

LEGACY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
5TH GRADE



2019-2020
**CURRICULUM
OVERVIEW**

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MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Middle School at Legacy is all about “**Inspiring Students to The Great Adventure of Life with Christ.**” The Great Adventure is not just a one-time transaction for salvation, but it is learning to follow where Jesus leads with the understanding that He has a Great Adventure in store for those who love and follow Him.

As a part of “Inspiring Students to The Great Adventure”, we commit to the following promises:

- We will **KNOW** your child
- We will **LOVE** your child
- We will **PREPARE** your child

Your children have loving and experienced guides in their teachers. The 5th Grade Team is committed to helping your children build not only the important academic skills they need for their futures but also the character they need to succeed in life. A panoramic view of the adventure before them reveals lots of opportunities to learn to make good choices (Love and Logic), develop GRIT, understand their God-given talents (Strengths), and most importantly to deepen their love and faith in Jesus Christ (J15).

Love & Logic

At Legacy, we know that every child is part of a family, and caring about families is important to us. Love and Logic offers a loving, balanced approach to parenting and classroom management that is neither permissive nor punitive. As a Love and Logic school, we focus on helping children develop personal responsibility, self-control and good decision making skills by nurturing long-term relationships and reinforcing good character. We urge parents to become familiar with Love and Logic parenting techniques - they will pay great dividends down the road.

The first step is to go to www.loveandlogic.com and sign up for the Insider’s Club, the free, weekly parenting email.

Does your child have GRIT?

It is good for us all to experience hard things, including our children. Those hard things could be academic, relational, social, athletic, or even spiritual. Research is now showing that the most successful adults have something called GRIT - that ability to withstand difficulties and use those experiences help them forge ahead when future difficulties arise. Intermediate School provides a valuable opportunity for students to begin to develop GRIT.

G - Growth (seeing difficulties as growth opportunities)

R - Resilience (being able to get up after a setback)

I - Intuition (knowing when to hold ‘em and when to fold ‘em)

T - Tenacity (the ability to push forward through difficulty into the future)

Strengths

Have you ever wondered why you do the things you do that are completely opposite to the way someone else likes to do it? That is the way it is supposed to be. God has made each of us uniquely, with our individual strengths. Middle School introduces students to the concept of Strengths by taking an individual assessment. Once the strengths are identified, over the course of time in Intermediate School we take opportunities to recognize and develop strengths in the students.

Trailblazers

All 5th grade students participate in a small group Bible study led by 7th grade leaders. The groups will meet every other Friday during school. This is an important time for the students as they develop relationships with each other and some older students and also cover some basic discipleship material.

Resolving Differences (Matthew 18)

As long as there are people, there will be differences of opinion and misunderstandings. Jesus has great advice for us on how to walk through these kinds of situations in Matthew 18. We teach the students this biblical process and use it as a faculty. Jesus outlines this pattern for working through a conflict between two people:

1. Go directly and privately to the person and talk it out.
2. If that doesn't resolve it, bring in a friend who can help with the discussion.
3. If that doesn't clear things up, ask someone in authority for help.

We encourage you to guide your children in walking through relationship difficulties using this biblical model, and we also encourage you to use it if you have questions or concerns with other families or your children's teachers.

Social Media & Technology

One of the greatest challenges we face at school is with technology. Students have access to information at their fingertips. Left unmonitored, students can easily gravitate to those things which are not helpful and potentially very harmful. As parents, we cannot afford to be asleep at the wheel on this one - there is too much at stake.

- Be mindful that online misconduct can result in disciplinary action at school, and potentially even legal repercussions for students (see Handbook for further clarification).
- Take whatever steps are necessary to monitor your child's online activities, including social media. Set firm boundaries and provide significant consequences in the event that a boundary is crossed.
- If the boundary continues to be crossed, the first consequence wasn't the right consequence.
- In regard to the moving target of social media, not only can students be exposed to harmful material, it is an easy platform for students to hurt other students, both intentionally and unintentionally.

Regardless of the intention, as parents, we need to educate and train our children in how to act responsibly online.

LCA YOU

As Legacy embraces the goal to education the whole child, we are excited to expand our middle school curriculum to include classes designed to equip your children to be successful beyond the world of Legacy and academics. Our LCA YOU program will be taught on Legacy half days, and will include 64 classes across grades 5th-8th, addressing the following domains: Study Skills, Aspire practice, Mental Health Awareness, Physical Health, Personal Relationships, Strengths, Finances, Technology, and Team Building. We at Legacy desire for all children to gain a better understanding of themselves and the world around them. We desire all children to find their purpose in life and use that purpose to glorify God. LCA YOU will give them additional tools to do just that.

Parent Education Program (PEP Talks)

We are excited this year to partner more closely with our parents as you strive to do the most difficult and yet honorable job afforded to mankind: the job of raising Godly young adults for the next generation. Join us for 6 PEP talks that will encourage, equip and inspire you. Have a night out and enjoy a delicious meal while hearing from experts in the field of parenting such as Tony Evans, Chip Ingram and Gary Chapman. Spend time interacting with your campus' counselor and other parents while learning and practicing new skills. Be prepared to bring change to your home.

Welcome to 5th Grade!

We consider the teaching of your student to be an incredible responsibility. As we pursue our educational goals this year, our desire is to search for the revelation of God's truth in everything we learn. We pray that the knowledge of God will be at the heart of all that we do.

