

# Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is a major step for students to become independent learners. Much of the teacher-directed activity is gradually replaced by more student-initiated and directed work. Building on the Third Grade introductions to organization and self-discipline, this grade takes students to the next level of responsibility.

## Curriculum

### Religion

Using the Bible, students recognize we are all forgiven people. Memory work is an integral part of the class.

### Reading

The Accelerated Reader program continues at this level with computer-generated reading levels and comprehension tests. Using the Scott Foresman curriculum, we teach basic reading skills with short stories and poems.

### Spelling

Weekly lessons and tests help the students learn specific spelling rules.

### Math

Math 5/4 is an introduction to basic, mid-level math concepts such as whole numbers, computation algorithms, geometry, patterns, and sequences.

### Science

Curriculum from SRA/McGraw Hill teaches "Real Science," bringing science to life in the classroom through a mixture of sight, sound, and activities. By seeing, hearing, and doing, students achieve a strong grasp on science concepts and are able to apply them to different situations.

### Social Studies

Fourth grade social studies is a study of European history and early American history. We use the Core Knowledge curriculum to teach units such as World Mountains, Europe in the Middle Ages, The Spread of Islam, African Kingdoms, The Dynasties of China, the American Revolution, the United States Constitution, The Presidents from Washington to Jackson, and The American Reformers.

### Fine Arts

The Arts program is based on the Tennessee Curriculum Standards and is taught in conjunction with Core Knowledge principles. Each grade level works on a different curriculum that helps enhance what they are learning in the classroom. Fourth grade units include Art of the Middle Ages in Europe, Islamic Art and Architecture, The Art of Africa, The Art of China, and The Art of a New Nation: The United States.

### Music

Fourth graders are part of the 2-5 grade choir, which sings at First Lutheran Church services, the

Christmas program, and the school musical.

### Physical Education

Physical education in the Fourth Grade focuses on group games and physical fitness.

### Computers

Building on what they have learned in lower grades, students continue to use technology to learn keyboarding and computer skills.

### Spanish

In Fourth Grade Spanish, students understand more vocabulary and structures essential for everyday communication, respond to simple questions and commands, read and write simple sentences, and learn additional customs from Spanish-speaking countries.

### April 2011 Stanford Achievement Test Results

<u>Area</u>	<u>Percentile</u>	<u>Nat'l</u>
Reading	706	61.2
Mathematics	64.6	57.6
Language	64.6	57.5
Spelling	61.6	55.8
Science	74.6	63.7
Social Science	70.6	61.1
Listening	79.7	66.9
Thinking	74.6	63.3
Complete Battery	68.6	60.0

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