

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Goals

- Bible:** This Bible series focuses on the foundational teachings about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.
- Social Studies:** Fourth Grade Social Studies focuses on nineteenth century America and the remarkable growth and impact of immigration, evangelism, missionary endeavors, inventions, and much more. Students will develop map skills and become familiar with what's happening in the rest of the world at this time in history too. Students will learn all about Texas history during our eight week Texas History Unit. Learning will be solidified on our field trip to the San Jacinto Monument as we stand on the spot where Texas won our independence.
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade, students will see the plan of God as it is revealed in His orderly creation. It will be a hands-on instructional program. Students will learn to acquire new information, do research, work collaboratively with other students, think critically, use scientific tools, do measurements, solve problems and evaluate their results. Topics covered will be Life Science, Physical Science, Earth and Space Science and the Human Body.
- 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*, computer awareness, computer programming, internet safety and searches, keyboarding, multi-media presentation and how to run age-appropriate software. Students are introduced to Google Classroom to include Google docs and slides. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons and online games are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas.
- Music:** Students will learn to praise God through music. Students will memorize Bible Verses, develop coordination through music and movement, and learn Bible principles. Students will learn age appropriate music theory and be given opportunities to play classroom instruments. Students will complete graded music worksheets. Students will put their theory knowledge to use by learning to play handbells. Students are required to participate 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



Isaiah 40:31 [eagle-heights.org](http://eagle-heights.org)

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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

### Language Arts(A Beka, BJUP, ACSI):

#### Reading and Literature

Oral reading  
Reading comprehension  
Speed reading  
Vocabulary building

#### 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 (BJUP):

#### Geography

- Map skills
- Natural resources; climates
- Regions

#### World History

- Boer War
- Boxer Uprising
- Exploration of the South Pole

#### American History

- Immigration
- The fifty states (states, capitals, history, landmarks)
- Inventions
- American Industrial Revolution
- Communication: pony express, newspapers, telegraph
- Spanish-American War

#### Government

- Branches of American government
- Citizenship
- Economics: supply and demand

#### Culture

- Languages
- Adjustment of immigrants in America
- Communication and transportation
- Evangelism and missionary work

### Science (BJUP):

God's Creation  
Forces and Energy  
The Moon and Oceans  
The Earth for Our Use  
The Body at Work

### Math (BJUP):

Recognizing and Writing Numerals  
Place Value  
Skip Counting  
Operations with Whole Numbers  
Commutative, Associative, Distributive Properties  
Zero Principle  
Ordering and Naming Fractions and Decimals  
Operations with Fractions and Decimals  
Lines and Angles  
Plane Figures  
Similarity and Congruence  
Solid Figures  
Circles  
Estimation and Rounding  
Measurement: length, capacity, weight, mass, temperature, time, money  
Problem Solving  
Line Graphs, Pictographs, Circle Graphs, Bar Graphs  
Measures of Central Tendency

### Bible (ACSI):

Attributes of God  
Bible Study Tools  
The Trinity  
Created in God's Image  
Glorifying God  
The Sin Nature  
Salvation by Grace  
The Holy Spirit Empowers  
Prayer  
Stewardship  
Angels  
Eternity  
Christ's Return  
Final Judgment  
Memory Verses

BJUP – Bob Jones University Press

ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International