

Who We Are

About Us

Joyful and authentically Catholic school with a curriculum that provides a foundation in what is good, true and beautiful

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FOURTH GRADE

Curriculum Summary



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YEARLY CURRICULUM



Summary of the Year

In fourth grade, we strive to cultivate the seeds of God's love that have been planted within the hearts of our children. In religion lessons, class time, and at Mass, the students will come to know God better through our words and actions. This increased knowledge of God should help them to love Him more, and when they love God more, they will want to serve Him by helping others.

Specials

Art, Music, Latin, Spanish, Computers, Gym, Library, Natural Sciences, Tin Whistle

Extracurricular & Clubs:

Band, Choir, Lego League, Ski Program, Squires

Language Arts

Reading

Students read and write book reports on books such as *Everything for a Dog* by Ann M. Martin; *Bridge to Teribithia* by Katherine Paterson; *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies; *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, and *Matilda* by Roald Dahl.

Penmanship

The students review the individual cursive letters and practice writing using the appropriate posture and paper placement. All writing will be done in cursive. As the students show mastery, they will graduate to writing with pens.

Writing

Writing conventions are adhered to while students write many organized, multi-page compositions in sequential order with a central idea. Students write a personal narrative, how-to articles, a tall tale with illustration, non-fiction report, formal letters, fables, descriptions, poetry, and a short story.

Grammar

Students master all aspects of the English language including correct usage of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions. Students correctly use punctuation and writing conventions.

Social Studies

The students start the year with a map and globe study. They learn the continents, oceans, and physical features found on maps. Map features that are explored would include latitude and longitude, compass rose,

Mathematics

Fourth grade math develops an understanding and fluency with multi-digit multiplication and dividing to find quotients involving multi-digit dividends. Students develop understanding of fraction equivalence and operations with fractions including addition, subtraction, and multiplication. In addition they will understand concepts geometric shapes and angle measurements using a protractor.

Religion

Fourth grade religion covers Bible stories starting with Creation and continuing with a study of the Old Testament. The students will develop their understanding of the Ten Commandments and will display their understanding of God's commandments making a book depicting each one. Fourth Graders also study the seven sacraments in detail. The students will continue their devotion to Mary and the Rosary. The children develop their understanding of the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

Science

What discoveries and inventions have had the greatest impact on people's lives? Scientific thinking may actually be the greatest invention. Through our reading, discussion, and activities, science processing skills will start to develop. Fourth graders study weather and climate. Students learn about Earth's atmosphere and the effects of changes in the air on weather. They are also introduced to the classification of living things and the characteristics of different plant and animal groups. They study the basic needs of living things and adaptations that help living things meet their needs within their environment.