

# What is my child learning in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade?

These descriptions do not cover all of the standards (there are too many to list here) but give a general picture as to what the sub-category Domains mean.

**English Language Arts** has 6 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

## → Language

- ✓ Use conventions and grammar correctly in speaking and writing (pronouns, verbs, spelling, punctuation, etc.)
- ✓ Choose appropriate words and punctuation for situations to convey ideas (formal vs. informal)
- ✓ Understand vocabulary and literal and figurative language (metaphors, idioms, adages, etc.)
- ✓ Use reference materials (dictionary, glossary, thesaurus)

## → Reading: Foundational Skills

- ✓ Read grade-level text smoothly, accurately and with understanding
- ✓ Use phonics, sight words, and word analysis skills to analyze unfamiliar words

## → Reading Informational Text (Nonfiction)

- ✓ Compare and analyze information from several texts that include two or more main ideas or different points of view
- ✓ Use texts to answer questions and solve problems
- ✓ Quote and identify the reasons or opinions an author uses to make different points
- ✓ Collect information from many sources to write or speak about a subject

## → Reading Literature (Fiction)

- ✓ Read, understand, and summarize texts at grade level
- ✓ Find details, examples, and quote accurately
- ✓ Determine the meaning of words and phrases, including metaphors and similes
- ✓ Apply knowledge of themes, story structure, and genre to analyze text

## → Speaking and Listening

- ✓ Combine ideas from a discussion to draw conclusions and expand on others' ideas
- ✓ Read and study to prepare for a discussion and/or presentation
- ✓ Give a presentation on a topic or tell a story using relevant, organized facts and details to support arguments and opinions

## → Writing

- ✓ Write stories, opinions, explanations, and research projects to develop and support a point of view
- ✓ Develop and expand writing using techniques such as pacing, dialogue, supporting details, description, clear event sequence, and organization
- ✓ Use a variety of connecting phrases and clauses (consequently, specifically etc.) and expand ideas with details and/or explanation
- ✓ Work with teachers and other students to improve writing and create a final draft

**Mathematics** has 5 sub-categories in all grades and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

## → Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- ✓ Write and evaluate expressions using parentheses, brackets, or braces.
- ✓ Analyze patterns and relationships.

## → Geometry

- ✓ Graph points on the x and y axes.
- ✓ Classify two-dimensional figures into categories based on their properties.

→ **Number and Operations in Base Ten**

- ✓ Understand the place value system; round decimals to any place.
- ✓ Read, write, and compare decimals to the thousandths.
- ✓ Add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals to hundredths.
- ✓ Fluently multiply multi-digit numbers using the standard algorithm.
- ✓ Divide using models.

→ **Number and Operations – Fractions**

- ✓ Add and subtract and solve word problems with fractions with unlike denominators.
- ✓ Multiply fractions.
- ✓ Divide unit fractions by whole numbers and whole numbers by unit fractions. (unit fractions have a numerator of one—i.e.  $\frac{1}{4}$ )

→ **Measurement and Data**

- ✓ Convert like measurement units within metric and customary systems.
- ✓ Create and use data from line plots.
- ✓ Understand and measure volume to solve real world problems involving cubes and prisms.

**Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, and Health** each receive an overall grade plus a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

**Music** has 6 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

- History and Culture
- Improvising
- Instrumental
- Listen and Analyze
- Reading and Notating
- Singing

**PE** has 3 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship

- Expressive and Efficient Moving
- Fitness for Lifetime
- Self-Management and Social Behavior

**Every school has either a music specialist and/or a PE specialist providing instruction to students.**

Many schools have one or the other. The smaller schools may have just one day a week of each class. This means classroom teachers provide instruction when possible in these areas and will most likely not have specific grades for the sub-categories in these specific subjects.

If your child's school does have a music or PE specialist then those teachers are using specific standards to assess their students.

***A note from our Music Teachers:***

You will see a lot of strands for music on the report card this year. The number of strands assessed throughout the year will depend on your child's frequency of instruction. We are learning a new system and are very excited to show all of the areas we cover throughout the year. You will see: history and culture, improvising, instrumental, listen and analyze, reading and notating, and singing. We, as an elementary music teaching staff, are increasing the rigor of what is being expected in music class.

Students are being assessed on skills in addition to citizenship and effort. We are working toward creating tuneful, beatful and artful music students. Please contact your child's music teacher if you have additional questions.

***A note from our Physical Education Teachers:***

This year's report card is going to look much differently than years previous. We are learning a new grading system, and are excited to give you a more in depth look at your child as a whole in our realm of Physical Education. The amount of standards graded will depend on how often your child receives PE, and standards being taught will vary between the different grade levels. Your child will also be receiving a citizenship and effort grade aside from their standards based grade.

As an elementary Physical Education staff, we are dedicated to providing high quality instruction, with the goal of giving your child the tools they need to live and value a healthy, active lifestyle. Please contact your child's Physical Education teacher with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.