



Grade Level Introduction: Fourth Grade 2021-2022

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Grade Level Description

Fourth grade is the first year of upper elementary school making it an exciting step forward in your child's education. It is also the year many parents see great strides in students becoming more independent and responsible in completing homework and classwork. It is our goal to help them attain the organizational skills and study habits needed for future success.

Fourth grade teachers strive to integrate faith, fun and learning using 21st Century Curriculum and differentiation within a student-centered classroom. We focus on providing a rigorous academic program to all students delivered in a positive and safe environment.

Our Bible curriculum covers Fundamentals of the Christian faith and applications to our lives. Students are taught to look at the world through a biblical worldview.

The language arts are taught through the guided reading model, novel studies, and the six traits writing components.

The selection of high interest books and materials is an important component of this program, and provides the building blocks for success in future coursework. Through guided reading, whole group instruction, independent reading, teacher read-aloud books and numerous opportunities for students to write in all genres, we deliver a balanced approach to literacy.

Our word study program allows students to engage with spelling rules, and word patterns in a way that is transferable, helping students grow in spelling ability, and vocabulary. Word study is customized to the unique needs of each student.

Math is taught using guided math and GoMath as an instructional partnership. The combined approach differentiates instruction to meet the skills and needs of each student. The GoMath program, combined with guided math strategies, is uniquely designed to spiral new learning into reinforcement of familiar skills.

Science is taught with as much "real life" experience as possible. Through investigations, group work, and projects that students explore, the students will learn classification of living things, understanding resources and adaptations, energy and magnetism, changes to earth's surface, the water cycle, inquiry skills and tools, and the scientific method. Our field trip to the Flandrau Science Center ties directly into our study of Earth, its place in our solar system. Students are given multiple opportunities to practice their inquiry skills through in-class projects and participation in the CCS Science Fair with opportunities to advance to the SARSEF science fair.

In social studies, we study Arizona from the time of Spanish exploration through the present day. Students often work together on group projects, making history come alive. Our field trips to The Tumacacori Mission, Bisbee Copper Queen mine and town museum, and the AZ Historical

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Society Museum are closely correlated to our study of Arizona history. Through our hands-on service project with Ben's Bells, students learn citizenship, respect for one's community, and kindness.

Student digital literacy is taught weekly. We use Learning.com and students learn digital citizenship, as well as skills that will allow them to succeed in the 21st-century world of technology. These skills include internet safety, typing skills, word processing, powerpoint presentations and research skills.

Our goal is to make fourth grade a rigorous, yet exciting year, filled with activities that build enthusiasm for the love of learning through fun, precisely planned curricular activities. We end the year with our exciting Fourth Grade Annual "Campout" where students get to experience camping (the first time for some) in the safety of our lunchroom. Teachers, parents and students come together for a fun-filled evening of games, food, s'mores and campfire.

Grade Level Weighting

Math: In class and Homework 20% Quiz 30% Tests 50%	Reading: In class and Homework 20% Quiz 30% Tests 50%
Grammar: In class and Homework 20% Quiz 30 % Tests 50%	Bible: Spiritual Journal Memory Verse Projects
Social Studies: Classwork and Homework 20% Quiz 30% Tests/Projects 50%	Science: Classwork and Homework 20% Quiz 30% Tests/Projects 50%

Grade Level Resources

Bible: ACSI Bible curriculum
 Reading/Language Arts/Writing:
 Novel literature unit text sets
 Abeka Language 2
 Six traits writing program
 Math: GoMath Grade 4
 Guided Math Grade 4
 Science: Fusion – Houghton Mifflin
 Foss Science Kits
 Social Studies: Harcourt Arizona
 Daily Geography

Elementary Report Card Weighting

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Math	1.0
Math Facts	0.33
Reading	1.0
Grammar	1.0
Spelling	0.4
Science	1.0
Social Studies	1.0
Art	0.2
Music	0.2
PE	0.4
Spanish	0.4

Special Events & Field Trips

International Wildlife Museum
 AZ Historical Society Museum
 Tumacacori Mission
 Bisbee Copper Queen Mine/Museum
 Flandrau Science Center
 Ben's Bells Service Project
 Famous Person Breakfast
 4th Grade Annual "Camp Out"