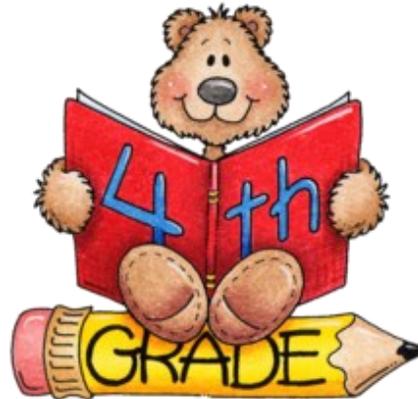


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4th Grade Curriculum
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Fourth Grade Curriculum Map

Reading

- Read, identify, and understand a variety of literary genres.
- Summarize a text and determine its central theme.
- Determine the main idea of a text and provide evidence from the text to support it.
- Explain how facts and details support a main idea.
- Explain how text features (i.e. diagrams, charts, and graphs) enhance understanding.
- Ask and answer inferential and high-order questions based on the text.
- Apply literary skills (author's purpose, making connections, and drawing conclusions of a story).
- Identify story elements of setting, character, plot, and theme.
- Develop the following reading skills: sequencing, predicting, inferences, facts/opinions, summarizing, cause and effect, and compare and contrast.
- Determine the meaning of new words using context clues and resources.
- Read aloud with fluency, accuracy, and expression.

Language Arts & Writing

- Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs as they are used.
- Use grade-appropriate vocabulary.
- Write well-constructed paragraphs that include a topic sentence, main idea, supporting details, and closing sentence.
- Edit and revise drafts to improve writing.
- Describe the setting, characters, objects, and events of a story with detail.
- Write the following: personal narrative, explanatory essay, persuasive essay, and a research paper.
- Use parts of speech correctly.
- Apply accurate spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Exhibit appropriate listening and speaking skills.
- Reinforce cursive writing and practice style of handwriting.



Religion & Character Formation

- Grow in the virtues of kindness, respect, optimism, generosity, honesty, prudence, and morality and learn to apply them in every day situations.
- Know and understand the Church's belief in the Real Presence of the Holy Eucharist.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of Catholic doctrine and dogma in light of the Creed.
- Identify and categorize the 20 mysteries of the Rosary.
- Prepare for and participate in liturgical celebrations (i.e. weekly Masses, nursing home Masses, visits to the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and feast days).
- Identify and retell different Bible stories from the New and Old Testaments.
- Locate passages in the Bible according to books, chapters, and verses.
- Identify and explore the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.
- Discuss the lives of the Saints and learn about the lives of the Saints.



Mathematics

- Identify and compare whole numbers through the millions.
- Generate and analyze patterns.
- Fluently add and subtract multi-digit whole numbers.
- Develop understanding of multi-digit dividends by one-digit divisors.
- Develop knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division rules and properties. Demonstrate knowledge of equivalent fractions.
- Compare and order whole numbers, fractions, mixed numbers, improper fractions, and decimals. Multiply a fraction by a whole number.
- Demonstrate knowledge of customary and metric measurements.



Social Studies

- Use maps and other geographical resources to gather information.
- Understand producer/consumer relationships between states.
- Locate all 50 states and capitals of the United States.
- Describe and identify the development and settlement patterns of the U.S. colonies.
- Identify the major geographic features and determine their properties.
- Understand main ideas and key concepts of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
- Solve multi-step word problems.
- Represent and interpret data.



Science

- Describe simple life cycles of plants and animals.
- Describe relationships among various organisms in their environment (i.e. predator/prey, parasite/host, food chains and food webs).
- Describe and compare types of energy (light, heat, sound, electrical, and mechanical).
- Explain the properties of solids, liquids, and gases.
- Describe weather and its effect on Earth's climate.
- Demonstrate understanding of the major organs and body systems of the human body.
- Explain and build series and parallel circuits.
- Demonstrate and explain ways that forces cause actions and reactions.
- Explain how science and technology affect our daily life.
- Learn to use safe procedures.

