FCDS Fifth Grade Academy

Research shows that the transition from Lower to Middle is one of the most important and perhaps most difficult to make both academically and emotionally. The Academy will provide time for students to develop the skills needed to independently navigate Middle School.

Our Focus
- Develop executive functioning skills to plan, organize, and complete tasks
- Support social and emotional transition to Middle School
- Build a community by having a fifth grade area and a dedicated team
- Reduce schedule transitions; support move to independence
- Support students from standards based grades to traditional grades

What’s Like Lower School
- Two main teachers - one teacher for social studies & English and one teacher for science & math
- Rotating specials
- Dedicated fifth grade hall
- Flexible daily schedule to support student development

What’s Like Middle School
- Homeroom time
- Activity and lunch
- Tutorial
- Middle School assembly
- Chromebooks
- Lockers

Schedule
- 6 day rotation (but not rotating periods)
- Core subjects every day
- PE/health/guidance (2), chorus (1), orchestra (1), technology (1), art (1)
- MS assembly and grade level meeting

Core Subjects
- English - Guided reading, writing, and vocabulary
- Social Studies - Ancient civilizations
- Math - Singapore math
- Science - Science Fusion series
- Spanish - Conversational Spanish

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