

Fourth Grade Course Overviews

Bible

The curriculum we will use is Building Life Castles. We will study the life of Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the life of Paul in order to understand how we can develop Christian character. A pattern of Scripture memorization will also be developed throughout the year.

Language

The fourth grade will learn about the types of sentences and appropriate punctuation for each. We will learn how to write complete sentences, including complex and compound sentences. The curriculum will also cover learning to recognize and use the eight different parts of speech. Also, we will learn subject-verb agreement and how to diagram sentences. The fourth grade will explore the writing process as well.

Spelling

The spelling words will consist of short and long vowels in two to four syllable words. Also, we will learn plurals, prefixes, and suffixes. Each week the sentences and workbook introduce a new country.

Science

Students will explore God's world and see the plan of God as it is revealed in His orderly creations as we study and explore these topics. We will learn about Insects, Plants, Birds, Matter, Energy (sound), Geology, Oceanography, and Astronomy.

Social Studies

The curriculum we will use is U.S. History. We will start with the Age of Exploration and end in the present time by discussing Freedom and Rights. There are eighteen chapters. The fourth grade will also explore North Carolina History.

Math

This is the first year of Saxon Math. We will be focusing on the following strands: Number and Operations, Algebra, Geometry, Measurement, Data Analysis, and Problem Solving. Additionally,

students will master 4-digit addition and subtraction, multiplication with up to three digits, division with and without a remainder, fractions, decimals, graphs, geometry, and some algebraic skills.

Reading

There are six units in Reading. Each unit contains a variety of genres so we can apply the reading skills and strategies and is structured around a theme question.

1. Turning Points: What can we discover from new places and people?
2. Teamwork: What is the value of teamwork?
3. Patterns in Nature: What are some patterns in nature?
4. Puzzles and Mysteries: Is there an explanation for everything?
5. Adventures by Land, Air, and Water: What makes an adventure?
6. Reading for Goals: What does it take to achieve our goals and dreams?