



CATALYST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

FIFTH GRADE SCOPE & SEQUENCE

LATIN AND LANGUAGE ARTS

Oral reading with the classic literature selections of this level continue the path toward proficiency. In order to practice volume and expression coupled with proper speed and inflection, reading aloud as a class is still the standard. Oral reading is beneficial and, in fact, key to progression. Reading aloud is not limited to works of fiction or poetry, though each of these play an important role in development. Expository reading in the areas of history, geography, and science provide an added element of advanced decoding practice. Some silent reading sections can be given to practice independent comprehension in each of these areas as well. Questions of a higher, more abstract quality start to present themselves. While students are not assessed with these type of questions, class discussions help spark deeper thought in the maturing student. There is continued study of poetry themed with literature selections.

Progression through the stages of the *progymnasmata* program continues in fifth grade. Many of the skills and competencies introduced previously are reinforced as new concepts are mastered. Vocabulary expansion and precision of speech continue to be focal points as students further develop their ability to paraphrase a text. Remaining components are added, and imitation is utilized as the primary method of drafting a composition.

By now, students have had several years of practice writing in complete sentences, building a store of words they have mastered in spelling, and creating lovely penmanship. The expectation for precision and beauty of written student work, whether in their workbooks or other papers, graded or not, should remain high. Focused practice on legibility and loveliness of script is not limited to tests. All written work should be grammatically correct with proper punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. Attention to detail in writing is a skill that must be instilled. Growth in individual spelling ability continues as phonetic word lists increase in difficulty.

Grammar begins with review of previously mastered rules. Each year will begin with a thorough review of what students know. With each level of *English Grammar Recitation*, more and more review is required because new rules are mastered every year.

Latin instruction transitions from an introductory course to a formalized study of the Latin grammar. This begins a four-year comprehensive study of this Latin grammar that will culminate in student mastery.

Reading

Students will:

- Read orally with level-appropriate speed, fluency, and expression
- Display level-appropriate comprehension
- Determine meaning of unknown vocabulary using context clues
- Memorize selected poem
- Deliver good oral recitations
- Understand literary devices: aphorism, rhyming structure
- Accurately identify the primary theme, moral, or Central One Idea of a story
- Aurally understand texts above their personal reading level

- Answer abstract questions
- Improve critical reading analysis
- Display growth in narration skills
- Be introduced to logic-level questions

Composition

Students will:

- Master the ability to retell a story
- Master paraphrasing a text
- Master identification of characters, setting, plot, action, time, place, manner, cause, suffering, reversal, and recognition within a narrative
- Expand their vocabularies
- Expand their precision in speech
- Display proficiency in developing a topic sentence
- Properly format an essay
- Display proficiency in sentence and paragraph formation

Spelling

Students will:

- Demonstrate mastery of level-appropriate word lists
- Correctly use prefixes and suffixes
- Correctly use homonyms and abbreviations
- Master digraphs
- Understand syllabication

Grammar

Students will:

- Master basic grammar rules for verbs, pronouns, adverbs, conjunctions, predicate nominatives, predicate adjectives, direct objects, and indirect objects
- Master basic grammar rules pertaining to types and parts of sentences
- Master verb phrases and six verb tenses
- Continue working with principal parts of verbs
- Master infinitives and participles
- Correctly encode dictated sentences

Penmanship

Students will:

- Continue perfection of legibility and beauty in handwritten material

Latin

Students will:

- Memorize grammar forms and vocabulary
- Apply correct grammar to basic translation
- Understand grammatical concepts

- Be introduced to parsing
- Display working knowledge of 1st-5th noun declensions
- Display working knowledge of 1st and 2nd declension adjectives
- Display working knowledge of 1st and 2nd conjugations: present and perfect systems
- Display working knowledge of the "to be" verb: present and perfect systems
- Memorize over 200 vocabulary words
- Memorize many English derivatives
- Understand syntax
- Display working knowledge of nominative and accusative cases
- Display working knowledge of complementary infinitive
- Understand subject/verb agreement
- Understand noun/adjective agreement
- Display working knowledge of predicate nouns and predicate adjectives

Texts Used:

