

Fourth Grade

The Fourth Grade core curriculum consists of Language Arts, Reading, Social Studies, Science, and Math. Fourth Graders advance from a sheet of paper where the problems are written to a math book where they transfer their work from the book to notebook paper. Additional subjects are designed to enhance the whole child. These subjects consists of Art, Creative Writing, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, and Technology.

Curriculum

Language Arts and Reading:

The Open Court Reading Series (SRA) exposes Fourth Graders to a wide variety of genres, using an inquiry approach to reading and emphasizing writing, spelling and grammar. Critical thinking skills are cultivated through small group work and independent work. Easy Grammar and Framing Your Thoughts are programs used in Fourth Grade to enrich students' grammar. Over the school year, students are exposed to the parts of speech and how to diagram sentences.

Mathematics:

Using a traditional Math textbook from the Saxon Math series, students continue their work in Math computation including the introduction of long division, decimals and percentages, and beginning algebraic reasoning. Supplemental programs include Accelerated Math, Math a Way of Thinking and a variety of hands-on Math activities.

Social Studies:

Using the Harcourt Social Studies series, students explore important events in history. In addition, students will gain a better understanding of the five regions of the United States, and local and national government.

Science:

The Fourth Grade Science program uses the Scott Foresman series. Fourth Graders visit the science lab for in-depth studies of ecosystems, plants and animals, the human body, minerals and rocks, and natural resources.