Fourth Grade at Harvest Christian Academy- Lantana

Growing in Wisdom, Faith, and Purpose

Fourth grade is a year of growing independence, deeper understanding, and increasing responsibility. Students strengthen their academic skills while learning to think critically, communicate clearly, solve problems, and apply what they know to the world around them. At Harvest Christian Academy, we pair meaningful academic growth with a biblical worldview, encouraging students to grow in faith, develop Christlike character, and use their God-given gifts with wisdom and purpose.

Biblical Education

Fourth grade focuses on the basic doctrines of Christianity, helping students build a stronger understanding of what Christians believe and why those beliefs matter. Students study foundational truths such as the Trinity, salvation through Jesus Christ, our sin nature and need for a Savior, and the biblical teaching of eternity. Through Scripture, discussion, prayer, and practical application, students are encouraged to deepen their understanding of God's character and His plan for humanity, strengthen their personal faith, and begin articulating their beliefs with greater confidence.

Language Arts

Students develop stronger reading comprehension and critical-thinking skills as they engage with increasingly complex literary and informational texts. They learn to identify themes and main ideas, summarize information, make inferences, compare ideas, analyze characters and plot, and support their thinking with evidence from what they read. Students also explore an author's purpose, point of view, and use of language.

In writing, students create organized narratives, informational pieces, opinion writing, and research-based projects. They practice developing clear introductions and conclusions, supporting ideas with relevant details, using transitions, and revising and editing for clarity and correctness. Students continue developing their speaking and listening skills through discussion, presentations, and collaborative learning.

Vocabulary

Students expand their vocabulary and learn to use increasingly precise and expressive language. They explore word meanings, synonyms, antonyms, multiple-meaning words,

prefixes, suffixes, roots, and context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. Students practice using new vocabulary in speaking and writing, recognizing shades of meaning, and choosing words that communicate their ideas clearly. These skills support stronger reading comprehension, thoughtful communication, and more effective writing across all subject areas.

Handwriting

Students continue developing legible, consistent handwriting and take greater care in the presentation of their written work. They practice proper letter formation, spacing, alignment, and neatness while building fluency and confidence in their writing. These skills help students communicate their ideas clearly and develop habits of care, organization, and attention to detail.

Math

Students strengthen their understanding of numbers, operations, fractions, decimals, and mathematical relationships. They work with large whole numbers and decimals to the hundredths place, develop fluency with multiplication and division, and solve multistep problems using all four operations. Students explore equivalent and comparative fractions, connect fractions and decimals, and use equations and patterns to represent mathematical relationships.

Students also study geometry, including classifying two-dimensional figures and measuring angles, as well as measurement conversions, area, perimeter, and data analysis. Through hands-on learning and real-world problem-solving, students learn to explain their reasoning, select effective strategies, and persevere through challenging problems. They also explore financial literacy concepts, including budgeting, saving, spending, and the role of financial institutions.

Science

Students investigate the natural world through observation, experimentation, and engineering challenges. They explore the properties and states of matter, mixtures and solutions, forces such as gravity, friction, and magnetism, and forms of energy including sound, light, thermal, mechanical, and electrical energy. Students investigate simple electrical circuits and discover how different materials conduct or insulate energy.

Students also study the water cycle, weather and climate, the changing appearance of the Moon, seasonal patterns, weathering, erosion, and deposition. In life science, they explore ecosystems, food webs, producers, consumers, decomposers, plant structures and functions, inherited and acquired traits, and fossils as evidence of past environments. Throughout these investigations, students practice asking questions, gathering evidence, explaining their discoveries, and caring for the world God created.

Social Studies

Fourth grade is a special year for studying Texas history, from the earliest peoples and Indigenous cultures through exploration, colonization, the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and Texas's annexation into the United States. Students learn about influential individuals, significant events, and the diverse people and cultures that have shaped our state.

Students also explore Texas geography, regions, natural resources, economics, government, and citizenship. They learn to interpret maps, timelines, primary and secondary sources, and historical accounts while practicing comparison, cause-and-effect reasoning, and evidence-based conclusions. Through this study, students develop an appreciation for Texas's heritage and a deeper understanding of how people, decisions, and events shape communities.

Spanish

Students continue building familiarity with the Spanish language through listening, speaking, vocabulary, and interactive learning experiences. They practice communicating in simple ways, make connections between words and meaning, and develop an appreciation for Spanish-speaking cultures. These experiences help students grow in confidence as language learners and recognize the value of communicating with people from different backgrounds.

Art

Students develop their artistic skills and creative expression through drawing, painting, printmaking, construction, and sculpture. They experiment with artistic techniques and materials, make purposeful choices about color, shape, texture, and composition, and learn how artists communicate ideas and feelings. Students also explore art from different cultures and historical periods, including contributions to Texas culture, while learning to observe, interpret, and appreciate artistic work.

Music

Students grow in musical understanding through singing, rhythm, movement, listening, and instrumental experiences. They explore melody, tempo, dynamics, musical notation, and expressive techniques while learning to recognize and perform a variety of musical patterns and styles. Students also develop an appreciation for music from different cultures and traditions, building creativity, collaboration, and opportunities for worship and expression.

STEM and Technology

Students use creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving as they explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in practical ways. Through design challenges, investigations, and collaborative projects, they learn to identify problems, develop solutions, test ideas, and improve their work. Students also strengthen digital literacy by learning to use technology responsibly, communicate and organize information, explore age-appropriate programming concepts, and make thoughtful decisions in digital environments.

Physical Education

Students strengthen coordination, balance, movement skills, and physical fitness through age-appropriate activities, games, and sports. They learn to follow rules, work cooperatively, demonstrate good sportsmanship, and show respect for teammates and opponents. Health instruction supports students in understanding personal safety, healthy habits, responsible decision-making, positive relationships, and ways to care for their physical and emotional well-being.

More Than Academics

At Harvest Christian Academy, education is about more than what students know—it is also about who they are becoming. Fourth grade provides opportunities for students to grow in independence, take ownership of their learning, strengthen relationships, and practice compassion, integrity, perseverance, and responsibility. By nurturing academic achievement alongside spiritual and personal development, we partner with families to prepare students to live out their faith, serve others, and use their God-given abilities for God's glory.