



## 4th Grade Curriculum

### **Religion**

The CPH *One in Christ* curriculum is used for religious instruction. The religion program is centered in Christ so that fourth grade students have the opportunity to grow in their faith and life with God. The lessons are based on sequential Bible stories beginning with creation through the book of Daniel during the first semester and studies of the life of Jesus through the early Christian church during the second semester. Key concepts of faith such as Law, Gospel, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and grace are taught within the context of the stories. Each child experiences daily worship, prayer, and study of the Bible. The children also participate in a planned memory program which includes key Bible passages, portions of the Catechism, and selected hymns.

### **Language Arts**

The Abeka curriculum focuses on composition, grammar, and word usage. Repetition and review, introduction of new concepts, and thinking and writing skills are the focus of the language curriculum.

### **Reading**

The fourth grade reading program exposes students to a variety of genres such as: fables, tall tales, biographies, poetry, science fiction, and autobiographies. Students work on improving fluency and comprehension through reading strategies and reading skills. Varied reading formats are implemented through the reading of short stories and novels. An appreciation of literature is further encouraged through trade books, Scholastic Storyworks, and news articles.

### **Spelling**

Spelling skills are developed by identifying relationships and patterns between letters and sounds. The words are practiced in context in a variety of fiction and nonfiction selections. The Spelling workout curriculum takes a solid and structural approach to encoding, focusing on the close tie between spelling and phonics.

### **Writing**

Students experience the writing process of planning, drafting, revising, editing, and sharing/publishing through writer's workshop which includes a mini-lesson, writing time (writing, conferring, peer work), and sharing.

### **Math**

The Saxon curriculum in fourth grade reviews and further advances the concepts of place value, addition and subtraction, and measurement. The program challenges students in the areas of geometry and fractions. Building skills in multiplication and division are also emphasized. Throughout the lessons students learn strategies and increase skills in problem-solving. The curriculum is revolving and concepts are reviewed constantly.

### **Science**

The fourth grade program is based on life science, earth science, and physical science. Units of study include: insects; matter (water, air, and weather); energy (sound and hearing); and geology (properties and patterns of the earth's surface and oceanography). Students will develop study skills in reading content material and note taking.



### **Technology** *(Departmentalized)*

Fourth graders will continue to learn more advanced keyboarding, striking, mouse manipulation, and letters and numbers by various exercises and games that are age-appropriate. Students will be taught the proper use of the computer with the internet and PC programs. Developing these skills will aid in the enhancement of curriculum in the areas of math, science, and language arts. Students will utilize *Typing.com* to improve typing speed and accuracy.

Each fourth grader is assigned a Chromebook for use in the classroom which they will use through Grade 8. At the end of the eighth grade, they will be given their Chromebook to take home and keep.

### **Art** *(Departmentalized)*

Students will develop an appreciation of visual arts through a variety of age-appropriate art explorations. Individualism is encouraged as students employ various forms of media including pencil, pastel, charcoal, paint, paper, and sculpting materials. The elements of art including line, shape, color, value, space, and texture will be emphasized and utilized. Projects will also incorporate and consider the principles of design including balance, contrast, emphasis, movement, pattern, rhythm, and unity. A variety of craft projects incorporated will also inspire student creativity.

### **Music** *(Departmentalized)*

The fourth graders build on concepts learned in previous grades as they advance in music, learning notes and rests in the treble clef and also being able to recreate the rhythms of a musical score. Fourth graders will also have the opportunity to participate in the Cantata Choir, a choir for grades 3-5, who performs in various church services and at the Christmas Concert.

### **Physical Education** *(Departmentalized)*

Students will show signs of advanced beginner-competency in the following:

- *Locomotor* ability to run, leap vertical jump, horizontal jump, hop, skip, gallop, slide and land properly.
- *Object Control* to underhand roll/throw, dribble with hands/feet, kick, punt, catch, and under/over hand strike.
- *Fitness* in demonstrating power, strength, endurance, flexibility, aerobic capacity in the half-mile run.

Students will show advanced beginner skill in the following games: Badminton, Pickleball, Bowling, Football, Frisbee, Golf, Handball, Floor Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball.