



FOURTH GRADE

The Fourth grade year is a time of independence, increased responsibility and growth. During this pivotal year, students transition into being personally responsible for their own education, within the classroom and with homework assignments. Character development remains a primary pillar - focusing on personal spiritual growth and self-monitoring. Skills are continually enhanced throughout the key subject areas of reading, writing, math and Biblical studies, as well as technology, science and science labs. Specialty courses such as art and music also round out the academic experience.

Cornerstones of Lighthouse Fourth Grade

- Communicate effectively through persuasive, informative, descriptive writing - used in a variety of projects and reports through mixed media
- In-depth study of Washington State History including special projects and field trips
- Exploration of the world's eco-systems, simple machines, nutrition, the major systems of the human body and properties of light and gravity
- Fine and performing arts opportunities
- Expansion of math skills and critical thinking into complex story problems, fractions, conversion of measurements, and creating graphs with hands-on use of manipulatives and accelerated math supports
- Biblical worldview approach to teaching and learning



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ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

READING

- Identify basic story elements through novels such as *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and *Tuck Everlasting*
- Develop reading comprehension through comparing and contrasting, summarizing, identifying cause and effect, and inferring
- Read a variety of different genres

WRITING/LANGUAGE

- In a paragraph, use detailed sentences to support a topic sentence
- Demonstrate correct punctuation and grammar
- Improve writing skills through the writing process
- Write for a variety of purposes, from persuasive to informative to descriptive

MATH

- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide quickly and accurately
- Solve complex story problems using critical thinking skills
- Work towards mastery of understanding fractions, converting units of measurement, and creating different types of graphs

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT/BIBLE

- Overview of Creation and major Old Testament Bible characters
- In depth focus on the life of Christ
- In depth focus on the life of Paul
- Personal spiritual growth
- Personal responsibility and independence within the classroom and homework
- Chapel

SPECIALISTS

- Technology
- Science Lab
- Spanish
- Library
- Art
- Music
- PE

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Major PowerPoint presentations on Washington State
- Research paper on the history of Gig Harbor
- Service/Ministry projects
- Book report projects, mixed media
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) events

FIELD TRIPS

- Math Field trips to LCS Student Store
- Washington State Capital building
- Ecosystem study at Woodland Park Zoo
- Washington State History Museum