



Fourth Grade Curriculum

MCS Fourth Grade is aligned with the California State Standards.

BIBLE: (ACSI - Christ and His Word) Topics covered include the doctrine of Christ, sin, salvation, Bible study, and the purpose of the church. Weekly memory verses are assigned which correspond to the lesson. Christian service is emphasized and encouraged.

CHAPEL: Students attend a weekly chapel with lessons developed specifically for their age. Fourth graders also present a biblically based class chapel.

READING and LANGUAGE ARTS: (Houghton Mifflin) Fourth graders are learning to be effective communicators while going above and beyond the California State Standards. The program focuses on listening skills, speaking skills, reading skills, and writing. The students study thematic units as they learn reading and comprehension strategies, decoding and phonics, high frequency words, reading fluency, monitoring and questioning, drawing conclusions, critical thinking and making inferences. In language arts, students learn standard-based skills in grammar, spelling, and vocabulary. Our students do very well participating in ACSI Speech competitions as well as the ACSI Spelling Bee Competitions. Fourth graders do many types of writing including report writing, journal writing, persuasive writing, problem-solution writing, invitations, poems, news articles, informative writing, opinion, and compare-contrast writing. We focus on perfecting the writing process for friendly letters, expository writing and narrative writing.

MATH: (Scott Foresman - 2008 Diamond Edition) Students learn and practice skills in the following areas: Place value, money, addition and subtraction concepts, multiplication and division concepts, time, graphs, geometry and measurement, fraction concepts and operations, and algebra concepts.

SCIENCE: (by Scott Foresman) Fourth graders explore units on physical science, life science, earth science, and the human body. Each unit includes exploration activities, investigation activities, and labs. The students are learning scientific terminology as they participate in hands-on activities.

SOCIAL STUDIES: (Houghton-Mifflin - Oh, California) Our students learn about California geography and map skills, Native Americans, explorers, Spanish missions, California's settlers,

gold rush, agriculture, and the Great Depression as it relates to California.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS:

- *Weekly instruction in Physical Education*
- *Weekly instruction in the Computer/Chromebooks*
- *Weekly visits to the school library*
- *Scholastic Reading Counts Program*
- *Pep Band*
- *Weekly instruction in music and music theory*

Our program includes performance opportunities with Christmas and Grandparents' Day presentations.

FIELD TRIPS: *Old Sacramento Railroad Museum - Caroling - Winco/Gospel Mission/Animal Shelter - Sutter's Fort and the Indian Museum or Big Trees State Park and Mercer Caverns*

Extended Day Care: *Before and after school care is available.*