



# FOURTH GRADE CURRICULUM

By the end of 4th grade, our goal is for students to think critically, work independently, and confidently apply what they have learned across subjects.



## Reading and Literature

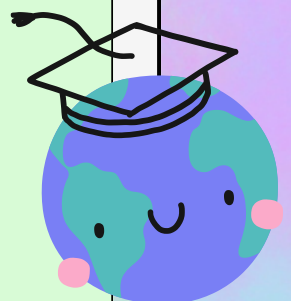
- Read grade-level literature and informational text with fluency and expression.
- Identify main ideas, supporting details, theme, sequence, cause and effect, and story elements.
- Use context clues, prefixes, suffixes, and reference skills to determine word meanings.
- Make inferences, draw conclusions, compare information, and support answers with details from the text.
- Summarize and explain what they have read.
- Develop vocabulary and independent reading skills.

**Goal:** Read and understand increasingly complex material while thinking critically about what they read.

## LANGUAGE AND WRITING

- Write organized paragraphs and multi-paragraph compositions.
- Use correct grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure.
- Identify and correctly use major parts of speech.
- Understand subjects, predicates, phrases, clauses, and different sentence structures.
- Write narratives, descriptions, reports, and responses using supporting details.
- Organize, revise, and improve written work.
- Take notes and organize information for writing assignments.

**Goal:** Communicate ideas clearly and effectively through organized, grammatically correct writing.



## MATH



- Work confidently with multi-digit whole numbers, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- Develop fluency with multiplication and division facts and apply them to problem-solving.
- Work with fractions, decimals, money, measurement, and geometry.
- Solve multi-step word problems using logical reasoning and appropriate strategies.
- Use estimation, mental math, and mathematical reasoning to solve and check problems.
- Explain their mathematical thinking and show their work clearly.

**Goal:** Build strong computation skills and confidently apply math concepts to increasingly complex, real-world problems.

## HISTORY

- American History: Important people, events, government, freedoms, and the development of the United States.
- Geography: U.S. states and regions, landforms, bodies of water, map skills, and how geography influences people and communities.
- Biblical Connections: Biblical principles and character lessons connected to historical events and people.

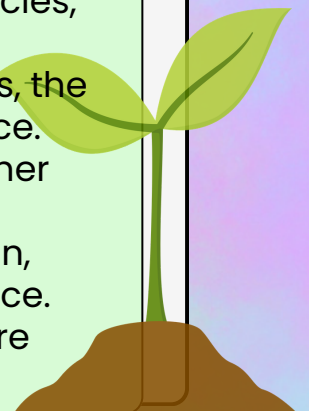
**Goal:** Build a strong understanding of American history and geography through 4th-grade-level content.



## Science

- God's Creation: Exploring the natural world and recognizing God's design and order.
- Life Science: Plants, animals, ecosystems, habitats, life cycles, and relationships among living things.
- Earth & Space: Earth's features, weather, natural resources, the solar system, and other aspects of our planet and space.
- Physical Science: Matter, energy, forces, motion, and other foundational scientific concepts.
- Scientific Skills: Observation, classification, investigation, experimentation, and drawing conclusions from evidence.

**Goal:** Develop strong scientific thinking while learning more advanced science concepts.



## BIBLE



- Important people, events, and truths from the Old and New Testaments.
- Bible verses through regular memorization.
- Key biblical doctrines and principles.
- Lessons of faith, obedience, wisdom, integrity, forgiveness, and responsibility.
- How biblical truth applies to decisions, relationships, and everyday life.
- Connections between God's Word and learning in other subject areas.

**Goal:** Grow in biblical knowledge while learning to apply God's Word to everyday choices and life.

## Class, Homework, and Grading Expectations



### Classwork

Students will complete daily classwork and activities that reinforce the skills being taught in each subject.



### Homework

Homework is a GCS standard and will be assigned every night. Homework is designed to reinforce classroom learning and help students practice skills independently.



### Grading

Students will be assessed regularly throughout the year. GCS requires at least one test or quiz each week in every subject.

- **Tests: 30%**
- **Quizzes: 25%**
- **Classwork: 20%**
- **Homework: 10%**
- **Participation: 15%**

**Our goal:** Consistent practice, regular assessment, and active participation help students build strong academic foundations.

**Preparing Hearts. Building Skills. Growing Learners.**