



Grade 5

The Wonder of Grade Five

Scope & Sequence

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Grade 5 is often called the Golden Age of childhood. There is a temporary balance, grace, and confidence that can be felt. Your child has awakened enough to their own individuality, but has not yet entered puberty. Soak it up; it is a beautiful time to walk alongside your child.

The curriculum brings many opportunities to bask in the Golden achievements of humanity. The study of ancient cultures — India, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Greece — culminates in a year that is inspiring to your child on every level.

Story theme: Ancient civilizations and Greek mythology. Stories that show the evolution of human thought, art, and society.

Underlying inspiration: “Humanity has made wonderful things; I, too, can make something beautiful.”

Recommended morning lesson length: 1.5–2 hours, five days a week.

How this document is organized

This is an overview of what your child will learn throughout Grade 5. It is intended to support families and learning consultants who are evaluating Daily Wonder, and to help homeschooling families with reporting and documentation. It is not the curriculum itself. Purchasing a unit or a full grade gives you the daily lesson plans, materials lists, stories, and resources that bring this scope to life.

The document covers: a year-at-a-glance overview of the ten units, scope and sequence for each core subject (numeracy, literacy, social studies, science), notes on additional curriculum areas, and a closing section on standards alignment and reporting.

Year at a glance

Grade 5 unfolds across ten thematic units, each woven through with multiple subjects, social-emotional learning competencies, and First Peoples' Principles of Learning.

Unit	Subjects integrated	Core competencies	First Peoples' Principle
1. The Wonder of Botany	Science · Language Arts	Critical thinking	Learning is holistic, reflexive, experiential, relational
2. The Wonder of Ancient India	Social Studies · Language Arts	Communication	Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story
3. The Wonder of Decimals	Math · Language Arts	Personal awareness	Learning involves patience and time
4. The Wonder of Persia & Mesopotamia	Social Studies · Language Arts	Communication	Learning recognizes the role of Indigenous knowledge
5. The Wonder of My Country	Social Studies · Language Arts	Social awareness	Learning involves recognizing place and identity
6. The Wonder of Ancient Egypt	Social Studies · Language Arts	Creative thinking	Learning involves recognizing time and place
7. The Wonder of Greek Mythology	Language Arts · Social Studies	Personal awareness	Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story
8. The Wonder of Freehand Geometry	Math · Language Arts	Creative thinking	Learning is holistic, reflexive, experiential, relational
9. The Wonder of Ancient Greece	Social Studies · Language Arts	Critical thinking	Learning ultimately supports the well-being of community
10. The Wonder of Botany 2	Science · Language Arts	Creative thinking	Learning is holistic, reflexive, experiential, relational

Numeracy

Daily Wonder follows a Waldorf-informed approach to mathematics. New concepts are introduced experientially through story, movement, image, and hands-on work, then reinforced through daily practice in a grade-level math workbook chosen by the family. Each unit identifies a key math focus, allowing families to time workbook practice to match Daily Wonder’s introduction of each concept.

Key Grade 5 mathematics concepts

- Computational fluency and flexibility with the four operations and with multi-digit numbers
- Numbers describe quantities that can be represented as decimals, fractions, and percentages
- Closed shapes have area and perimeter that can be measured, compared, and calculated
- Data represented in graphs can be used to interpret information and make predictions
- Geometric forms have observable properties and can be constructed using basic tools

How math unfolds across the year

Unit	Math focus
1. Botany	Daily review of prior concepts and computational fluency.
2. Ancient India	Review of fundamentals; place-value and operations practice.
3. Decimals (immersive)	Decimals introduced through story; relationships between fractions, decimals, and percentages.
4. Persia & Mesopotamia	Daily review; integration of historical number systems.
5. My Country	Quantitative thinking through population, area, and geography.
6. Ancient Egypt	Area, perimeter, and review of decimals and fractions.
7. Greek Mythology	Daily math practice and fluency review.
8. Freehand Geometry (immersive)	Freehand geometric form drawing; properties of shapes; symmetry.
9. Ancient Greece	Review of fractions, decimals, and percentages.
10. Botany 2	Data and graphs through plant observation; math games for review.

