



PROVIDENCE
A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
FOURTH GRADE

equipping students for a life
WISDOM, VIRTUE, AND ELOQUENCE
to the Glory of God



Fourth Grade Curriculum Overview

Spelling/Phonics Level 4

In fourth-grade spelling and phonics, students continue mastering the phonemes and rules of spelling so they may be equipped to read and write with fluency and familiarity in every discipline. Students will have mastered how to read words encountered through phonetic rules and spell words given certain rules of spelling.

Grammar Level 4

In fourth-grade grammar, students will master the Shurley English jingles and finish examining sentences, the parts of speech, punctuation, and the use of reference materials. Through the use of sentence diagramming, students will examine how all of these grammatical elements come together to form complete thoughts and expressions through language, and students will be able to craft more intentional declarations, exclamations, interrogations, and imperatives.

Composition Level 4

In fourth-grade composition, students are given more tools and practice in writing complete narratives for all subjects by employing chronology, complete sentences, sentence variety, and topic sentences. Students practice skills in rewriting information in their own words from narratives and descriptions, highlighting major points of the text.

Literature Level 4

Fourth-grade literature is filled with fairy stories that will captivate the heart, initiate wonder, and cultivate virtue. As students interact with fictional tales, they will begin to draw forth profound and divine truths from unconventional and creative settings.

Latin Level 4

In the first cycle of Latin language studies, students will appreciate the order of language through study of Latin, gaining insights into their own mother tongue along the way. Students will master essential vocabulary, paradigms, and grammar, as well as reading immersive texts that provide opportunity to acquire Latin naturally. Students will translate, parse, and analyze sentences in order to more deeply comprehend Latin.

Bible Level 4

In fourth-grade Bible, students continue to memorize verses of scripture, while growing in familiarity with specific stories in the New Testament. Students grow in their ability to see the complete narrative of scripture and how it applies to their lives.



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Fourth Grade Curriculum Overview (cont.)

History & Geography Level 4

In fourth-grade history, students will go through the last part of the historical timeline, learning about the major figures, events, dates, and geographic regions as they hold significance in the modern age. Having heard and made sense of the whole of human history in our Western culture, students will be prepared to give deeper examination to the interconnectedness of these nations and ages in the years to come.

Science Level 4

In fourth-grade science, students will focus on temperature, pressure, and volume, as well as the process of decomposition and the water cycle. Students will more formally conduct experiments to test hypotheses in controlled environments and record observations. In this year, students will be further challenged to make sense of cause-and-effect relationships in nature.

Math Level 4

In fourth-grade math, students are well on their way to mastering all of their math facts, and are growing in their use of mental math and analysis of abstract concepts. More intermediate algebraic and geometric concepts also get introduced, as well as more advanced real-world problem solving.

Art

In lower school art, students learn how to appreciate beautiful works of art, while practicing the rudiments of artistic expression in drawing, painting, and sculpting utilizing a variety of mediums.

Music

In lower school music, students grow in their appreciation of beautiful works of music, while learning basic music history and theory. Music classes primarily focus on vocal skill development, with occasional instrumental practice. Students perform various vocal pieces at all school events and during morning prayer.

P.E.

In the fourth year of formal Physical Education, students gradually grow in strength and coordination between two moving participants.