

# Welcome to WCCA's Fourth Grade!

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## Our Overall Goal -

By the time students reach the fourth grade, they are capable of prolonged interest, spend more time in talk and discussion, and are ready to further develop their study skills.

It is our privilege to work with fourth graders on a daily basis as we seek to prepare them for their promising academic future.

One of our specific goals is for students to learn the importance of responsibility as it applies to both their actions and schoolwork. Training in specific study skills supports the traits of neatness, accuracy, and organization as keys to success.

## Curriculum Basics

Our **Bible** curriculum is *Building Life Castles* by Positive Action for Christ and supports our goals of bringing each student to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, making the Word of God more meaningful in the lives of our students, and guiding them to live lives demonstrating godly characteristics. Character qualities are brought to life through studying and defining important traits that are evidenced in the lives of Bible heroes. Students attend a weekly chapel and are tested weekly on a memory verse.

We use a variety of A Beka, ACSI, and Zaner-Bloser texts within our **Language Arts** and *Strategies for Writers* curriculum. The skills covered include comprehension, outlining, vocabulary, following directions, capitalization, sequencing, note taking, punctuation and letters, subjects and predicates, dictionary usage, word study, parts of speech, and research aids. Specifically, we desire our students to read fluently and with comprehension and to use grammar correctly, skills that are expanded in our comprehensive study of the novel *Island of the Blue Dolphins*.

The A Beka **Math** curriculum is used to present math as interesting and practical through application to everyday experiences. Our fourth graders learn place values, English standards and metric system, addition and subtraction skills of multi-digit numbers with and without regrouping, fractions and mixed numbers, decimals, and expanded multiplication and long division.

ACSI Purposeful Design **Science** curriculum capitalizes on human curiosity about the world and its workings. It engages students in hands-on investigations, observation through scientific method, and critically thinking

about the world around them. Specifically, students study animals, oceanography, energy, heat, light, sound, matter, and the atmosphere. Students also learn the importance of healthy bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Our Christian **Social Studies** text, *Our Golden California*, introduces fourth graders to the study of California. Our goals for this curriculum are to interpret maps to gain information, to study and present this information in small reports, to think as an individual and solve social problems, and to develop an appreciation for California.

The development of one's whole self must include physical activity, creativity, and musical understanding and expression. Therefore, rounding out our core curriculum, fourth graders receive weekly, age-appropriate instruction in physical education, art, and music. Our music program includes opportunities for students to perform in an annual Christmas concert and spring chapel.

Students also learn basic library skills, including an introduction to on-line research and card catalogs, in our library. Via our computer lab, fourth graders utilize PowerPoint and desktop publishing programs to integrate computer skills with classroom lessons as they design history and science projects.

And finally, students participate in at least four off-campus field trips that are specifically designed to bring California history to life.

# WCCA Sample Fourth Grade Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40 to 9:10	Bible	Bible	Chapel	Bible	Bible
9:10 to 9:40	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:40 to 10:00	Recess – Snack	Recess - Snack	Recess - Snack	Recess - Snack	Recess - Snack
10:00 to 10:15	Finish Math	Finish Math	Finish Math	Finish Math	Finish Math
10:15 to 11:15	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
11:15 to 12:00	Recess/Lunch	Recess/Lunch	Recess/Lunch	Recess/Lunch	Recess/Lunch
12:00 to 12:10	Read to students	Read to students	Read to students	Read to students	Read to students
12:10 to 12:30	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling TEST	History	Guest Reader
12:30 to 1:15	Science	Science	Computers	Music	History
1:15 to 2:00	P.E.	Break	P.E.	Break	P.E.
2:00 to 2:45	Study/Science	Library	Art	Study/History	Review/Papers

*Quote from Parent...*

*“My daughter has loved the kindergarten buddy system and I love the fact that it teaches her about responsibility and the importance of having compassion for others.”*

*Virginia Ramon*

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