

Academics | The Day in the Life of Fourth Grade

Chapel: Every Wednesday, elementary students meet for a time of worship. Students sing worship songs and listen to a short message from God's Word. Once a month during chapel, students are recognized for character traits. Elementary classes focus on two character traits a month. Teachers recognize students whose behavior has shown evidence of the monthly character traits.

Bible: Bible navigation skills and doctrinal studies written at an elementary level, focusing on basic theology of Christ and His Word. Students focus on and memorize weekly Bible verse appropriate to the lesson for each week.

Prayer: Students pray daily. They are taught to pray by offering praise and thanksgiving, as well as praying for their needs and the needs of others. Throughout the week students submit prayer requests to our prayer jar. As we continue to pray over the different requests, we open them weekly to see our answered prayers.

Reading Concepts: Literature, fluency, vocabulary development, comprehension strategies including summarization, questioning, generalizing, comparing and contrasting, and making predictions.

Accelerated Reader: AR is a reading enrichment program which provides the opportunity for students to be assessed on comprehension skills based on their individual reading levels and goals.

Grammar: Fourth graders spend the year working on contractions, synonyms, antonyms, homophones, prefixes and suffixes, parts of speech, punctuation, word usage, and appropriate sentence structure. In the spring, elementary students participate in an ACSI Speech Meet and Illustrator's Olympics.

Writing: Focus in the fourth grade is spent on persuasive essays, detailed personal narratives, tall tales poetry, expository (informational) pieces, non-fiction research reports and Young Author's and Illustrator's.

Spelling: Weekly word lists that integrate phonics skills and correspond to the current literature selection are given. Students participate in a Spelling Bee.

Math: Two-digit multiplication, long division, multi-step word problems, measurement, fractions, decimals place value, geometry, algebraic equations, as well as Problem Solvers and Moose Math which reinforce concepts taught throughout the year, and Math Olympics.

Social Studies: American history, early explorers, and Texas unit.

Science: Fourth grade science students spend the year learning about the moon, insects, electricity, plants, digestion, animal defenses, simple machines, weathering, erosion, magnetism and light and bones.

Specials: Every school day, students will attend at least one of the following: physical education, music, art, computer, library, theater, Spanish or Impact Education.

Impact Education: Fourth graders focus on the history and cultures of the First Nations People. They learn about the atrocities committed against these people and how to effectively pray for them.

Lunch: Summit has a full-service cafeteria where elementary students may either bring their lunch or purchase a hot lunch that is prepared on-site.

Recess: 30 minutes a day

Special Events: A few of our special events in the fourth grade include: Class Election's, Reader's Theater, Alamo model project and special events coordinated with particular literature units.

Service Project: Through SCA's Summit Serves program, students serve the community for a day by doing one of various projects throughout the community. Every year during the Christmas season, elementary students participate in a service project that helps meet the needs of other people groups. Some examples of past projects are: collecting blankets for a village in Afghanistan, making care bags for the homeless, and collecting gift cards for local families in crisis.