

Fourth Grade Curriculum

Religion: Our primary basal is Sophia Institute's "The Spirit of Truth." Students will reflect on the Eucharist as the center of the Church's life and the wonder of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. Students will strengthen their understanding of what it means to develop a good conscience, and how doing so allows us to make choices that show our love for God, for ourselves, and for others. Students will learn about several Saints during the month of October, and will get to choose their favorite Saint to portray at Mass.

English Language Arts: The reading portion of ELA is driven by novel units. Students read several nonfiction sources and use these as a basis to develop a deeper understanding on fiction novels. We incorporate small group instruction in order to differentiate for students at all levels of reading. Students use the close reading method to practice rigor in reading. Greek and Latin roots are an additional vocabulary element. Greek and Latin roots help students determine the meaning of many words. These words are used often in standardized testing such as the ACT and SAT. Students will practice Greek and Latin roots along with common prefixes and suffixes to enrich their vocabulary in all areas.

Grammar/Writing: For grammar instruction we use the Sadlier curriculum. Most importantly students incorporate the grammar rules they have learned in writing essays. Each student submits five essays a year for a portfolio that begins in kindergarten and continues to the sixth grade.

Social Studies: Students use the curriculum Pelican Ed. to study the United States. Students will learn about the different regions of the United States, as well as the early history of the US.

Math: Students will learn the fourth grade math standards from the Eureka Math curricula. Each lesson includes fluency practice,

concept development, application problems, and student debrief. Students work towards proficiency and accuracy in computational, conceptual, and problem-solving skills. Zearn is implemented to reinforce the math skills that the students have learned and are currently learning. It is also a way to challenge excelling students in math. This is a great goal-orientated program to encourage and motivate students.

Science: The basal is Elevate Science by Pearson. Students learn concepts related to animals, earth and beyond, water and weather, matter, and energy.