We firmly believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year we will communicate with you through RenWeb, notes, e-mails, telephone calls, report cards, and conferences. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

Community Expectations

In order to provide all students with the excellent educational climate they deserve, we have developed the following Community Expectations, which will be in effect at all times in our classroom.

1. Treat your teacher with the same respect with which he or she treats you.
2. If your actions cause a problem for you or anyone else, you will be asked to solve the problem.
3. If you cannot solve the problem, or choose not to, a teacher or administrator will do something. What we do will depend upon the situation and the person involved.

LOVE and LOGIC

We are using a logical approach to discipline in the classroom that is surrounded by love and encourages student involvement in practical solutions. (Please join the Love and Logic Insider's Club at www.loveandlogic.com for practical and fun parenting tips!) By handling situations this way, our classroom environment will build respect and healthy relationships with our students. This approach supports a caring learning community and school environment that teaches character and responsibility through the application of logical and natural consequences. We want to teach the students how to think and solve their own problems, a life-long skill that increases their ability to make appropriate decisions.

Middle School classroom rules reflect our commitment to unity and consistency. We realize that our parents are integral to the success of this plan, and we ask for your support and commitment as we partner together. For more information go to: www.loveandlogic.com

5th Grade Curriculum

LANGUAGE ARTS

Analytical Grammar

Focus: Teaching students to communicate effectively through writing, with an emphasis on grammar and mechanics. Students learn a variety of writing styles and methods

Resource: *Language B* by Abeka, *Quizlet* - vocabulary
Spelling City – bi-weekly spelling lists

Reading

Novels:

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Children of the Storm

A Father's Promise

Writing

Focus: Genre writing focusing on *Write Traits*

Resource: *Write Traits*

Spelling

Resource: *A Reason for Spelling*

SCIENCE

Focus: The name of the Science curriculum, Purposeful Design, relates to the creative work of God's creation. Every unit in our study integrates the wonder of the created world with a Biblical worldview. It uses the student's natural God-given curiosity to engage them in investigating, observing, and thinking about the world around them. Vocabulary is a large part of the science curriculum

Unit 1- Natural Cycles

Unit 2- Life Cycles

Unit 3- Cells

Unit 4- Measuring Matter

Unit 5- Changing Matter

Unit 6- Force and Work

Unit 7- Electricity and Magnetism

Unit 8- Earth's Processes

Unit 9- Weather and Climate

Unit 10- Sun, Earth, and Moon

Resources: *Change-Science 5* by ACSI Purposeful Design

MATH

Focus: Math is taught with a hands-on approach and made applicable to real life situations.

Unit 1 –Whole Numbers

Unit 2 –Decimals

Unit 3 –Data and Graphing

Unit 4 –Number Theory and Fraction Concepts

Unit 5 –Fraction Operations

Unit 6 –Ratios, Percent, and Probability

Unit 7 - Geometry and Algebra

Unit 8 –Measurement

Resources: The math program includes: *HSP Math Harcourt School Publishers* and IXL to offer a successful and positive math education.

BIBLE

Focus: Godly Wisdom

Resources: *Wise Up, Character Strong, Book of James, Bible Basics*

HISTORY

Bible History and Ancient Civilizations

Resources: *Variety of resources tracing the historical timelines of the Bible from Creation to the Roman Empire*

5th Grade Enrichment Classes

5th Grade PE

Focus: PE at Legacy is structured to develop a love for life-long physical fitness through organized games and activities.

5th Grade Technology

In 5th grade, students participate in a weekly technology class that focuses on basic keyboarding skills, computer skills, coding, and digital safety and citizenship. Assignments are completed during class time.

5th Grade Latin

In 5th grade, all students participate in a weekly Latin class that will study Greek and Latin roots and prefixes in order to:

- Use affixes and bases to understand the meaning of a word.
- Describe the function of root words, prefixes, and suffixes.
- Create new words by adding prefixes and suffixes to root words.
- Apply prefix and suffix knowledge to increase vocabulary understanding and reading comprehension.
- Memorize and recite Pater Noster (The Lord's Prayer) and assorted Mater Anserina (nursery rhymes).

There will be a minimum amount of homework assignments and quizzes to assess understanding.

5th Grade Fine Arts Experience

5th Grade students have 9 weeks of instruction in each of the following Fine Art disciplines:

Visual Art

For most students, this will be the capstone of their education in visual art. For others, this course will set the foundation for up to six years of daily instruction in 2- and 3-D Art. Students will learn basic drawing skills and painting techniques, as well as color theory and graphic design.

Band

Students will attend 5th Grade band class four times a week for one quarter of the year. Students will be assigned school instruments that they will learn how to care for, create a characteristic sound, and play simple tunes on. By the end of the quarter, our goal is to find out what instrument family (woodwind, brass, or percussion) best suits each student.

Choir

Students will have a blast singing songs that are fun as well as educational. They will learn how to sing in harmony, how to breath like a singer, how to read music and basic music theory. Students will sing in English as well as foreign languages, and learn basic choral choreography. The goal of the class is to help students learn how use the vocal talents God has given to the best of their ability while having lots

Theater

Students will learn the importance of interaction and listening as well as dialogue through improvisational warm ups and games. Students will also be introduced to dialogue and staging as well as the other areas of acting. Drama is a great opportunity for students to use the gifts God has given them to entertain and inform.