



**St. Francis of Assisi School**

A Place Where Minds and Hearts Grow

## Science / Health

The 4th grade Science curriculum focuses on the standards of living and non-living things in various ecosystems, the water cycle and its relationship to landforms and weather, compare and contrast the changes of the Earth's surface, and build a simple design machine.

The class participates in the school's annual Science Fair. The project usually begins in January and is completed as a whole class project for presentation to the student body in March or April.

Health will include nutrition as well as Steps to Respect curriculum with three sessions on the Called To Protect safety.

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## Religion

Fourth grade religion class uses the "Blest Are We" text from RCL/Benziger. The standard for grade 4 focuses on the standard of living as Jesus did by choosing a life of love characterized by the foundation of Christian morality presented in the Old and New Testaments. Basically, students study and learn the Ten Commandments and the Two Greatest Commandments that Jesus gave us. Lessons are based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church four main tenets: Creed, Scripture, Prayer & Worship, and Christian Living.

Religion classes are taught by Sister Alison Green, M-Th.

On Fridays students attend the all-school Mass.

Students write in individual prayer journals.

Due to grades 3 & 4 being combined, on even years the gr. 4 curriculum is taught and in odd years the gr. 3 curriculum is the focus.

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4th Grade

## Social Studies

The 4th grade Social Studies curriculum focuses on Oregon's History. This includes identify and describe the Native American Tribes that lived in Oregon, explore the Westward migration route on the Oregon Trail and experience the pioneer life of the 1800s, use geographical tools to identify locations in Oregon, and study Oregon's government and economics.

Two field trips are scheduled yearly relating to pioneer life.

## Math

The 4th grade Math curriculum follows the standards of: addition and subtraction with regrouping; applying fluency in multiplication facts to the 12s and related division facts; multiplying multi-digit whole numbers and long division with one-digit divisor; understanding area and perimeter; adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators; and simplifying comparing, and ordering fractions and decimals.

## Language Arts

The 4th grade students Reading, Writing, and Spelling. Students read non-fiction books, stories from the Scott-Foresman basal series, and literature books.

The writing assignments consists of using various writing genres. Spelling lessons are completed with the Zaner-Bloser "Connections" text/workbook for grade four. Each lesson focuses on vocabulary development and phonemic word structure.

English focuses on writing skills, parts of speech, and introduction to sentence diagramming.

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