

## Fourth Grade Curriculum

Trinity's educational philosophy is to develop the whole child. These areas include the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional development of each child. Some of the goals our Fourth Grade curriculum encompasses are:

### **Language Arts/Reading**

- Locate information & clarify meaning using illustrations, glossaries, etc.
- Identify sequence of events, main ideas, facts, supporting details & opinions
- Analyze & evaluate information to form conclusions
- Read a variety of literary selections
- Identify character, plot, setting & theme
- Recognize how structure & word choice contribute to the effect of a literary selection
- Building sentence structure
- Link grammar, usage, mechanics and spelling to writing and speaking.
- Learn and maintain good manuscript handwriting in many situations of life.
- Challenge students to use writing as a tool to learn, reflect & communicate their thoughts for a variety of audiences & purposes.
- Expand spelling-meaning relationships that extend vocabulary.

### **Mathematics**

- Perform calculations on whole numbers, fractions & decimals
- Estimate solutions to problems
- Use concepts of primes, factors & multiples in whole number, fraction & decimal operations
- Measure length, perimeter, weight, area, volume, time, temperature & angle
- Build, draw, measure & compare shapes
- Identify & predict the effects of combining, dividing, reflecting & rotating figures
- Communicate solutions with clear reasoning

### **Science**

- Use scientific investigation
- Become scientifically literate

### **Social Studies**

- Develop skills in using various maps & globes
- Find exact locations on a globe
- Understand the environment, people & heritage of each region of the U.S.
- Learn the relationship between people and the land in the U.S.
- Memorize each of the states and their capitals, place on a map.
- Understand the western movement and the effects on Oregon

### **Spanish**

- Master subject content taught in Spanish.

- Acquire an understanding of & appreciation for other cultures.
- Acquire some proficiency in reading & writing.
- Learn basic words & phrases in Spanish.
- Develop listening skills.

### **Computer**

- Introductory keyboarding skills
- Software activities in language arts, math, science & thinking to enrich classroom experiences

### **Health/Physical Education**

- Develop & maintain a suitable level of physical fitness.
- Experience a variety of PE activities
- Learn specific skills for playing team games
- Wellness involves growth, development & maintenance of physical, intellectual, social & emotional health.
- Appreciate that total health is an individual's responsibility
- Understand that individuals can present many health problems by following positive health practices.

### **Art**

- Create the illusion of movement by repeating colors
- Use shadowing in painting and drawing to depict time of day
- Recognize basic kinds of forms sculpture
- Detect abstract nature of things
- Use texture on clay and/or paper forms
- Recognize the role experimentation plays in art
- Express moods, feelings & ideas in symbols

### **Music**

- Express themselves rhythmically
- Appreciate various musical styles
- Hear different instruments and tones
- Sing with and without accompaniment
- Repeat scales and sounds

### **Religion**

- Know God, especially His forgiving love
- Respond in faith and grow in Christ
- Live in peace with God, self and others
- Value all of God's creative work
- Study the Bible chronologically.
- Learn how to resolve personal conflicts in scriptural ways
- Develop a godly character and live as God's chosen people