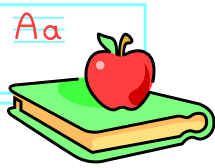


# 5th Grade



Connecting school and home through family learning!

The *ImaginAsia* exhibit at the Sackler Gallery is a great way to prepare your 5<sup>th</sup> grader for their important **China** project, while also learning about ancient art techniques, geography and other cultures! The *Freer Gallery* collection also includes works by American artists influenced by **Asia**.  
[www.asia.si.edu](http://www.asia.si.edu)

A new virtual exhibit that journeys into the skin of the earth and explores the amazing world of soil is a great way to build on lessons on the **Earth** and its layers.  
<http://forces.si.edu/soils/index.html>  
You'll also want to be sure to visit the Fossil Lab at the Museum of Natural History -- This glass enclosed lab allows visitors to watch museum paleontologists and trained volunteers extract **fossils** from rock and construct fossil casts and molds. [www.mnh.si.edu](http://www.mnh.si.edu)

To continue your **Asia** experience, make plans to visit the National Arboretum's National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, where you can view Japanese potted plants (bonsai) and China tray landscapes (penjing). For a quarter you can also feed the Japanese koi in the museum's administration building.  
[www.USNA.usda.gov](http://www.USNA.usda.gov)

The National Zoo's **Asia** Trail is home to red pandas, Asian otters and other many other of the zoo's most popular residents! With an MP3 player, your child can download an audio tour to use on the Asia Trail.  
[www.nationalzoo.si.edu](http://www.nationalzoo.si.edu)

One of the best ways to learn about the arts and culture of **Africa** (a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies topic) is thru the AfriKid Art programs at the National Museum of African art.  
[www.nmafa.si.edu](http://www.nmafa.si.edu)