- **Memoria Press Literature Guides for *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Heidi, and Lassie*** – Consumable study guides with activities that include vocabulary lessons, comprehension questions for each chapter, and various language arts activities.
- **Memoria Press Poetry for the Grammar Stage (Student, Teacher, and Anthology)** – Poetry selections to match the topics read in grade-level curriculum. The guides provide vocabulary work and include questions to help analyze the meanings of poems. Includes anthology of poems.
- **Memoria Press Fifth Grade Read-Aloud Set** – Selection of books on the student's listening level to be read to the student for exposure to advanced vocabulary and sentence structure.
- **Memoria Press First Form Latin (Text, Student, Teacher Manual and Key, Quizzes & Tests, Pronunciation CD, and Flashcards)** – Introductory Latin grammar course which reviews much of the vocabulary covered in *Latina Christiana* and begins the formal study of Latin grammar. The study includes systematic grammar, practice exercises, prayers, and games.
- **Memoria Press Lingua Angelica (Student, Teacher, CD, and Song Book)** – Book of Latin hymns to sing and practice translation skills. The perfect introduction to translation because the verses are shorter and simpler to translate than most Latin literature.
- **Memoria Press Latin Grammar Recitation (Handbook and Flashcards)** – Complete grammar reference for the Latin Forms Series.
- **Memoria Press English Grammar Recitation (Handbook and Flashcards)** – Concise manual containing 150 rules of English grammar, capitalization, and punctuation stated in the form of questions and examples, to be memorized and practiced with the accompanying workbook.
- **Memoria Press English Grammar Recitation II (Student and Teacher)** – This book covers two or three grammar questions in each lesson with accompanying written implementation practice.
- **Core Skills Language Arts 5** – Student consumable workbook to be used as an independent practice supplement to both *First Form Latin* and *English Grammar Recitation*.
- **Memoria Press Copybook Cursive III** – Penmanship, basic grammar, spelling, literature, accuracy, attention to detail, and memorization facilitation are the skills practiced within this book through the copying of Scripture.
- **Spelling Workout F (Student and Teacher)** – Level-appropriate words for students to study meaning and phonetic makeup of list words.
- **Memoria Press Classical Composition II: Narrative (Student and Teacher)** – Level II of the *progymnasmata* method of teaching composition.

MATHEMATICS

Full mastery of the facts in all four operations is expected by the end of this year in math. The goal is to answer 100 simple addition or subtraction facts in three minutes. Multiplication and division facts are included in these drills, and mastery is solidified. Story problems become more advanced, as do fraction work and place value. Using the operations with both fractions and decimals becomes more challenging. Work begins with factoring, ratios, and percentages. Simple geometric terms are introduced.

Number Sense and Numbers

Students will:

- Understand place value to the 100,000,000,000's
- Display working knowledge of decimals to the thousandths
- Identify prime numbers

Computation

Students will:

- Display increased speed in answering written facts (100 in three minutes)
- Demonstrate ability to solve increasingly difficult word problems
- Master all four operations
- Display fluency multiplying and dividing fractions
- Understand factoring
- Gain introduction to ratios
- Work with percentages

Measurement and Geometry

Students will:

- Master equivalent measures
- Have working knowledge of the metric system
- Read line graphs
- Be introduced to volume, lines, points, and angles

Texts Used:

- *Rod & Staff Math Grade 5*
 - *Student Book* – Consumable student workbook which gives practice of skills taught in the interactive lessons of the *Teacher's Manual*.
 - *Teacher's Manual (Parts 1 and 2)* – Teacher book containing answers to student workbook and speed drills as well as scripted lessons and templates to aid in introduction of concepts.
 - *Tests* – Consumable test booklet for skills taught.
 - *Speed Drills* – Consumable booklet of timed drills to help increase speed.

AMERICAN AND MODERN STUDIES

World geography begins with the focus upon the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe, teaching names of countries and capitals and mapping them. United States geography is reviewed. The study takes very little time but is key review for retention of knowledge gained last year. Both world and U.S. geography studies work well together because one study is completely review.

In this section of the Scope & Sequence, our focus is upon the history of great Americans. This study of modern history is centered around reading level-appropriate biographies. When the class has finished the story, teachers facilitate discussions using questions provided in a supplement. This section requires no written work, but through their participation, students display comprehension and retention of facts. More facts about various U.S. presidents are gained through reading while memorization of their order of service is reviewed from previous grades.

