



Eastside Christian School

ECS CURRICULUM GUIDE

FOURTH GRADE OVERVIEW

Classroom Structure: Self-contained for core subjects. Specialists: art, music, physical education, technology, and Spanish.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 12-18 : 1 teacher (plus an aide for 18+)

School Day	8:40 am – 3:20 pm
Morning recess	15 minutes (except for Chapel days) 25
Lunch/recess	minutes plus 25 minutes
Afternoon recess	15 minutes

BIBLE and CHAPEL

Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade BIBLE: ACSI

Focus: Timelines and maps, God, His Word, Christ, Holy Spirit, the church, salvation, applying Christian doctrines to life and behavior.

Chapel program includes weekly worship, biblical teaching, and a focus on monthly character traits. Monthly participation in our ACTS program provides additional understanding of the character traits and a wonderful multi-age team-building experience.

Fourth grade also uses *The Young Peacemaker* social curriculum to teach conflict resolution.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Fourth Grade

Fourth-grade teachers use the Abeka Language Program, Wordly Wise, Evan-Moor Daily 6-Trait Writing, and Lucy Calkins writing curriculum.

Reading- Scholastic SuperSTEM Magazine and Wordly Wise:

- Comprehension
- Components of Literature
- Accuracy and Expression
- Increasing Vocabulary
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Novel studies may include
 - *James and the Giant Peach*
 - *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*
 - *Number the Stars*
 - *The Sign of the Beaver*
 - *Tuck Everlasting*

Language/Grammar:

- Evaluation of Sentences and Fragments
- Patterns and Structures
- The Writing Process
- Punctuation
- Capitalization
- Pronouns, Nouns, Verbs, Adverbs & Adjectives
- Writing for Different Purposes & Audiences

Spelling:

- Learning Correct Use of Spoken and Written Language
- Increasing Vocabulary
- Pronunciation

MATH

Fourth Grade

Fourth-grade teachers use Savvas *enVision Mathematics*, which provides problem-based and visual learning that enables students to gain a deeper understanding of math concepts. The curriculum also offers built-in support for students who may need additional reinforcement, including differentiated lesson paths, visual models, targeted interventions and digital tools that adapt to individual learning levels.

Additional Math concept/skill strands:

- Intro to Multiplication and Division Facts and double-digit multiplication
- Review Addition and Subtraction of three-digit numerals and introduction to four-digit numerals
- Place Value
- Fractions and Decimals
- Measurement
- Data and Probability
- Geometry and Measurement
- Story Problems

SOCIAL STUDIES

Fourth Grade

Fourth-grade teachers use *Washington State History: Discovering Washington*.

Focus: Location and history, natural resources, Native Americans, early explorers, pioneers, statehood and government, economy, map skills, biographies of Washingtonians (explorers, missionaries, entrepreneurs, and trailblazers who helped shape our state).

SCIENCE

Fourth Grade

Fourth-grade teachers use *Science – Systems Science Level Four* & FOSS Kit: Earth Materials to explore the following:

- Design of Life
- Order of Life
- Energy and Heat
- Light and Sound
- Lithosphere
- Rocks and Minerals

Focus: Hands-on activities related to Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science, and the Human Body.

SPECIALISTS

Fourth Grade

Fourth-grade students are taught by specialists in the following areas:

Art: 40 minutes, once a week

Music: 40 minutes, once a week

PE: 40 minutes, once a week

Spanish: 40 minutes, once a week

Technology: 40 minutes, once a week