



Zion Christian School

# Fifth Grade News

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## School Year 2010-2011 Begins!

Wow! The summer has quickly passed and another school year has begun. I trust that with the Lord's blessing you've had a wonderful summer break, with a good mix of busyness and relaxation.

As we begin the new year, I would like to let you have an idea of what lies ahead by taking you through each of the subjects.

**School theme:** Our school theme is "Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Our morning classroom devotions will reflect this topic. We'll talk about knowing, sharing, defending, and living God's Word.

**Band:** Each student is invited to join band and will be given a choice of which instrument they would like to play. More information will follow from the band instructor.

**Bible:** We will cover a large overview of the Bible, learning how it is divided and what types of writing styles are included. Then we'll focus more closely on the New Testament, from Jesus' ministry to the early

church and through the various NT letters.

**Memory Work:** It will be given out on Monday and will be studied in class each day. It will be tested on Friday.

**Computers:** Students will work on *Type to Learn* and *FastMath*, as well as other assignments.

**Geography:** Students will be taught map reading skills and then lessons that reflect what we are covering in Social Studies.

**Math:** the math program covers whole numbers, algebraic expressions, displaying and interpreting data, fractions, measurements, and geometry.

**Reading:** In Reading, we will be studying an anthology of short stories as well as covering two novel studies. Oral reading and reading comprehension will be stressed.

**Grammar:** In grammar, we will study sentences, nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, adverbs, prepositions, and interjections.

**Spelling:** On Monday students will take a pre-

test, and any words they spelled correctly will be replaced by a shopping list word. Their new list will then have twelve words which they will take home to study and also use to practice in class. Their spelling test will be on Friday.

**Writer's Workshop:** It will consist of journals, as well as other styles of writing, using the 6-traits of writing (ideas, sentence fluency, organization, word choice, voice, and conventions).

**Social Studies:** We will cover American history, beginning with colonial times.

**Science:** We will begin by studying cells in September and plants in October and November.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I wish each of your families a safe, blessed school year and pray for God's blessing to rest on our classroom.

-Mrs. Scholten

### Specials Schedule:

Monday:	<i>Phys-ed</i> 1:30-2:20
Tuesday	<i>Band</i> 8:15-8:45 <i>Art</i> 9:20-10:05
Thursday:	<i>Band</i> 8:15-8:45 <i>Library</i> 2:05-2:30
Friday:	<i>Music</i> 1:50-2:20



### This week:

- 1) Campout this Friday! Return permission slips by Wednesday.
- 2) Please bring a recent picture of yourself, preferably taken this past summer.

## Welcome to 5th grade!