class for D's and F's

**Bible**- make flashcards of memory verses, make fill-in-the-blank verse cards, study notes and outlines given in class

**Vocabulary**- review the vocabulary unit every night, complete any pages in the Unit that are not finished in class, make flashcards of terms, [Sadlier-Oxford.com](http://Sadlier-Oxford.com).

**Science/Health**- use worksheets, outlined notes, use Comprehension Checks and Checkup's in textbook to quiz your student, Start early on projects!

**History**- use worksheets, outlined notes, Start early on projects! Make notecards of terms with definitions on back. Study a section of the text each night- spread it out! Make columns on a piece of paper and group names, places and dates for better memorization!

**Reading**- review reading comprehension questions, have student reread a story a night

\*\*\*Have separate folders for each subject saving quizzes and tests for cumulative review!

**Dear Parents and Students,**

**We are looking forward to a great year. These rules are stated for the benefit of the student's learning. Rules do help the teacher, but more importantly, they help us teach your child all that they need to learn to develop into productive young people. If there are any questions why these rules are stated and the extent that they are enforced, please feel free to write your comments on the back page of this packet. We promise to treat your child with respect and give them the love and concern that would be expected from you. Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your child! We desire that the Lord would receive all of the glory for what has been done and said in the fifth grade classroom here at Wilmington Christian Academy**

**Sincerely,**

**Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Neal**

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**Please sign and return this page in your student's folder. This shows that you have read and understand the rules and procedures that will be enforced in our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes. Thank you!**

**Date Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions please contact us or write them below, and we will do our best to clear up any confusion or problem. Thank you again for entrusting your students into our care. We plan to have a fantastic year of fun and learning!**

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