



# Curriculum Guide to Fifth Grade



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# Child Development



## Fifth Grade at Bader Hillel Academy...

is a year of leadership, deeper academic engagement, and preparation for middle school learning. Students are encouraged to think critically, manage increased responsibility, and take pride in their growth as learners and community members. Instruction balances challenge with support, reinforcing confidence, curiosity, and Jewish values.

### Social and Emotional Development

Social-emotional learning emphasizes leadership, responsibility, and self-advocacy. Students practice collaboration, goal-setting, and resilience as they navigate increased academic expectations. Teachers foster a respectful, supportive environment where students feel empowered and prepared for future challenges.

## Fifth Grade Experience

LANGUAGE ARTS	Fifth graders engage with increasingly complex texts across genres, strengthening comprehension, analysis, and discussion skills. Students learn to identify themes, analyze characters, and support ideas with evidence from texts. Writing instruction emphasizes organization, clarity, and voice through narrative, informational, and opinion writing, helping students communicate ideas thoughtfully and effectively.
MATHEMATICS	Math instruction builds fluency and conceptual understanding across a wide range of skills. Students deepen work with fractions and decimals, strengthen multiplication and division strategies, and explore concepts such as volume, geometry, and multi-step problem solving. Emphasis is placed on reasoning, accuracy, and explaining mathematical thinking.
SCIENCE/ SOCIAL STUDIES	Students explore science through inquiry-based learning and hands-on investigation. Units introduce more advanced concepts in life, earth, and physical science, encouraging curiosity and critical thinking. Social studies focuses on history, geography, and civic understanding, helping students make connections between past events and the world today.
JUDAIC STUDIES	Fifth Grade Judaic Studies strengthens students' engagement with Jewish texts, history, and ethical values. Students explore Torah, holidays, and Jewish leadership while discussing responsibility, justice, and community. Learning emphasizes thoughtful reflection and applying Jewish values to real-life situations.
HEBREW	Hebrew instruction continues to advance reading comprehension, writing, and conversational skills. Students expand vocabulary, work with more complex sentence structures, and build confidence using Hebrew in both academic and cultural contexts. Instruction supports fluency and meaningful connection to Jewish language and identity.
SPECIALS	Fifth graders participate in enrichment classes that support creativity, wellness, and exploration. Art, music, physical education, and library experiences complement academic learning and encourage personal growth beyond the classroom.