



Grade Four Curriculum 2015-2016

Religion

Faith First by RCL (2007) is a spiral approach to learning our Catholic faith. The four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – Creed, Sacraments, Morality and Prayer are taught and developed on every grade level. This ensures that the beliefs of our faith are introduced and reinforced for the young people as they grow, develop and mature in their faith.

Reading

Our McGraw Hill (2005) reading series is designed to strengthen the skills used most in reading. Vocabulary and comprehension skills are emphasized in all lessons. The series stresses vocabulary expansion and the extension of word meaning. Listening, speaking, and writing are different facets that are integrated into each lesson. Having a monthly book report emphasizes Reading for enjoyment.

English

The McGraw Hill Language Arts (2001) is dedicated to creating effective communicators. Every unit begins with the grammar lessons and activities that teach the students the principal rules and mechanics of the English language. These lessons give the students the tools they need to write effectively. Skills that are learned are constantly reviewed.

Writer's Workshop

Writer's Workshop is a framework for teaching writing. In Writer's Workshop, students write every day for real purposes about things that interest them. Students learn the craft of writing through practice, conferring and studying other student work. The students use the writing process that includes prewriting, writing, editing, revising and publishing.

Spelling

McGraw Hill Spelling (2005) is the series currently used by the fourth grade. This series presents words that focus on phonetic elements, spelling patterns and high frequency words. It provides opportunities for daily independent practice. It also integrates writing and language arts into each lesson.

Social Studies

Explore Our Land by Houghton Mifflin (1997) encourages the students to understand the regions and the states of our country. Map skills such as using a legend, a compass rose, a scale, latitude and longitude are also introduced. Students will learn to locate and name each state and its capital by regions.



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Science

The Nancy Larson Science 4 (2013) program provides students with meaningful science topics for particular grade levels. In Science 4 students explore the characteristics of cells, examine and classify plants, investigate characteristics of animals, examine ecosystems, explore energy and investigate electricity.

Math

The Pearson enVision Math Common Core (2015) offers the students a focused, coherent and rigorous curriculum. The focus in fourth grade is extending the study of place value, extending their study of multiplication to four-digit numbers. The students will build on their conceptual understanding of division and the relationships between multiplication and division. They will understand fractions and fraction equivalence to compare fractions.

Art, Music, Library, Gym, Spanish

The students participate in art, music, library and Spanish once a week. They attend gym twice weekly.