

Fourth Grade Curriculum Objectives

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Mission Statement

As we share the love of Jesus with all who enter our door, Guardian Lutheran School strives to nurture families and, through quality Christ-centered education, to prepare students academically to integrate faith and life.

A Christian Environment

- Christ-centered teaching and learning
- Daily religious instruction
- Classroom devotions
- Weekly Chapel services
- Dedicated Christian teachers
- A loving, nurturing and forgiving environment.

Religion

Students read Bible stories and complete lessons in their workbooks. The workbook reviews the Bible stories and also teaches a practical application for their daily lives. The students will become aware of the Law, their sin, and their need for a Savior. They will also learn about how Jesus redeemed us and how they can become a Christian witness empowered by the Holy Spirit. Students also worship with the entire school and have an opportunity to lead one chapel service during the year.

Art

At the fourth grade level, the students explore units in drawing, painting, printmaking, fiber arts, ceramics, sculpture, art history and cultural applications, and critical analysis and aesthetics.

Computer Science

Students continue to learn proper fingering or keyboard skills. Reinforcement of classroom objectives continues with the use of educational software. As students work on word processing skills, they learn to use the computer as a valuable resource and they learn to edit their own stories before they print them out. Students also learn how to use the Internet to find information for reports. Desktop publishing is also a part of learning to make cards, letters and posters, using various fonts and graphics.

Handwriting

Cursive handwriting is reviewed with special emphasis on connecting letters correctly. Cursive writing is required for most subjects in fourth grade.

Language Arts

Literature stories are used to learn new vocabulary, comprehension, listening, speaking and writing skills. The students also continue to build their grammar skills by studying sentence types, subjects, predicates, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, capitalization and punctuation. Writing skills are also taught.

Math

Students will review basic addition facts, subtraction facts, place value, and money. Timed multiplication quizzes are successfully completed. Students also learn rounding and estimation, algebraic expressions, division with three digit quotient, multiplying two digit by two digit numbers, measuring, fractions, decimals, statistics, and geometry.

Music

Students are taught how to read musical notation. Once the basic musical symbols are understood, students are taught to play recorders, giving them the opportunity to put their music-reading skills into practice. Opportunities for growth in the area of vocal music continue by way of the Children's Choir elective.

Physical Education

Several skills are taught and developed throughout the year. The students practice and learn correct forms for leaping and vertical jumps. They learn how to kick a soccer ball correctly and play indoor soccer. They also learn dribbling and passing skills for basketball and throwing and catching skills for softball. The class meets twice a week. Once a week the class walks a mile. Throughout the year the students also participate in the President's Fitness Challenge. In addition to Christian sportsmanship, students learn the importance of playing not just to win, but rather to have fun and help their bodies to develop and become physically fit.

Social Studies

The geographic regions of the United States are studied. The students learn the history, geography, and economic importance of each region. They also learn how to read various types of maps, charts, and graphs.

Science

Students develop process skills as they actively investigate concepts and evaluate the results of their investigations. They develop critical thinking skills and scientific reasoning skills as they respond to thought - provoking questions that conclude every activity and lesson.

Life Science: Animals - Basic needs of animals; adaptations that help animals meet their needs; classification of living things; characteristics of different animal groups.

Physical Science: Properties of Matter - Physical properties; states; effects of heat loss or gain and of physical and chemical changes.

Earth Science: Earth's Land Resources - How moving water, wind, and ice shape the land; natural resources and conservation efforts; consequences of producing and disposing of trash. Weather and climate - Earth's atmosphere, effects of changes in the air on weather, weather patterns and predictions; seasonal weather changes and climate.

Human Body: The Body's Delivery System - Organs and functions of the respiratory, circulatory, and excretory systems; health measures that prevent or fight disease; harmful effects of nicotine, alcohol and other drugs.

Spelling

Twenty new words are introduced each week. Students learn the spelling and definition of each word. Students write stories utilizing the correct spellings and proofreading.