

Fourth Grade Curriculum

Religion

- Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments, Old Testament History, Psalms, the four gospels and Acts and the work of the Holy Spirit
- The sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- Special studies during Advent, Christmas, and Easter
- Plan and participate in leading one or two Chapel services
- The parts of the Bible and how to use it
- Memory work of related Bible verses to Bible stories, songs, the ten commandments, and Apostles' Creed

Math

- Addition and subtraction facts
- Problem solving strategies
- Money and time and schedules
- Developing number sense, place value, estimating and rounding
- Multiplication and division facts to 12
- Geometry: plain, solid, congruent, perimeter, area
- Fractions and decimals
- Measurement using metric and some standard
- Using data and graphing
- Multiplying and dividing by one digit
- Math drill and practice and five minute drills
- Assessment tests and skill checks

Language Arts

- Reading
 - Units covered by theme of friendship, imagination, money, country life, and story telling
 - Supplement core curriculum with other children's literature
 - Reinforce concepts of sequence, alphabetical order, topic, main idea, supporting details, type of writing, plot, characters, setting, and fact vs opinion
 - Oral reading to enhance fluency, expression, and confidence
 - Building experience in the skills of visualizing, summarizing, predicting, decoding, context understanding, and vocabulary
 - Reading for enjoyment
 - Accelerated Reading
- Spelling
 - Weekly basic lists that follow a specific spelling strategy
 - Proof-reading skills and writing
 - Vocabulary enrichment
 - How to use a thesaurus and spelling dictionary
 - Dictated testing

- English
 - Recognizing/writing complete sentences including subject and verb
 - Capitalization rules
 - Proper use of punctuation: periods, apostrophe, and question, exclamation, and quotation marks
 - Use of plurals, contractions, synonyms, antonyms, and homonym
 - Letter format and envelopes
 - Using a dictionary
 - Word usage and parts of speech: noun, verbs, and adjectives
 - Creative writing
 - Journal writing
- Penmanship
 - Review formation of manuscript lower and upper case letters
 - Practice of upper and lower case letters in cursive writing
 - Proper posture, slant of paper, and joining of letter groups

Science

- Plant and animal interaction
- Design of a habitat
- Earth science study of rocks, minerals, fossils, and forces that shape the land
- Special study of and field trip to Craters of the Moon National Monument
- Study of properties of matter and change in matter
- Healthy habits and choices, good nutrition
- The skeleton and teeth
- Poison control
- Safety and basic first-aid
- Water cycle
- Five classes of vertebrates
- Study of birds with field trip to Harriman State Park

Social Studies

- Study of communities around the topics of people, use of natural resources, government and services immigration's contribution to our country
- History and people of the U.S. and citizenship responsibilities
- Use of an atlas, landform maps, climate maps, and resource maps time lines
- Citizenship characteristics of famous Americans

Art

- Creativity expressed through line, color, form, and composition
- Expression of feeling, ideas, and emotions through the use of varied media
- Cultivate appreciation of art

Music

- Note reading, rhythm, key signature as part of learning to play a recorder
- Recognize dynamic changes
- Recognize tempo changes
- Distinguish tone-color changes
- Identify half note, review quarter and eighth note
- Identify verse-refrain
- Hear and sing music from diverse cultures
- Operetta with grades 1 through 6

Physical Education

- Developmental activities which include fitness and movement
- Rhythmic activities including rope jumping
- Tumbling
- Aerobics
- Simple games and relays including running, tag, games, dodgeball and other ball games
- Sports skills and activities which include skill instruction and drills, lead-up games, individual and dual activities
- Soccer
- Track and field

Spanish

- Vocabulary, phrases, and songs
- Comprehension of words
- Conversational nouns and adjectives
- Verb conjugating
- Time (minutes) and counting

Computer Lab

- Keyboarding (review and practice)
- Web browsing software
- Microsoft Word and introduction to PowerPoint
- Enhance curriculum such as developing internet research and report writing skills