



# FOURTH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

## OVERALL

*Fourth grade is an exciting year in which students grow academically, spiritually, and in their relationships with others. Fourth graders participate in a lot of projects and hands-on activities in the classroom and have the opportunity to participate in real-world projects and experiences through field trips!*

## BIBLE

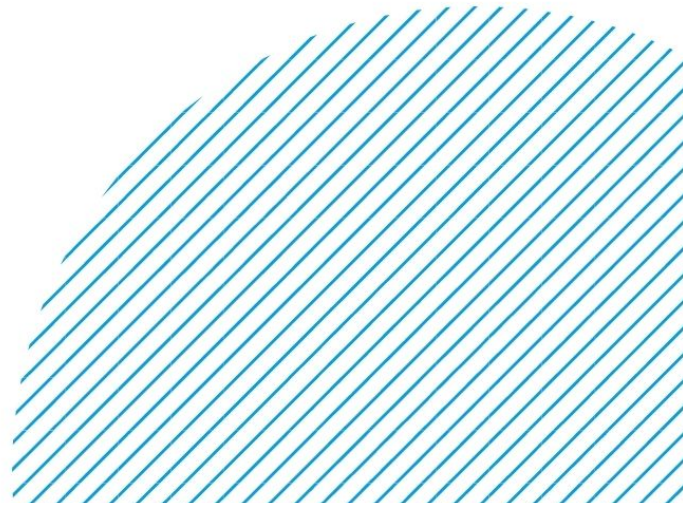
In fourth grade Bible, we learn about the stories of God's people in the Old Testament. During the time of the judges, the stories of Samuel, King Saul, King David, King Solomon, and the divided kingdom, God is faithful to His people even when they turn away from Him. We apply the lessons from these stories to how we live today as we continue to play a role in God's story.

## MATH

Our math curriculum covers the following topics: place value and multi-digit addition and subtraction, multiplication and geometry, fractions and decimals, multi-digit multiplication, fraction and mixed number computation, measurement, division and angles, fraction operations and number stories. Through these topics, we are order discoverers, and find the patterns and order God has established in our world!

## SOCIAL STUDIES

We begin the year learning about the regions and landforms in the United States. We learn about God-created and human-made characteristics and create a Google Slides presentation. Fourth graders select a U.S. state or Canadian province and create a poster-sized brochure. We learn about immigration and migration in the United States and participate in a family history project. During the economics unit, we discover how we can be responsible with the resources God has blessed us with! We learn about government and citizenship and visit our state capitol in Lansing.





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## WRITING

Fourth graders practice the skills of writing process, beginning with collecting ideas and prewriting through the final draft. We focus on the three genres of narrative, informational, and persuasive writing.

## SCIENCE

In fourth grade, we discover how our earth changes through weathering and erosion and big changes such as earthquakes and volcanoes. In our energy and light unit, we learn about the different kinds of energy and create a model of an actual Michigan lighthouse. In our final unit, we learn about adaptations and how animals use senses in their environment.

## ENRICHMENT

Students who show strengths in higher level thinking and challenges have the opportunity to participate in academic enrichment activities in small groups. Sessions include projects that challenge students to grow in language arts, math, and S.T.E.M.

Field trips provide additional learning. 4th graders visit Ludington, the state capitol, Michigan History Museum, and Impressions 5 Science Center.

## READING

At the beginning of the school year, we develop habits and expectations for reading workshop and independent reading. We learn about characters and character traits through picture books and mentor texts. We also continue to build upon story elements and strategies that help us become better readers. During our informational text unit, we discover nonfiction text features and text structures. Through historical fiction book clubs, we learn about different time periods in our nation's history. At the end of the year, we read biographies and participate in the annual wax museum.

## CO-CURRICULAR

Students grow outside of the classroom in music, library, technology, Spanish, art, and physical education.

