

Language Arts

- Read and understand grade-level appropriate material
- Apply knowledge of word origins, derivations, synonyms, antonyms, and idioms
- Use root words to determine meaning of new words
- Use a thesaurus
- Distinguish words with multiple meanings
- Compare and contrast, find cause and effect
- Sequential or chronological order
- Make predictions
- Follow multiple-step instructions in a basic technical manual
- Describe the structural differences of various forms of literature
- Use situation, setting and character's traits and motivations to determine cause of character's actions
- Determine basic plots, character traits, themes, and setting of a story
- Define figurative language (e.g., simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification)
- Select a focus, organizational structure, and point of view
- Write a multiple-paragraph composition
- Use quotes and paraphrases
- Locate information in reference materials
- Use almanacs, newspapers, and periodicals
- Edit and revise drafts
- Write narratives
- Write responses to literature
- Write information reports
- Write summaries
- Write fluidly and legibly in cursive
- Spell correctly roots, inflections, suffixes and prefixes, and syllable constructions
- Listen attentively
- Present effective introductions and conclusions

- Use cause and effect, similarity and difference, and posing and answering questions to convey information
- Emphasize points
- Use details, examples, anecdotes, or experiences to explain or clarify
- Use volume, pitch, phrasing, pace, modulation, and gestures
- Evaluate the role of the media
- Give narrative presentations
- Make informational presentations
- Deliver oral summaries of articles and books
- Recite poems, soliloquies, or dramatic dialogues

Spanish

- Learn basic vocabulary to make polite conversation
- Identify foods, times of day, and relatives
- Make statements and ask questions
- Learn about meals and special occasions in Spanish-speaking countries



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What your Fourth Grader Studies

Academic Goals



What Students in Fourth Grade Study

Bible

- Understand the identity of Jesus Christ
- Learn of the Nation of Israel, its geography, traditions, and religions
- Understand the plan of salvation
- Understand how to share the plan of salvation with others

Social Studies

- Understand California's geography
- Describe the social, political, cultural, and economic life of California residents from pre-Columbian societies to the present
- Understand the structure, functions, and powers of the local, state, and federal governments
- Develop an awareness of another culture for International Day

Science

- Understand how matter may be described and measured
- Understand natural resources
- Understand magnetism and electricity
- Understand plant and animal growth
- Understand how living things interact in different ecosystems
- Understand biomes
- Understand that ecosystems change and what causes those changes
- Understand the properties of soil
- Understand the scientific process

Math

- Use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems
- Gain familiarity with factors and multiples
- Generate and analyze patterns
- Generalize place value understanding for multi-digit whole numbers
- Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic
- Extend understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering
- Build fractions from unit fractions by applying and extending previous understandings of operations on whole numbers
- Understand decimal notation for fractions, and compare decimal fractions
- Solve problems involving measurement and conversion of measurements from a larger unit to a smaller unit
- Represent and interpret data
- Geometric measurement: Understand concepts of angle and measure angles
- Draw and identify lines and angles, and classify shapes by properties of their line angles

Library

- Know and understand different types of literature
- Understand and use different types of research
- Demonstrate library skills (searching)
- Demonstrate the writing process at a grade appropriate level
- Monthly Book Reports
- Dewey Decimal classification

Art

- Use their senses to perceive works of art
- Identify visual structure of art
- Develop knowledge of and artistic skills in a

variety of visual arts media and technical processes

- Create original artworks based on personal experiences or responses
- Explore the role of visual arts in culture and history
- Derive meaning from artworks through analysis, interpretation, and judgment

Computer

- Develop general technological awareness
- Develop basic keyboarding
- Develop painting, drawing, and graphics skills
- Develop word processing skills
- Understand research and use of the internet
- Learn to make multimedia presentations
- Introduction to Excel

Physical Education

- Develop an enjoyment for sports and increase ability in coordination and basic skills
- Encourage good sportsmanship
- Develop confidence in their physical abilities
- Understand and apply the rules for team and individual sports
- Understand why physical fitness is necessary for a healthy lifestyle

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