

# Dougherty Academy

## Fifth Grade 36-Week School Plan

### Quarter 1 (Weeks 1–9): Review & Readiness

- Reading & Writing: Review grammar, paragraph structure, and begin novel studies with discussion comprehension.
- Math: Review multiplication/division, introduce fractions and decimals, and problem-solving strategies.
- Science: Introduction to the scientific method, ecosystems, and energy transfer.
- Social Studies: U.S. geography, explorers, and early American settlements.
- Art: Color blending, perspective basics, and sketch journaling.
- Music & Ballet: Coordination, rhythm, and performance preparation.
- Music Theory / Piano / Violin / Viola: Scales, rhythm drills, and ensemble pieces.
- Spanish & ASL: Greetings, basic conversations, numbers, and daily phrases.
- Religion & Character Ed: Gratitude, humility, and building classroom community.
- P.E. & Golf: Warm-ups, teamwork, and form improvement.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Composting, seed planting, and sustainability basics.
- Cooking: Kitchen tools, nutrition, and simple recipes.
- Technology: Typing, research safety, and presentation tools.

### Quarter 2 (Weeks 10–18): Building Depth

- Reading & Writing: Essay writing, descriptive language, and poetry.
- Math: Fractions, decimals, percentages, and graphing.
- Science: Human body systems and physical science projects.
- Social Studies: Colonial America, government beginnings, and civic values.
- Art: Mixed-media and design techniques.
- Music & Ballet: Harmony, choreography, and stage presence.
- Music Theory: Scales, notation, and chord progressions.
- Spanish & ASL: Vocabulary expansion and conversational activities.
- Religion: Virtues, moral choices, and faith through service.
- Character Ed: Perseverance and responsibility.
- P.E. & Golf: Strength, agility, and sportsmanship.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Soil care and seasonal crops.
- Cooking: Baking and cultural foods.
- Technology: Coding foundations and multimedia projects.

### Quarter 3 (Weeks 19–27): Application & Creativity

- Reading & Writing: Research projects, persuasive essays, and public speaking.
- Math: Geometry, measurement, and multi-step problems.
- Science: Energy, matter, and STEM design projects.
- Social Studies: Revolutionary War and U.S. Constitution.
- Art: Abstract art and visual storytelling.
- Music & Ballet: Rhythm mastery and performance coordination.
- Music Theory / Piano / Violin / Viola: Duets, performance rehearsals, and composition practice.
- Spanish & ASL: Expressive storytelling and sentence fluency.
- Religion & Character Ed: Service projects and leadership reflection.

- P.E. & Golf: Endurance and coordination challenges.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Composting, harvesting, and plant journaling.
- Cooking: Ingredient measurement and meal planning.
- Technology: Digital creativity and research presentations.

## **Quarter 4 (Weeks 28–36): Mastery & Leadership**

- Reading & Writing: Novel analysis, speeches, and reflective essays.
- Math: Algebra readiness, review of concepts, and applied problem-solving.
- Science: Space systems, STEM challenges, and year-end experiments.
- Social Studies: Expansion, democracy, and U.S. growth.
- Art & Music: Final portfolio, recital, and performance showcase.
- Ballet & Music Theory: Final choreography and note-reading review.
- Piano / Violin / Viola: Final recital preparation.
- Spanish & ASL: Conversational fluency and performance skits.
- Religion & Character Ed: Leadership, gratitude, and personal reflection.
- P.E. & Golf: Mini tournament and teamwork celebration.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Sustainability and farm-to-table cooking.
- Cooking: End-of-year celebration meal.
- Technology: Final digital portfolio presentation.

## **End-of-Year Reflection**

By Week 36, fifth graders have matured as thinkers, creators, and leaders. They've learned to balance independence with collaboration, applying academic knowledge to real-world experiences. The Fifth Grade year marks the bridge between foundational learning and confident middle school readiness — a year of purpose, perseverance, and pride at Dougherty Academy.