

## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at a Glance

Granite Core	Available Through GCT Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ English</li> <li>✓ Social Studies (history and geography)</li> <li>✓ Science</li> <li>✓ Latin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Math</li> <li>✓ Physical Education</li> <li>✓ Music (choir)</li> <li>✓ Art (various)</li> </ul>

### What does my child get from tutors on each day at Granite?

#### Instruction and Supervision:

Classically trained tutors give your student 55 minutes of instruction in each class.

#### Grammar Stage Teaching Methods:

- Routine: classtimes follow predicatble patterns to facilitate efficient learning
- Repetition: students learn information through repetition of memory songs, chants, recitations, and question-and-answer flows.
- Critical thinking: your student is transitioning to the Logic Stage during these years, so tutors will begin to challenge students with more critical thinking and begin to teach discussion etiquette.

#### Skills and Worldview Building:

- Attention to detail: tutors emphasize neatness and thorough application of learned skills (ex. answering a question in full sentences) in every subject.
- Public speaking skills: class presentations such as poetry recitation or short reports.
- Classroom behavior: good habits emphasized through obedience to tutor's classroom rules and to GCT's behavior rules.
- Christian worldview: foundations built through scripture memory and emphasis on displaying the fruits of the spirit in behavior.

### What does my child need from me on each day at home?

#### Instruction and Supervision:

- 3-4 hours per day for GCT core home assignments
- Instruction in health and any of the legally required subjects you choose not to fulfill through GCT
- Spelling instruction

#### Grammar Stage Teaching Methods:

- Routine: stick to a regular schedule as much as possible.
- Repetition: drill memory work regularly at home. Instructions for memory work will be given on home assignments. Don't neglect this important reinforcement of classical learning!
- Critical thinking: every child is different; be attuned to your child's development and when he or she is ready, challenge your student to start thinking about the material instead of merely memorizing it. Point out and praise thoughtful questions your student raises.

#### Skills and Worldview Building:

- Attention to detail: emphasize neatness in work to reinforce skills built at GCT.
- Verbal skills: build language and reading skills by reading aloud to your child and allowing lots of free reading time.
- Independent learning: challenge your student to self-regulate a portion of his or her school time. Don't be discouraged if this doesn't come naturally at first. Gently prompt your student into Logic Stage independence.
- Christian worldview: Feel free to add to the memory work GCT assigns and choose additional scriptures and catechisms to work on at home. Your student is capable of lots of memorization at this age!