



## FOURTH GRADE CLASSROOM OBJECTIVES

### 4TH GRADE COURSES

**Bible**, Positive Action Bible Curriculum, *4<sup>th</sup> Grade Building Life's Castles*

Students are taught about Christ like character and how to find knowledge, wisdom, and understanding from the Word of God. The fourth grade focuses mainly on the life of Christ. Students are immersed in God's Word and many passages of Scripture are committed to memory. Bible memorization is an important part of our Bible curriculum.

**Math**, A Beka Books, *Arithmetic 4*

Students strive to master place value, measurements, money usage, large number multiplication and division. They learn metric prefixes, factoring, estimation, and problem solving skills, through the use of word problems. The student will become competent with fractions and mixed numbers with and without common denominators. The fourth grade touches on basic algebraic equations and geometric concepts.

**Language**, A Beka Book, *God's Gift of Language 4*

Students will review the eight parts of speech, proper word usage, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structures and types. They will learn the proper construction of sentences, paragraphs, and formal papers. They will begin diagramming sentences, writing book reports and complete research projects.

**Reading**, A Beka Books, numerous books

Students work on accuracy, expression, and comprehension in reading. There is a great emphasis placed on reading with speed and comprehension of the material that was read. Students will complete several book reports during their fourth grade experience.

**Spelling**, A Beka Book, *Spelling and Vocabulary 4*

Students memorize weekly spelling list and vocabulary words that help them apply phonetic rules and special sounds that they learned in previous years. Each week's list deals with a similar theme. They learn the proper usage and meaning of many words. There will be a weekly test and quiz and activities to demonstrate understanding of the word list. Students listen to poetry and recite poems in class. Students that consistently work hard are able to compete in the annual Spelling Bee.

**Penmanship**, *Penmanship Mastery I*

The students are taught proper posture, paper placement, and the correct way to hold a pen. They learn how to form their cursive letters properly and to write neatly.

**History/ Geography**, A Beka Books, *The History of Our United States*

The first, second, and fourth quarter will consist of a study of United States history and geography. Students learn about the discovery, exploration, and early years in America. They learn about the governmental and godly foundations of our great country. Fourth graders read and hear portions of the documents that the founding fathers wrote in the formation of our government. The student will gain a basic knowledge of the major happenings in United States history. The third quarter will consist of a concentration on Kentucky state history, geography, and the completion of a Kentucky state notebook. The students will learn map skills,

geographical terms, the continents and oceans, memorize the fifty states and capitals, and all of our presidents.

**Science/ Health**, A Beka Book, *Understanding God's World 4 / Developing Good Health*

The focus of the first three quarters will be science the last quarter will consist of the study of health. The students will learn to observe what is going on about them. They will learn that curiosity about the world is a natural God given desire. Many topics will be covered including, but not limited to, insects, plants, birds, matter, energy, geology, oceanography, and astronomy. During the fourth quarter the students will learn about topics pertaining to their overall health and well being. They will learn to be good stewards of the body God gave them.

**Spanish**, Bob Jones University Press

Students are taught to grasp the basics of Spanish. Students learn the colors, numbers 1-100, days of the week, months of the year, and body parts. Poetry, songs and Bible verses are included in their studies. Students will focus on the Spanish alphabet and begin studying verb usage. In addition, students will begin to understand verb conjugating and simple statements in Spanish.

**Music**

Students receive daily instruction in music theory using visual aids, Boom Whackers, and Melody Bells.

**Art**

Students complete seasonal art projects, and projects that complement the concepts being learned in the classroom.

**Physical Education,**

We believe that many healthy habits are developed as children. The students will participate in activities that are team-sport oriented. A Christ-like attitude and good sportsmanship is emphasized.

**Field Trip Opportunities**

The fourth graders make a yearly trip to Kentucky's state capitol building in Frankfort. This trip is designed to bring greater understanding to the students about how laws are created and their role as a citizen. They will learn about their future responsibility as a voter to be informed and to make their voice heard. This trip is designed to complement our study of the state of Kentucky. The students meet representatives and enjoy the tour of the capitol building.