

Grade 5

Literature and Language Arts

Grade Five uses the *Lightning Literature & Composition* program, which strives to enable students to enjoy and love literature while learning grammar and writing skills in conjunction with classic and contemporary literature selections.

Students read a variety of genres that address serious subjects and include a variety of perspectives. There is also an upbeat story at the end of the school year.

Literary elements studied include theme, plot, characters, setting, external details, internal details, conflict and symbolism. Story journaling is part of the program.

Literature selections for Grade Five include: *The Mighty Miss Malone*, *Holes*, *Number the Stars*, *Boy: Tales of Childhood*, *The Tripods*, *Brown Girl Dreaming*, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *I Am Malala*, and *Anne of Green Gables*.

Grammar includes parts of speech and how they combine to form sentences. Students review mechanics and learn to diagram sentences.

The writing portion includes instruction in the writing process and various types of writing. This includes creative writing, various forms of essays, poetry and a research paper.