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Elementary Program Fourth Grade Curriculum Guide

Bible - Purposeful Design

The Purposeful Design Bible series focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.

Our fourth graders focus on basic doctrines of Christianity, such as the Trinity, salvation, sin nature and eternity.

Math – Bob Jones

Math 4 provides an interactive approach to build student's understanding of multiplication, division, decimals, fractions, geometry, and pre-algebra. Students are engaged with real-life math applications, problem solving, and estimation.

Writing - Lucy Calkins

The Lucy Calkins fourth grade writing series consists of four units.

- Unit 1: The Arc of Story: Writing Realistic Fiction - students learn that the lenses they bring to reading fiction can also be brought to writing fiction, as they develop believable characters with struggles and motivations and rich stories to tell
- Unit 2: Boxes and Bullets: Personal and Persuasive Essays - students learn the value of organization and form as they gather evidence to support and express an opinion on topics they know well
- Unit 3: Bringing History to Life - students are ready to tackle historical research in which they collect evidence and use details to vividly describe people and events long ago and far away
- Unit 4: The Literary Essay: Writing About Fiction - students build on their learning of essay writing and apply it with increasing sophistication to a unit on literary essays—that is, writing about fiction

Grammar - Multisensory Grammar/Write Source Skills Book

Multisensory Grammar provides a concrete, colorful method for teaching the functions of parts of speech and sentence structure. Routines are put into place for introducing and reinforcing the parts of speech, and strategies that promote students' use of fundamental grammar in oral and written expression.

The *Write Source Skillsbook* provides daily practice for grammar, usage and mechanics.

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Handwriting - Zaner-Bloser

Fourth graders work on basic cursive strokes: undercurve, downcurve, overcurve, and slant strokes. They continue to improve on cursive uppercase and lowercase letters, numerals 1-10, and joinings. They also work on manuscript maintenance.

Spelling – Bob Jones

Spelling 4 focuses on word histories and the way in which they have changed, building understanding and interest in the English language. Dictionary skills are reinforced throughout the curriculum.

Reading – Bob Jones

Reading 4 provides engaging reading material for the 4th-grade level. Presented in a colorfully illustrated format, the literature selections and poems are designed to increase reading comprehension, build vocabulary, and develop an interest in reading.

Two novels are also incorporated into the fourth grade reading curriculum: *Tuck Everlasting* and *Because of Winn Dixie*.

Social Studies - Pearson My World

With an integrated and interactive curriculum, stories from our world engage students and help develop thoughtful, literate citizens. Lessons apply inquiry processes, practice reading and writing, and involve collaboration and communication skills. The fourth grade Social Studies theme is called *We Are Texas* and focuses on the following contents:

- The Geography of Texas
- The Geographic Regions of Texas
- The Early History of Texas
- Exploration and Colonization of Texas
- Revolution and the Republic of Texas
- The Road to Statehood
- New Challenges for Texas
- A Growing State
- Hard Times at Home and Abroad
- Texas Today
- Texas Government

Science - Bob Jones

Science 4 allows students to explore a spectrum of scientific fields including ecosystems, plants, insects, the eye, the digestive system, and principles of motion and energy.

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