Literacy and Language Arts

In Grade 5, language is taught with greater precision. Children develop the skills of paragraph writing, descriptive writing, oral presentation, and analysis. Stories from ancient civilizations, such as myths, sacred texts, and biographies, offer rich material to read, discuss, and reflect upon.

Key Grade 5 literacy concepts

- Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works
- Language and text can be a source of creativity and joy
- Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and others
- Questioning what we hear, read, and view deepens our understanding
- Different cultures express ideas through different languages and forms

Progression across the year

Paragraph writing, proofreading, and attention to commonly confused words become a regular practice. Adverbial and adjective phrases are introduced. Students compare and contrast, and develop descriptive and reflective writing. Independent reading is expected daily.

Social Studies

Grade 5 is the year of ancient civilizations. Children travel through Ancient India, Persia and Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Greece, meeting peoples and their gods, their inventions, their stories, and their relationship with the land. The Wonder of My Country grounds them in their own place in the world.

Key Grade 5 social studies concepts

- Ancient civilizations contributed to the development of writing, art, science, mathematics, and government
- First Peoples in our own country have rich and ongoing connections with the land
- Geographic features and climate shape the development of cultures and economies
- Diverse peoples have shaped our country's history and identity

A note on religion and culture

Daily Wonder is not a religious curriculum. Where stories or verses touch on spiritual traditions such as Indigenous, Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, and others, they are offered for their cultural and human meaning, not as religious instruction. Across the K–7 years, children encounter many of the world's major spiritual traditions in their historical and cultural contexts. In Grade 1, the focus is gentler: stories from around the world that build a sense of diversity, belonging, and care for community.

Science

Grade 5 science focuses on botany. Through two blocks that bookend the year, children study the plant kingdom, from the simplest plants to the flowering plants, encountering the world of growth, form, and the gifts of green life.

Key Grade 5 science concepts

- Plants are diverse and can be classified by their structures, functions, and life cycles
- Living things have systems that work together to function
- Solutions and substances can be classified and undergo physical and chemical changes
- Machines are designed to extend our abilities and accomplish useful work

Additional curriculum areas

Beyond the four core subject areas, Grade 5 also provides regular opportunities to develop the following, which are particularly relevant for families in jurisdictions that require broader reporting.

Curriculum area	How Daily Wonder Grade 5 covers it
Applied Design, Skills & Technology (ADST)	Designing, creating, making, and evaluating — through unit projects, handwork, and practical activities.
Arts Education	Dance, drama, music, and visual art — woven through portfolio creation, painting, modelling, song, and cultural-immersion activities.
Career Education	Awareness of strengths, collaboration, adaptability, and resilience — through shared family work and household responsibilities.
Physical & Health Education	Intentional Movement Activities (IMA), rhythm, nutrition, and family well-being through daily life.
Social Emotional Learning	Each unit names a core competency focus and weaves it through story, reflection, and practical experience.
First Peoples' Principles of Learning	Integrated throughout every unit — each unit names the principle most strongly carried in its story themes, activities, and ways of working.

Standards alignment and reporting

Daily Wonder is aligned with the BC Ministry of Education learning standards, which emphasize core competencies and conceptual understanding across all subject areas. Because these competencies are shared internationally, Daily Wonder is used successfully by families around the world. While reporting requirements vary by location, the knowledge, skills, and capacities developed through Daily Wonder align with the expectations of most educational jurisdictions.

When completing learning reports, parents may reference this Scope & Sequence overview, the unit summaries and student work samples gathered through the year, and the First Peoples' Principles of Learning integrated throughout each unit. Because Daily Wonder is integrated, learning from a single unit may be reported across multiple subject areas.

Daily Wonder is not a school. We do not submit records or reports to any province, state, or governing body. Each family remains responsible for knowing and meeting the homeschooling requirements of their area.

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