



Grace Academy

Fourth Grade Curriculum Guide

BIBLE

- A. Curriculum
 - Association of Christian Schools International
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Basic Bible doctrine
 - 2. How doctrine applies to them

ENGLISH

- A. Curriculum
 - Rod & Staff
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Learn the eight parts of speech; nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, pronouns, interjections, prepositions, and conjunctions
 - 2. Use punctuation marks such as; commas, apostrophes, and colons
 - 3. Build sentences from patterns; combine, expand, and use sentence variety
 - 4. Write paragraphs with topics and concluding sentences
 - 5. Write book reviews
 - 6. Use the writing process: prewriting, drafting, revising, proofreading, and publishing for writing a variety of paragraphs, essays, and research papers
 - 7. Use six-trait writing with the writing process
 - 8. Use diagramming sentences for sentence structure development

HANDWRITING

- A. Curriculum
 - A Reason for Handwriting
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Maintain cursive writing in both the upper and lower case
 - 2. Maintain good handwriting while using ink pens
 - 3. Copy good cursive models that include descriptive paragraphs, outlines, journals, book reports, hymns, scripture, time lines, titles, and labels

HISTORY

- A. Curriculum
 - Bob Jones University Press

- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Develop a knowledge of God through Creation
 - 2. Encourage Christian growth
 - 3. Promoting historic and geographic literacy

MATH

- A. Curriculum
 - Bob Jones University Press

- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Introduction of number sense, reviews, extends concepts of place value and numeration through hundred millions
 - 2. Review of basic addition and subtraction facts
 - 3. Reintroduces concepts of addition and subtraction with 2-, 3-, 4-, and 5-digit numbers
 - 4. Concepts of time and money
 - 5. Develop multiplication tables through multiplication of nine
 - 6. Develop division operation, with divisors of 1 through 9
 - 7. Measurement is introduced through a discussion on the necessity of standard units of measure
 - 8. Multiplication facts and the concepts of place value combine to develop multiplication of tens, hundreds, and thousands by 1-digit numbers with and without renaming
 - 9. Division by 1-digit divisors with 2- and 3-digit dividends and quotients
 - 10. Develop the concepts of fractions as part of a region and part of a set
 - 11. Introduce basic concepts of decimals in tenths and hundredths by relating the decimals to fractions
 - 12. Basic concepts of geometry and area
 - 13. Multiplication to 2-digit multipliers and introduces division with divisors of 10 and multiples of 10
 - 14. Geometric and measurement concepts developed
 - 15. Statistics and probability

READING

- A. Curriculum
 - Bob Jones University Press
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Comprehensive skills to focus more on critical and appreciative levels
 - 2. Read in the content area using maps, word recognition, and structural analysis

SCIENCE

- A. Curriculum
 - The Bob Jones curriculum encourages the student to learn discipline in the student's approach to and execution of responsibilities. The student should be prepared to evaluate and reject "science falsely so-called." The student will be encouraged to have a better testimony among unbelievers. In certain ways, the study of science can do more for the student spiritually than the study of most other subjects.
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Earth Sciences
 - a. Erosion, moon features, and the history of man
 - 2. Life Sciences
 - a. Insects, plants animal defenses, trees and human digestion
 - 3. Physical Sciences
 - a. Motion of machines and the energy of electricity.

SPELLING

- A. Curriculum
 - A Beka curriculum is a well-planned book that guides students toward better spelling, a richer vocabulary, and an enjoyment of good poetry.
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught
 - 1. To teach the spelling of many words
 - 2. To help students learn to use those words correctly in their spoken and written language
 - 3. To teach spelling rules that will enable students to spell many more words than those in the weekly lists
 - 4. Learning and applying phonics keys
 - 5. Increase vocabulary
 - 6. Writing good sentences
 - 7. Using a dictionary confidently and understanding markings for pronunciation
 - 8. Enjoying and appreciating good poetry; reading poetry with good expression

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

A. Music Appreciation

Music instruction is an important part of our program. The love for singing and the appreciation of music is emphasized in music class. They perform concerts each year where they learn to share the "song in their hearts". A basic foundation of music and love for music is emphasized.

B. Computers

Computers are a part of our school program, using tools such as educational software to develop familiarity with the computer and keyboarding skills. Progression of these skills is emphasized in each grade level.

C. Physical Education

In providing a well-rounded program, P.E. is offered one day each week, teaching the students activities that encourage coordination, cooperation and problem-solving as well as plenty of exercise.

D. Spanish

Students are introduced to the Spanish language as they begin learning common words and phrases. Lessons emphasize development of vocabulary, listening comprehension and verbal communication skills.

E. Art

Students are introduced to the world of art as they beginning drawing using basic shapes (circle, straight line, rectangle, etc.). They also learn about pattern, texture, and color using a variety of mediums. These skills are developed throughout the years as they create various art projects. Students enjoy their time in this enrichment class.

F. Library

Students are introduced to elements of the library system, with increasing research skill progression in subsequent grade levels. Students are able to check out books each week. Family members are all welcome to use the library!