

## **Fourth Grade Overview**

**Reading and Literature:** Oral reading, Reading comprehension, Speed reading, Vocabulary building, Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text, Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions), Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in the Bible, Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text, Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.

**Language:** Letters— friendly, post cards, thank-you notes, Gathering information, Writing with details, Writing an encyclopedia report, Writing book reports, Creative writing, Dictionary skills

**Phonics and Reading,** Review of all phonics rules, Oral reading, Reading comprehension. Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events, writing a friendly letter, writing a persuasive essay, Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because), writing a fictional story, writing a book report, creating a sound poem, developing a research report and writing a compare-contrast essay. Decode multi syllable words, Decode words with common Latin suffixes

**Penmanship & Grammar,** Review of cursive writing formation through skill practice, word games, original composition, and sentence dictation. Sentence structure, Kinds of sentences, Punctuation, Capitalization facts, Abbreviations, Possessive words, Recognizing and using all eight parts of speech, Diagramming verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, Correctly using troublesome words.

**Spelling, Vocabulary, and Poetry,** Weekly word lists with challenging words and vocabulary, Reinforcement activities, Six poems committed to memory.

**History and Geography:** Map study, State history for six weeks, Eight documents memorized, The Years of Discovery, The Years of Exploration 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.

**Mathematics:** Place value of whole numbers and decimals, Mastery of fundamental operations, Interpret a multiplication equation as a comparison, Multiply or divide to solve word problems involving multiplicative comparison, Solve multistage word problems; Story problems, Estimating answers, English and metric measure, Converting measures within the same system and solving measurement equations, Roman numerals, Addition, subtraction and multiplication of fractions, Estimations, Averaging, 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 Draw points, lines, line segments, rays, angles (right, acute, obtuse), and perpendicular and parallel lines. Identify these in two-dimensional figures. Classify two-dimensional figures based on the presence or absence of parallel or perpendicular line, Identify line-symmetric figures and draw lines of symmetry. Know relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm; kg, g; lb, oz.; l, ml; hr, min, sec. Within a single system of measurement, express measurements in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic. Build fractions from unit fractions.

**Science:** Plants: Provision for Man and Beast, Insects: Miniature Marvels of Creation, Birds: Winged Wonders, Matter; Water, Air & Weather, Energy: Sound & Hearing, Earth and Space: Geology: Planet Earth, Oceanography: Wonders of the Sea, Astronomy: Consider the Heavens

**Health,** Physical Fitness: Your Body Framework, The Muscle Builder, Your Breathing Machine; Personal Hygiene: A winning Smile, Your Body's Cover, Keys to Good Grooming, Interpersonal Relationships: A Healthier You.

**Bible:** Lessons such as Salvation Series, Genesis, Life of Christ, Paul, Prophecy, Psalms, Proverbs (includes memory verses, hymns/choruses, and Bible doctrine) Music: Abeka Music Theory weekly, Flutophone, piano, rhythm, and voice.

**Physical Education:** Students have Physical education classes each day that includes Zumba, Basketball, Volleyball, Walking, and Running to help students develop large motor skills and get them actively moving each day. CCA encourages involvement in sports and active physical activity.

**Foreign Language:** Intermediate Spanish and French are taught twice per week utilizing La Clase Divertida, Flip Flop Spanish & Risa Y Sonrisas Curriculum and Support Materials. French: First Start French, Latin: Rummy Roots, Latin Primer

**Art:** Basic drawing and painting techniques, color concepts, and

perspective.

**Assembly:** The entire elementary school joins together in the school for assembly each morning. The purpose is to immerse the children in an atmosphere of worship, prayer, praise and testimonies. We believe children are storehouses of blessings and power. Children are taught to pray for one another in a corporate environment.

**Private Piano lessons:** At school upon request