

are utilized. The scientific method is taught and reinforced through the completion of a science project for the Pasco County Science Fair.

Social Studies

The focus is on Florida history centered on the major events that have influenced the State of Florida. Biographies, timelines and important landmarks are discussed. A Pioneer Day as well as various field trips are included to emphasize Florida's past.

Homework

Homework is assigned Monday - Thursday which includes study for tests and quizzes. Assignments are a review of work already covered in class. Twenty minutes of independent reading is a daily homework assignment. The homework process plays an integral role in developing good study habits and excellent organizational skills.

Friday Packets

A week's worth of work such as class assignments, quizzes, and tests is sent home with every student on Friday. This packet allows parents the opportunity to review their child's work. The cover memo of the packet is signed by the parent, and the entire packet is returned to the teacher the following Monday.

Conferences

Two formal parent and teacher conferences are scheduled each school year. Parents are also encouraged to meet with their child's teacher to discuss academic progress.

Specials

Students participate in a variety of classes to enhance the basic curriculum which include: Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, Spanish and Computer.

"Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with God"

- Micah 6:8

FOURTH GRADE CURRICULUM

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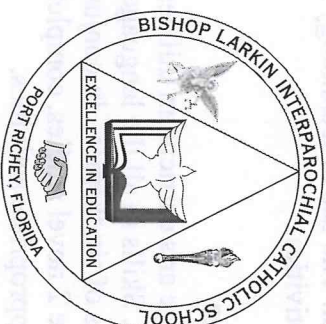
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Fourth Grade

The fourth grade curriculum emphasizes the transition to a higher level of challenge and detail in all subject areas. Students experience whole group, small group, and individualized instruction in a Christ-centered atmosphere of sharing and respect to accommodate different learning styles. A teacher certified by the state of Florida helps each student achieve his/her highest potential.

Religion

Religion is the core of Catholic Education. The program is designed to prepare students to deepen their faith and relationship with God and neighbor. Religion is taught in a loving and prayerful environment.

The following topics are taught: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. The Sacraments; the Liturgical Year; the Commandments; Discipleship; Mary and the Saints.

Evaluation is based on projects, class activities, weekly tests, and unit assessments.

In addition, supplemental resources are utilized in order to enhance the religion curriculum. The use of technology is encouraged and included in student activities.

Language Arts

The integrated language arts curriculum utilizes the Houghton-Mifflin reading series. Skills in all the language arts areas are taught through a series of six themes. In conjunction with our textbook, we complete 2 novel studies, complete with a reading response folder and appropriate activities.

Centers are incorporated twice a week to give the students the opportunity to enhance their skills in a fun and creative way.

Reading- Students learn six strategies such as Predict/Infer, Summarizing, Visualizing, Evaluating, Making Connections and accessing prior knowledge. Vocabulary is taught through books, playing word and vocabulary games and everyday usage.

Comprehension skills include story structure, author's viewpoint, and making text to self, text to world and text to text connections. Spelling- The spelling program consists of 33 weekly lessons.

Each lesson contains phonics, vocabulary, word structure, and proof reading. Consistent spelling in daily work is emphasized.

English- The concepts of grammar, sentence structure, usage and language mechanics are introduced and practiced in each reading selection, then incorporated into the major writing piece developed during each theme. Application of proper English rules is expected in all curriculum areas.

Writing- The students receive instruction on the Six Traits of Writing and apply them in their writing throughout the year. Each theme incorporates a specific type of writing such as personal narrative, description, and stories. The use of graphic organizers helps students to successfully plan their writing. Editing and proofreading skills are also emphasized.

Handwriting

D'Nealian cursive writing skills are refined in fourth grade. Difficult connections between letters are highlighted.

Math

The McGraw-Hill math series provides the basis for the fourth grade math program. Students review addition, subtraction, multiplication facts, division facts, and time. New concepts include multiplying and dividing by one and two-digit numbers, fractions, and decimals. A new problem-solving strategy is introduced or reinforced in each chapter to encourage critical thinking and problem solving. Instructional materials include manipulatives and visual aids. Differentiated instruction supports students through continuous levels of learning that match their learning needs.

Science

Units on animals, properties of matter, magnetism and electricity, earth's land resources, and the body's delivery systems are covered. Textbooks, worksheets and hands-on science activities