

Valley Christian Elementary School

FIFTH GRADE CURRICULUM

2008-2009

BIBLE (Positive Action for Christ, *Possessing the Land*, Peacemaker Ministries, *Young Peacemakers*)
Survey of the Old Testament, Biblically based conflict resolution

MATH (McGraw-Hill, *Mathematics*)
Decimals, statistics, fractions, measurements, integers, graphing, algebra, and geometry

READING (SRA, *Open Court Reading*)
Thematic instruction, high interest stories, book reports, library visits, and independent reading with Accelerated Reader

LANGUAGE (ABeka, *God's Gift of Language – B*)
Proper punctuation, grammar, research skills, and parts of speech

SPELLING (Scholastic, *Spelling*)
Homophones, suffixes, Latin word roots, word families, and often confused words

HANDWRITING
Slingerland alphabet, proper letter formation and connections, neatness and conscientious effort stressed

SCIENCE (McGraw Hill, *Science*)
Beginning chemistry, plant and animal systems, weather patterns, investigations and experimentations

HISTORY (History Alive, *America's Past*)
US Geography, US History from pre-Columbian civilizations to westward expansion

COMPUTERS
Word processing and Microsoft applications

MUSIC
All 5th graders participate in instrumental music. Offerings include keyboarding, brass, woodwinds, or strings. Students audition for vocal ensemble and hand chimes

ART
Art elements, drawing, and painting taught by an Art specialist.

P.E.
P.E. specialist works with the students for fitness and recreational sports

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
Spanish, Hands-on Science

FIELD TRIPS
Youth Science Institute, Mission Springs Outdoor Education Science Camp (one week, overnight), De Anza Planetarium, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Quilt Museum, and San Jose Historical Museum.