Geography

Students will:

- Review United States geography
- Gain introductory knowledge on world geography
- Map each country in North Africa and Europe with correct spelling
- Know the capital of each country studied
- Display working knowledge of the physical features, culture, and history of countries studied

American/Modern Studies

Students will:

- Display knowledge of all U.S. presidents by name in order of service
- Gain exposure to various time periods and events
- Have familiarity with historic Americans
- Master significant dates
- Give ancient and modern equivalencies

Texts Used:

- **Memoria Press *Fifth Grade American Studies Book Set*** – Biographies of great Americans.
 - **Memoria Press *Fifth Grade American Studies Discussion Questions*** – Teacher's book with questions to aid in facilitating student discussions of the biographies.
- **Memoria Press *Geography I: The Middle East, North Africa, & Europe (Text, Student, Teacher)*** – Geography program centered on the area covered by the ancient Roman Empire. Activities focus on mapping the countries and capitals of this region.
- **Memoria Press *Geography Flashcards*** – Set of cards to aid in independent study of the physical location of each country and capital. Used with *Geography I-III*.
- **Memoria Press *The United States: States and Capitals Review (Student and Key)*** – Mapping workbook that reviews the United States region by region. Teacher key contains student quizzes and tests as well as answers for the student book.
- **Memoria Press *Timeline Program*** – Description listed below.

SCIENCE

In this program, science takes a narrative approach for the study on insects. Students read about, memorize, study, and group insects according to the characteristics they have in common. This comprehensive study encourages students to sketch insects.

Students will:

- Compare and contrast
- Master and memorize facts
- Gain knowledge about eight orders of insects
- Master metamorphosis
- Practice observing and sketching
- Display knowledge about habitats
- Master insect anatomy

Texts Used:

- **Memoria Press *The Book of Insects (Reader, Student, Teacher, and Flashcards)*** – Reader is a narrative-style textbook on the habitats, habits, and features of insects, consumable *Student Workbook* includes comprehension questions, observation and sketching, and other activities. *Teacher Guide* contains answer key and quizzes and tests. Full-color *Flashcards* are used for independent study and review.
 - ***Peterson First Guide: Insects*** – Supplemental field guide to aid in identification of specific insects.

CLASSICAL STUDIES

Having completed the study of Greek mythology, students focus upon the ancient Romans. This biographical approach to history covers the rise and fall of that great people by studying the lives of influential figures. Events are covered in chronological order from the founding of Rome to its fall.

Students will:

- Master 100 facts of Roman history
- Be able to name key people and events
- Memorize significant dates
- Gain insight into Roman history and culture
- Learn about Roman legends
- Correlate the Roman Republic to the formation of the American government

Texts Used:

- **Memoria Press *Famous Men of Rome (Text, Student, Teacher, Flashcards)*** – Covers the stories of Roman history. Consumable *Student Workbook* presents facts to know and vocabulary as well as comprehension questions and map practice. *Teacher Guide* provides information key to this study including quizzes and tests. Fact cards for independent review.
- **Memoria Press *Timeline Program*** – Description listed below.

CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The remaining books of the Old Testament beginning with Joshua until the end of the Old Testament are studied using *The Golden Children's Bible*. Students are challenged to expand their memorization of Scripture and knowledge of biblical geography.

Students will:

- Understand and discuss various Old Testament stories and key characters
- Memorize significant dates
- Master 105 facts to know
- Memorize the Old Testament books
- Memorize 33 Scripture verses
- Display familiarity with time-period geography
- Display familiarity with biblical vocabulary

Texts Used:

- *The Golden Children's Bible* – Age-appropriate book of chronological Bible stories with beautifully detailed illustrations.
- **Memoria Press *Christian Studies II (Student and Teacher)*** – Consumable book including 30 lessons with weekly memory verses, map and timeline work, drill and discussion questions, and review lessons. Teacher companion provides background information for the lessons as well as discussion prompts, quizzes, and tests.
 - **Memoria Press *Old Testament Flashcards*** – Set of cards to aid in individual review of key people, places, and events from the Old Testament.
 - **Memoria Press *Memory Verse Flashcards*** – Set of cards to aid in practice and review of the memory verses scheduled within each lesson.
- **Memoria Press *Timeline Program*** – Multigrade timeline set includes: *Wall Cards* for timeline display; *Flashcards* for independent study; *Handbook* including teaching guidelines with charts by grade; and *Composition & Sketchbook* for students including a spread for each event with a page for written retelling and a page for illustration. Set covering events from Christian Studies, Classical Studies, and American/Modern Studies takes five years to complete.