



# Eastside Christian School

## ECS CURRICULUM GUIDE

### FOURTH GRADE OVERVIEW

**Classroom Structure:** Self-contained for core subjects. Specialists: art, music, physical education, technology, and Spanish.

**Student/Teacher Ratio:** Up to 17 students: 1 teacher  
18 students: 1 teacher + 1 aide

**School Day** 8:40 am – 3:15 pm  
Morning recess 15 minutes (except for Chapel days) 25 minutes  
Lunch/recess plus 25 minutes  
Afternoon recess 20 minutes

### BIBLE and CHAPEL

### Fourth Grade

*Fourth Grade BIBLE:* ACSI

Focus: Timelines and maps, God, His Word, Christ, Holy Spirit, the church, salvation, applying Christian doctrines to life and behavior.

Chapel program includes weekly worship, biblical teaching, and a focus on monthly character traits. Monthly participation in our ACTS program provides additional understanding of the character traits and a wonderful multi-age team-building experience.

Fourth grade also uses *The Young Peacemaker* social curriculum to teach conflict resolution.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

### Fourth Grade

Fourth-grade teachers use the Abeka Language Program, Wordly Wise, Evan-Moor Daily 6-Trait Writing, and Lucy Calkins writing curriculum.

Reading- Scholastic SuperSTEM Magazine and Wordly Wise:

- Comprehension
- Components of Literature
- Accuracy and Expression
- Increasing Vocabulary
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Novel studies may include
  - *James and the Giant Peach*
  - *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*
  - *Number the Stars*
  - *The Sign of the Beaver*
  - *Tuck Everlasting*

Language/Grammar:

- Evaluation of Sentences and Fragments
- Patterns and Structures
- The Writing Process
- Punctuation
- Capitalization
- Pronouns, Nouns, Verbs, Adverbs & Adjectives
- Writing for Different Purposes & Audiences

Spelling:

- Learning Correct Use of Spoken and Written Language
- Increasing Vocabulary
- Pronunciation

**MATH**

**Fourth Grade**

Fourth-grade teachers use Savvas *enVision Mathematics*, which provides problem-based and visual learning that enables students to gain a deeper understanding of math concepts. The curriculum also offers built-in support for students who may need additional reinforcement, including differentiated lesson paths, visual models, targeted interventions and digital tools that adapt to individual learning levels.

Additional Math concept/skill strands:

- Intro to Multiplication and Division Facts and double-digit multiplication
- Review Addition and Subtraction of three-digit numerals and introduction to four-digit numerals
- Place Value
- Fractions and Decimals
- Measurement
- Data and Probability
- Geometry and Measurement
- Story Problems

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Fourth Grade**

Fourth-grade teachers use *Washington State History: Discovering Washington*.

Focus: Location and history, natural resources, Native Americans, early explorers, pioneers, statehood and government, economy, map skills, biographies of Washingtonians (explorers, missionaries, entrepreneurs, and trailblazers who helped shape our state).

## SCIENCE

## Fourth Grade

Fourth-grade teachers use *Science – Systems Science Level Four* & FOSS Kit: Earth Materials to explore the following:

- Design of Life
- Order of Life
- Energy and Heat
- Light and Sound
- Lithosphere
- Rocks and Minerals

Focus: Hands-on activities related to Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science, and the Human Body.

## SPECIALISTS

## Fourth Grade

Fourth-grade students are taught by specialists in the following areas:

**Art:** 30 minutes, once a week

**Music:** 30 minutes, once a week

**PE:** 30 minutes, once a week

**Spanish:** 30 minutes, once a week

**Technology:** 30 minutes, once a week