

M.S.A.C.A.
(Murrieta Springs Adventist Christian Academy)

Parent Handbook

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Classroom Teacher
For
Grades 5-6



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Bible 5-6

Textbook: Pacific Press *Christ Our Life, God's Grace*

This text is a fresh approach to the study of the life of Christ. It draws from a variety of sources to present the gift of God's grace - Salvation. The heart of the study is Jesus' love for us and the grace that He offers to all.

Class: daily Bible reading, Memory Verse Quizzes, Worship Books that can be tested on AR, Service to others with Outreach Projects.



Science 5-6

Textbook: Kendall Hunt Publishing *By Design Science*

By Design is built on a foundation of inquiry that encourages wonderment, questioning, exploration of multiple resources to conduct research, investigations (textbooks, informational books, articles, websites, pictures, observations, hands-on activities, etc.) and collaboration. In general, "inquiry is a way of looking at the world, a questioning stance we take when we seek to learn something we don't yet know. And when we are truly inquiring about that something, whatever it may be, we drive ourselves to learn more and more because we are seeking answers to our own questions".

Topics: Classification of plants, Body Health, Drugs, First Aid/Safety, Chemistry, Earth's Resources



Social Studies 5-6

Textbooks: Prentice Hall: *Foundations of Geography, The Ancient World, Africa, Asia and the Pacific*

Acquainting students with Ancient Civilizations: Mesopotamia, India, Africa, Egypt, China, Greece;

Comparing various forms of government, political systems, Economics and Stewardship, supply and demand

Understanding maps and charts: population, weather/climate, Earth's shape



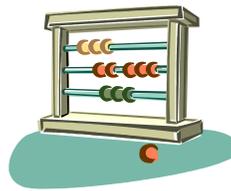
In Class: NO tests, small quizzes (mostly vocabulary), projects, computer research, outside reading on a topic is encouraged and often a book report is required.

Projects: should reflect student work but may have parent help. There are times when a project is due in parts or we will spend class time working, then it will be sent home to be finished. I try to communicate often on this.

Math Grades 5-6

What to say about Math!!!! We are into year 3 with Go Math. The publisher is Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The books are following the Common Core State Standards. There are projects and problems called "real world" that are trying to show when or how you will use that math concept in "life".

Each student works from a packet. Each packet is a chapter. We do these mostly together in class. I encourage the students to do the "on my own" section, on their own, some days it works, some days it doesn't. We do a lesson a day and the matching lesson practice sheet is to be done as homework that same evening. When we finish a chapter, the students may use both in class and homework packets during the chapter test. Any unfinished work is due at that time, and we move on.



Language Arts

This grade incorporates four topics: Spelling, Handwriting, Writing and Grammar.

Spelling tests are on Friday. The workbook gives 5 word lists at a time.

Handwriting has a practice page (front/back) each week. I require them to write in cursive in all classes.

Writing is different styles of creative writing from basic paragraphs of explanation to poetry.

Each Friday a lesson plan and corrected work from the week is sent home. Please go over these papers with your child and encourage them to do their best. Talk about how they are doing their work and correct missed words or problems with them. If your child is absent, the lesson plan tells them what they missed.

Homework, in addition to unfinished work from the day is math workbook, Bible verse and spelling word memorization, review of multiplication and/or division facts and 30 minutes of reading. Any unfinished work should be completed and returned to school promptly.

