

Fourth Grade Curriculum

BIBLE

Our Bible series is *Voyages* by Concordia Publishing. Bible stories are taught weekly and memory verses are memorized weekly. Weekly Chapel is Wednesday at 8:40 a.m. Please join us if you can.

MATH

We use *Scott Foresman California Math*. There is a strong emphasis on multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, and pre-algebra. Speed drills will be given during math to sharpen basic math skills.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The text we will be using is the *Houghton Mifflin, California series*. We include many field trip opportunities to enrich the students' knowledge of California history.

LANGUAGE ARTS

In accordance with the state's new Language Arts standards, we are using *Houghton Mifflins Reading California*. It is an integrated, phonics based approach to reading, organized in thematic cluster, encompassing spelling, English, writer's workshop and handwriting. We follow the basal readers closely. Children are assigned monthly book reports. Different styles of writing are taught and practiced and basic grammar is taught. Spelling lessons closely follow along with the current story being read. Students are required to write cursive for all homework assignments, research papers, tests and quizzes. We work on improving their cursive skills.

SPANISH/ART/MUSIC

Spanish is taught twice per week using a DVD program developed by Northern Arizona University. Art is taught one day per week by the classroom teacher. Music is taught in the classroom by Mrs. Midthun one day per week.

ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader is a motivational practice reading program. Qualified books are selected and read by the students. The students then take a comprehension test on the computer which provides immediate feedback.

HOMEWORK

Each student is to have an assignment book. At the end of each day, students will update their assignment book by listing all work for that day. This book is a good tool for keeping parents informed of the activities in the classroom and must be signed by them nightly.

Along with the assignment book, your child is expected to maintain a notebook. All work that has been graded and returned will be kept in the binder in the proper sections.

Homework will consist of finishing assignments given in class and other designated homework projects. This includes book reports and research papers that will be assigned throughout the year.

COMMUNICATION

A weekly newsletter will be given out to your student every Friday. This has important information concerning events going on at the school, upcoming activities in the classroom, and a synopsis of the events of this past week.

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DISCIPLINE

On the wall in the class is a discipline chart that is color-coded. A student is asked to pull a marker and place it in his/her pocket if they have infringed upon a school rule.

Fourth Grade Parent Letter

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Hello, and welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran School. My name is Doris Dahle and my husband Dan and I have lived in Elk Grove for a number of years. We are active members at Sun Grove Community Church. We have a daughter named Emily who is a graduate of St. Peter's.

I first came to know St. Peter's Lutheran School through the eyes of my daughter. She was so excited to come to school, she loved her teachers, she was happy and content, and her love for the Lord was and still is growing strong. I thank God every day for the opportunity that He has given us in allowing her to attend school here.

I have been in the field of education for over twenty years. My first degree is in Early Childhood Development and I spent many wonderful years with the little ones. As time went on, I returned to college and received a teaching credential in multiple subjects and I am delighted to be at St. Peter's teaching upper elementary.

God has blessed me in so many ways throughout my life. My main goal for my students is to see Christ living in me and for each of us to grow in His light and love. I want my students to be prepared to walk with the Lord. In order to do this, my students will need to learn self-discipline, be accountable, strive to do their best and be prepared for class.

I hope, as you tour the campus, that you see God's blessings. We are truly blessed indeed! I will be praying for you and God's leading you in the direction that He wants you to go.

Sincerely,

Doris Dahle