



# Fourth Grade

## Fourth Grade Program

Organizational skills, study skills, and time management are stressed in the fourth grade. Independence and personal responsibility are the goals of instruction and methods. Each student is expected to organize his/her own notebook and to be responsible for recording and completing daily and long-range assignments. Each grade level stresses individualized instruction, differentiating to meet each student's needs. Integrated technology instruction uses a variety of websites, computer software, & TV/DVD programs to educate students with 21st century skills.

- **READING** - Fourth grade reading is based on the Reading Renaissance/Accelerated Reader program, and is supplemented with children's literature and novel studies. SRA materials develop specific skills. Independent outside reading is an important, required portion of the program.
- **LANGUAGE ARTS** - The fourth grade language program is designed to develop skill in using English grammar for effective oral and written communication. The students will be provided the opportunity to learn and master the fundamentals of grammar. The Shurley Method is used to reinforce the English grammar program. The writing process is taught using systematic and consistent methods. Steps in this program include the selection of topics and prewriting, writing first draft, revising, proofing and making a final copy.
- **SPELLING** - is taught using Spelling Lessons for High Frequency Words and incorporating their vocabulary words from the vocabulary study and new vocabulary from their current novel.
- **MATHEMATICS** - is taught using the Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley Mathematics (Diamond Edition), a research-based curriculum. The four basic concepts of math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) are also stressed throughout the fourth grade year. The instant recall of math facts and their usage is the basis of a firm foundation on which to build other math skills. The Accelerated Math computer-assisted program is also a part of our math curriculum.
- **SCIENCE** - Students are taken on a journey from the beginning of the formation of the universe, through the beginning of primitive life forms, dinosaur age, primitive man and his development, and the computer and space age. An emphasis is placed on a "hands on" discovery method as scientific experiments are presented to demonstrate various scientific theories and concepts.
- **SOCIAL STUDIES** - The fourth grade social studies focuses on the regions of the United States. Our geography study incorporates map, charts and graphs skills as well as general geography terms.
- **SPECIAL CLASSES:**
  - Christian Education
  - Spanish
  - Physical Education
  - Library
  - Chapel
  - Music
  - Technology

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