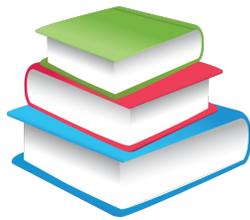


# Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!

Hello! My name is Sharon Cheseldine, and I am so excited to begin a new adventure here at St. Peter's School! I have been teaching for over 13 years, and I can't imagine doing anything else! I received my BA in English from St. Mary's College of Maryland, and my Elementary Education Certification from The College of Notre Dame of Maryland. My husband and I have been married for almost 19 years, and we have four children, ranging in age from ten to seventeen years old. We love to read and spend time together.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade is an important transition year for students. In order to prepare for the rigors of middle school, we will be learning many study strategies and note-taking skills. We will also integrate technology into our learning with our classroom Chromebooks. This will allow students to access digital media to increase their opportunities for growth. Another program that students will be able to access to increase their academic growth is Accelerated Reading and Math.

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In Religion, we will be discussing the Trinity, one of the mysteries of our Faith. We will also explore the story of creation, and how God prepared his chosen people for Jesus. As we approach All Saints' Day, we will also talk about the lives of the Saints.

Number sense and place value with numbers to billions will begin our Math curriculum this year. We will also be performing basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) with larger numbers. Knowing multiplication facts is very important at this stage.

We will begin Language Arts this year by jumping right into Reading skills and the writing process. Students will follow the writing process to write a personal narrative using correct grammar and grade level vocabulary. Students will also use critical thinking to analyze and respond to literature.

In Science, we will begin with several mini-lessons on lab safety and the Scientific Method, and apply what we learn in a lab setting. In addition to our once-a-week STEM classes, we will be studying Life Science in the first quarter.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies has a new curriculum! We will be studying world geography and map skills this first quarter, then taking a closer look at the different continents and cultures of the world. This is an exciting way for students to learn about other cultures.

I am looking forward to this exciting educational journey this year!  
Go Storm!