

4th Grade Course Descriptions

Bible

Text: Flash-A-Card Series by A Beka Book

We begin the school year with a series of lessons that clearly explain God's wonderful plan of salvation. Then we study the main events in the book of Genesis such as creation, the flood and Babel. We learn about the Old Testament patriarchs Abraham, Jacob and Joseph. The second semester we follow the life of Christ from His birth to His resurrection. We conclude the year with a study of the Apostle Paul. Bible time also includes daily scripture memorization and a weekly 30 minute chapel time.

Math

Text: Math 54 by Saxon Publishers

Math 54 contains a thorough review of concepts related to whole number operations, including single digit multiplication, and division. Word problems are developed and continually practiced through the year. Emphasis is placed on whole number concepts, whole number computation, mental math, problem solving, patterns and functions, measurement, geometry, fractions, decimals, statistics, and probability.

Language

Text: God's Gift of Language A by A Beka Book

Students are given extensive instruction in writing book reports, letters, and an encyclopedia report. Creative writing exercises are experienced through student journals. Traditional grammar training continues as students learn to recognize all eight parts of speech; identify simple and compound subjects and verbs; diagram subjects, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs; and learn simple rules for correct word usage and subject/verb agreement.

Computer

This course is designed to review the basic hardware of computers and mouse control. Introduction to fundamental typing skills is made at this level.

Reading

Text: Reading for Christian Schools 5 by Bob Jones Press

This book covers fiction and non-fiction stories. Reading orally is an important part of this class, as well as overall comprehension.

Spelling

Text: ACSI Spelling Book

Each lesson will consist of words and vocabulary dealing with a similar theme. There will be a test approximately once a week.

History/Geography

Text: The History of Our United States by A Beka Book

Students get an overview of the history of the United States that accentuates the positive, encourages patriotism, and builds character. As they learn how the United States of America came to be a nation, who its famous people have been, and what important events have taken place in its history, they learn to love, respect, and defend their native land. Studying American heroes give ideals to reach for and aspirations to follow. Map studies are given throughout. Students also become familiar with famous documents.

TENNESSEE STATE NOTEBOOK: A six week study of our state gives each student a basic knowledge about our state history, geography, and industry. Beginning research skills are learned during this hands-on classroom project.

Science

Text: Understanding God's World by A Beka Book

Students will be presented with things they can see, observe, and understand about the world around them. They will learn to make an insect zoo, to recognize plants, to attract birds to their own backyards, to use field guides, to interpret cloud formations, and to identify rocks. They learn to appreciate the miracle of plant germination, the causes of weather, God's design of the heavens, the oceans, and other aspects of God's creative design. Demonstrations and hands-on activities throughout the year keep learning lively!

Penmanship

Text: Penmanship Mastery I by A Beka Book

Daily practice is given for penmanship excellence. Correct formation, spacing, letter size, slant, and overall neatness are emphasized. Students enjoy a variety of puzzles, word games, mazes and creative writing. Weekly tests are given.

Reading

Reading for Christian Schools by Bob Jones Press

The major emphasis of the reading program is on comprehension skills and the development of oral reading expression. Christian character and development is strengthened by units that carry themes such as Christian fiction, Bible historical fiction, and Christian biographies. Traditional tales, fables, poetry, dramas, and other informational articles provide students with a variety of interesting and enjoyable reading material. Reinforcement of phonetic skills are presented throughout.

Spelling

Text: Spelling Grade 4, ACSI

Students are given a carefully selected, grade level appropriate, list of spelling words each week. Each lesson features a phonics key, a vocabulary exercise, word games, quizzes, and dictionary tips. Spelling games are played daily to make spelling challenging and fun! A collection of poems acquaints students with good poetry that will enrich their lives.

Elementary Music

Students will learn the basics of music. This includes steady beat, pitch, principles of rhythm, and basic music theory. They will learn to play rhythm instruments, and upper grades will learn the recorder. Students will prepare a Christmas program, and older students will prepare for T.A.C.S. Competition.

Physical Education

We believe that many healthy habits are developed as children. The students will participate in activities that are team-sport oriented. A Christ-like attitude and good sportsmanship is emphasized. A sense of fairness and competition is accentuated.