

# OVERVIEW OF 5TH GRADE

What great things to expect this year...



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Reading:** Focus on literature and informational texts, with emphasis on understanding themes, summarizing key details, and analyzing characters, settings, and events.
- **Writing:** Development of narrative, opinion, and informative writing skills. Students will learn to use evidence to support their ideas and to revise and edit their work.
- **Speaking and Listening:** Opportunities to engage in discussions, presentations, and collaborative conversations.
- **Language:** Continued development of grammar, punctuation, spelling, and vocabulary skills.

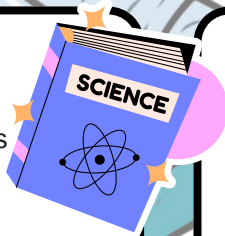
## MATHEMATICS



- **Numbers and Operations:** Deepening understanding of place value, operations with multi-digit whole numbers, fractions, and decimals.
- **Algebraic Thinking:** Introduction to algebraic expressions and simple equations.
- **Geometry:** Understanding properties of shapes, volume, and coordinate graphing.
- **Measurement and Data:** Learning to convert units, interpret data, and understand concepts of volume and area.

## SCIENCE

- **Earth and Space Science:** Topics include Earth's systems, gravity, and the solar system.
- **Life Science:** Exploration of ecosystems, plant and animal adaptations, and the flow of energy.
- **Physical Science:** Basic principles of matter, energy, and forces.
- **Engineering and Technology:** Incorporation of design and problem-solving skills.



## HISTORY

- **Focus on U.S. history,** including early American civilizations, colonization, the American Revolution, and the formation of the government.
- **Geography skills,** including map reading and understanding of geographical regions of the United States.
- **Civics and government,** including the structure of the U.S. government and the Constitution.



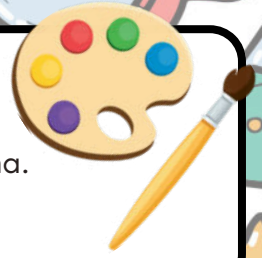
## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Development of motor skills, physical fitness, and understanding the importance of a healthy lifestyle.
- Team sports, individual physical activities, and cooperative games.



## **ARTS**

- Exposure to various forms of art, including visual arts, music, dance, and drama.
- Opportunities to create, perform, and respond to art.



## **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

- Programs and activities to develop skills such as empathy, self-regulation, relationship-building, and responsible decision-making.

## **ASSESSMENTS**

- Standardized tests in ELA and Math, such as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).
- Classroom-based assessments to monitor progress and guide instruction.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

- Encouraged to participate in school events, parent-teacher conferences, and volunteer opportunities.
- Communication with teachers and school staff to stay informed about their child's progress and school activities.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Availability of resources such as special education, English language development (ELD) programs, Gifted & Talented (GATE), and counseling services for students who need additional support.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- Integration of technology into the curriculum to enhance learning, including the use of computers, tablets, and educational software.

**OVERALL, FIFTH GRADE IN CALIFORNIA AIMS TO BUILD A STRONG ACADEMIC FOUNDATION, FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS, AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL.**