

4th Grade Course Goals

- Bible:** In this course, students will begin to learn tools for studying the Bible. In addition, doctrinal subjects will be discussed including God, His Word, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, Salvation, Heaven, and Hell. Students not only gain an understanding of these doctrines but how the doctrine applies to them personally.
- Social Studies:** Fourth grade students will have an opportunity to develop character to help them become great Christian women and men. Students will understand the causes and effects of exploration and colonization of the Western Hemisphere including the years of discovery and conquest. The student will understand the significance of the 13 colonies, colonial life, and the American Revolution. The student will expand their knowledge of the United States becoming a nation under God. Students will demonstrate hands-on knowledge of Texas History by completing a research project. The student will analyze the cause and nature of the Civil War.
- Language Arts:** Language Arts in the fourth grade will provide students with a way to express themselves clearly and creatively while helping them to think logically. The student will be able to recognize and write the four types of sentences and the steps of the writing process. They will apply this information to write letters, thank you notes, and reports. They will also be able to recognize the eight parts of speech, and be able to diagram subjects, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.
- Mathematics:** Fourth grade Arithmetic will provide students the opportunity to develop and reinforce basic skills using spiral learning. The course is structured to promote mastery of basic facts and concepts needed throughout life. In addition, concepts will be addressed that encourage students to glorify God as they learn about His creation.
- Science:** In the 4th grade, students will see the plan of God as it is revealed in His orderly creation. The student will be able to observe and understand the world around them. They will be introduced to insects, and will have a better understanding of plants and birds in their world. They will be introduced to the importance of weather in their lives, and will learn the basic principles of energy through sound. It will help them develop a better understanding of our earth and explore the wonders of the sea. It will encourage the students to consider the heavens and the origin of the universe. The students through activities and experiments will have a hands-on approach to scientific principles.
- Spanish:** Fourth Grade Spanish course is designed to incorporate communication skills to develop and reinforce Spanish language acquisition. This course will focus on essential vocabulary and structures while practicing different language skills. Students will acquire listening comprehension skills. Students will also communicate, build vocabulary, structure the language and enhance Hispanic cultural awareness.
- Computer:** Computer lab lessons are designed to teach students about the use of technology. Students will use a variety of applications throughout the year. Applications and topics of study include: *Microsoft Word*, *Microsoft Power Point*, *Microsoft Excel*, *Microsoft Paint*, computer awareness, internet safety and searches, keyboarding, and how to run age-appropriate software. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas as well.
- Music:** Music class is for learning about music, the enjoyment of class singing and the use of boomwhackers as an instrumental concept, and participation in school-wide programs.



Physical
Education:

In Physical Education, students acquire the knowledge and skills for movement that provide the foundation for enjoyment, continued social development through physical activity, and access to a physically-active lifestyle. The student exhibits a physically-active lifestyle and understands the relationship between physical activity and health throughout the lifespan. In Grades 3-5, students continue to develop strength, endurance, and flexibility. Students can demonstrate mature form in fundamental locomotor and manipulative skills and can often maintain that form while participating in dynamic game situations. Identifying personal fitness goals for themselves and beginning to understand how exercise affects different parts of the body is an important part of the instructional process. Fourth grade students learn to identify the components of health-related fitness. Students combine locomotor and manipulative skills in dynamic situations with body control. Students begin to identify sources of health fitness information and continue to learn about appropriate clothing and safety precautions in exercise settings.



4th Grade Curriculum

Language Arts(A Beka, BJUP, ACSI):

Reading and Literature

Oral reading
Reading comprehension
Speed reading
Vocabulary building

Penmanship

Review of cursive writing formation through skill practice, word games, original composition, and sentence dictation

Spelling and Poetry

Weekly word lists based on phonics and spelling rules, challenging words, and vocabulary
Reinforcement activities

Language

Writing Process

Sentence structure, Kinds of sentences,
Punctuation, Capitalization facts,
Abbreviations, Possessive words,
Letters—business, friendly, post cards,
thank-you notes
Gathering information
Writing with details
Writing an encyclopedia report
Writing book reports
Creative writing
Dictionary skills
Grammar
Recognizing and using all eight parts of speech
Diagramming verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives,
adverbs
Correctly using troublesome words

Social Studies (A Beka):

Map study
State history for six weeks
Eight documents memorized
The Years of Discovery
The Years of Conquest
The First Americans
The English Come to America
The New England Colonies
The Middle and Southern Colonies
A Picture of Colonial Life
The Great Awakening
The French and Indian War
The American War for Independence
Building a New Nation
Our Nation Grows
The Civil War
New Frontiers
An Age of Progress
Beyond Our Boundaries
The World Wars
Time for Freedom and Responsibility

BJUP – Bob Jones University Press

ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International

Science (A Beka):

Plants

Plants: Provision for Man and Beast

Animals

Insects: Miniature Marvels of Creation

Birds: Winged Wonders

Matter

Matter: Water, Air, and Weather

Energy

Energy: Sound and Hearing

Earth and Space

Geology: Planet Earth

Oceanography: Wonders of the Sea

Astronomy: Consider the Heavens

Math (A Beka):

Place value of whole numbers and decimals
Mastery of fundamental operations
Story problems
Estimating answers
English and metric measures
Converting measures within the same system and solving measurement equations
Roman numerals
Addition, subtraction, and multiplication involving fractions
Estimation
Averaging
Factoring
Divisibility rules
Introduction to decimals
Making change
Reading a thermometer
Solving equations using addition and subtraction axioms
Graphs and scale drawing
Basic geometric shapes
Perimeter and area
Using an English and metric ruler
Time lapse

Bible (ACSI):

Lessons such as Salvation Series, Genesis, Life of Christ, Paul (includes memory verses and Bible doctrine)

Spanish (McGraw Hill - Glencoe):

Introduction to Spanish
Vocabulary / sentence structure
Understand the culture
Names and Greetings
Feelings
Numbers 1-100
Classroom objects / Subjects
Colors and shapes
Calendar / Days of the week
Weather / Seasons
Questions using *voy a*
ir + infinitive
Question using *¿ A dónde vas? , ¿ que vas a hacer?*



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