

Fourth grade is a major step for students. Students build on their background knowledge to become more independent learners and more organized and responsible of their work. Much of the teacher directed activity is gradually replaced by more student initiated and directed work. Students learn to think with higher order thinking skills and are urged to

Religion

Religion is taught through Voyages, CPH 2002 and The Holy Bible. Throughout the year, biblical stories, such as creation, the flood, the Exodus, Jesus' birth, and following his ministry while here on earth are covered. While we cover Jesus' ministry, we look at His many miracles, the Passion, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost.

Language Arts

Reading - A story from the reading curriculum is assigned each week. Within a week, there are certain reading skills that are focused on throughout the story that is assigned. For example: sequencing, main idea, supporting the main idea with details, making inferences, drawing conclusions, and point of view are just some of the reading skills that are focused on throughout the year. Along with these, essential reading comprehension skills are introduced to help the students become better readers and help their comprehension levels rise. Accelerated Reader (AR) is implemented in the classroom and students are required to take short quizzes to reach a certain amount of points each year with the books they choose to read in their free time.

Spelling - Fourth grade level spelling words are focused on weekly. These words focus on patterns that are found within the words and are also tied in with the reading story for that week. Students have weekly spelling tests. The class also participates in the school spelling bee.

Literature Presentations - All fourth graders are required to complete a book report each semester. The outlines for the requirements are given at the beginning of the year as well as closer to when they are due.

Math

Fourth grade is the year where students make giant leaps in their math education. Mathematical reasoning and problem solving are developed and perfected. Multiplication facts are reviewed in order to accomplish entry-level algebraic reasoning. The stages of algebra are carried on throughout the year. In great detail, the students will learn multiplication with one and two digit multipliers and division by one and two digit divisors, along with addition and subtraction of fractions.

Science

The fourth grade science curriculum steers students through four units of study. These units include: Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science and the Human Body. Applications of scientific principals are emphasized through teacher-guided, hands-on experiments, and projects and activities. Students give power point presentations on researched knowledge ascertained on specific organs introduced in our Human Body Unit.

Social Studies

Our social studies curriculum for fourth grade guides and describes the eight strands of social studies. An overview of geography and mapping skills are presented before studying the five regions of the United States. Each region's geography, climate, people, historical events, and worldwide connections are brought to life by student presentations, projects and activities. Each student writes to government officials of a pre selected state, and then shares the collected information an in depth report with the class.