




5th/6th Grade Curriculum

English	
	<p>Both 5th and 6th graders study grammar at their level getting an intense grammar background. While one group does homework, the other group receives instruction. Each text includes multiple chapters dedicated to the writing process and includes several genres of writing. The students are combined into one class for writing instruction and application.</p>
Bible	
	<p>The 5th/6th graders combine for “Changed into His Image” one year. The curriculum includes two application novels, Mik Shrock and Songbird. “Redemption, God’s Grand Design” is taught the alternate year to both 5th/6th graders. This curriculum is accompanied by two books, Morning Star of Reformation and Stuart’s Run to Faith. The novels include accelerated reading quizzes.</p>
Reading	
	<p>These two literature texts are used alternate years in a combined 7th/8th grade. Explorations in Literature include a variety of authors grouped by themes to develop critical thinking. The curriculum includes vocabulary skills as well as four levels of learning: comprehension, interpretative, analysis and appreciation. The Excursions in Literature text include a variety of genres and cultures. Students learn to appreciate literature for its creative and aesthetic quality but also study themes and moral tone.</p>

Math



Saxon math is used in both grades 5 and 6. Intermediate 5 is the text chosen for 5th graders and Course 1 for 6th graders. While the students are in one classroom, each group begins with Power Up Drills and Mental Math activities for 15 minutes. Then each group receives separate 30-minute lessons. While one group is working on homework, the other group receives instruction. The students continue to learn from one another by being in a combination classroom and have opportunities to be put in small groups for problem solving and investigations.

Science



Science 5 focuses on man's use of God's design and includes the study of rocks, minerals, fossils, matter, heat, sound and light, weather, biomes, ecosystems, and the respiratory and circulatory system. Science 5 is taught to 5th/6th graders one year. The alternate year Science 6 is utilized which covers the concepts of earth science, life science, physical science, and the human body. Both classes include many activities and labs.

Heritage Studies



Heritage Studies 5 is social studies written from a biblical perspective that covers American history from the development of the automobile in the late 1800s to the inauguration of President Obama in 2009. Heritage Studies 5 is taught one year to 5th/6th graders; then the alternate year the students are taught Heritage Studies 6 which covers ancient civilizations like Egypt, China, Israel, Greece, African, the Mayas and the Roman world.

Spelling



Once again students are combined into one classroom; however, each receive separate instruction in spelling. Both books include word histories, etymologies, dictionary skills and journal entries. In Spelling 5 students will learn to spell the fifty states while in Spelling 6 students will learn the common Greek and Latin roots. While one group is receiving instruction, the other group is doing the homework.