

## Fourth Grade Curriculum

### Handwriting

- A practice workbook reinforces the Zaner-Bloser cursive handwriting skills taught in third grade.
- All work is to be completed in cursive handwriting, unless otherwise instructed.

### English/Grammar

- Sentence and paragraph structure, punctuation and capitalization are reviewed, and parts of speech are analyzed.
- A creative writing assignment is assigned monthly and students are evaluated through tests, quizzes, writing assignments, class participation, and homework.

### Math

- Mathematical concepts incorporate a review of previous learning and an introduction to new key concepts such as estimating, time, graphs, multiplication, division, measurement, fractions and decimals that are taught through the use of textbooks, workbooks, notebooks and manipulatives.
- Students are evaluated using tests, quizzes, class participation and homework.

### Reading

- A variety of strategies are used to build on students' previous reading comprehension and the knowledge of word meanings using textbooks, workbooks, chapter books and notebooks.
- Students are evaluated through tests, quizzes, projects, class participation, and homework.

### Religion

- Christian morality with a special focus on The Ten Commandments and an introduction to The Beatitudes are studied through readings from the Bible.

### Science

- The four main science units studied are: Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science, and the Human Body. A Science Fair is held annually and all students are required to participate.
- Students are evaluated through tests, quizzes, projects, class participation and homework.

### Social Studies

- The history and geography of the State of New Jersey from the time of the Lenape people to the present day are studied. Additionally, the different regions of the United States are examined including their climates, state capitals and landforms.
- Map skills are also taught using textbooks, notebooks, and teaching aids.
- Students are evaluated through tests, quizzes, projects, class participation and homework.

### Spelling

- Together students practice spelling patterns that follow phonetic rules.
- Spelling lessons are taught weekly with a test at the end of each lesson. Daily assignments includes practice writing and alphabetical order.