

## Fourth Grade Curriculum Snapshot

The Fourth grade curriculum is Christ-centered, where we “Soar on Wings like Eagles” Isaiah 40:31.

### Religion

- Units: God Blesses His Family of Believers, God Makes a People for Himself, Israel in the Promised Land, God’s Faithfulness to His People, Looking for the Savior, Jesus Begins His Ministry, Jesus Teaches and Performs Miracles, Jesus’ Final Teachings, Death, and Resurrection, Disciples, Jesus Leaves His Disciples with His Power
- Daily devotions, weekly memory work, praying throughout the day

### Reading/Writing/Grammar/Spelling (Common Core aligned)

- Reading: Fiction and non-fiction genres, building comprehension skills, learn to use a variety of reading strategies, practice oral reading, Accelerated Reader
- Writing: personal narrative, poetry, expository, persuasive, letter writing, story writing
- Grammar: sentences, nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, capitalization, commas, quotation marks
- Spelling: Monday-pretest, Friday-posttest, weekly spelling practice, correct spelling expected on all work

### Math (Common Core aligned)

- Place value, comparing, ordering, rounding whole numbers
- Addition: properties, patterns, estimating, whole numbers
- Subtraction: rules, patterns, estimating, whole numbers, across zeros
- Multiplication: review of facts, properties, comparison, factors and multiples, rounding, whole numbers, 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Division: facts, rules, estimation, long division
- Patterns: nonnumeric, numeric, use of variables, order of operations
- Fractions: factors and multiples, prime and composite numbers, equivalent, compare and order, mixed numbers, improper, add and subtract like, multiply by a whole number
- Decimals: place value, convert to a fraction, compare and order
- Customary Measurement: identify and convert length, capacity, weight
- Metric Measurement: identify and convert length, capacity, mass
- Perimeter and Area
- Geometry: points, lines, rays, parallel and perpendicular lines, angles, triangles, quadrilaterals, symmetry
- Rocket Math and problem-solving (daily)

### Science

- Water: properties, temperature, three forms, evaporation, condensation, salinity
- Physics of Sound: properties, volume, pitch, amplification, source and receiver, travel through solid, liquid, and gas
- Human Body: bones, joints, muscles, movement, owl pellets
- Animals: classification, development, behaviors, animal report
- Health topics: human body systems, nutrition

## **Social Studies**

- Illinois Unit
- Illinois and Michigan Canal mini unit
- Regions of the United States: landforms, climate, resources, history, historical figures
- Branches and levels of government
- Map skills
- State Reports
- State Quizzes: memorize location, spelling, and capital of each state

## **Handwriting**

- Lowercase and uppercase cursive letters taught and practiced
- Neat, legible cursive expected on all work

## **Technology**

- Keyboarding skills
- AR testing
- MAP testing
- Research topic fact-finding, create brochure on Publisher
- Word processing and printing documents
- Learn how to create and save files and documents

## **Music** (twice weekly)

- Music theory: compound meter, key signatures, form, vocal technique
- Recorder lessons
- Primary choir: sing in worship services four times a year
- Primary Musical: lead roles in musical, learn songs and lines for memory
- Extra-curricular musical opportunities: band, strings, piano

## **Physical Education** (daily)

- Midline-crossing activities
- Vaulting and tumbling activities
- Cardiovascular endurance activities
- Throwing, tossing, dribbling, catching, and striking activities
- Introduction to team sports
- Large muscle strengthening and stretching
- Ongoing development of locomotor and dance skills

## **Art** (twice a week)

- Elements of visual art are offered and explored
- Introduction to various artists and art media