FOURTH GRADE CURRICULUM

IN FOURTH GRADE GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION our students will:
- write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- learn basic grammatical elements of a sentence by sentence diagramming
- study Latin and Greek roots and their English derivatives (“English from the Roots Up”) 
- learn the basics of composition: introduction, lines of argument, and conclusion

IN FOURTH GRADE LITERATURE our students will read:
- novels such as Johnny Tremain, Anne of Green Gables, Treasure Island, and Robin Hood
- poems such as “Concord Hymn” by Ralph Waldo Emerson and “Dreams” by Langston Hughes
- short stories such as Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Rip Van Winkle, and The Fire on the Mountain
- tales of Camelot, King Arthur, and the Knights of the Round Table

IN FOURTH GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY our students will:
- explain the duties citizens have in a democratic republic: public service, voting, etc.
- examine how the Declaration of Independence argues for the existence of natural rights
- study the major events of China, Europe, and Africa in the Middle Ages
- understand the founding and spread of Islam and its interactions with Christendom
- study the early American presidents from George Washington to Andrew Jackson

IN FOURTH GRADE MATH our students will:
- multiply fractions by whole numbers
- draw line graphs and line plots
- add and subtract using decimal tenths and hundreds
- work with angles, perpendicular lines, quadrilaterals, cuboids, and symmetrical figures

IN FOURTH GRADE SCIENCE our students will:
- learn about the functions and processes of the circulatory and respiratory systems
- study the earth’s layers, types of rock, how mountains are formed, and erosion
- be introduced to the basic terms and concepts of chemistry
- perform hands-on experiments involving chemical reactions

IN FOURTH GRADE ART our students will:
- study art history of the Middle Ages in Europe, Africa, China, and the Islamic world
- discuss the elements of Gothic architecture and observe how medieval towns were fortified
- create their own works of abstract art and mosaics modeled after masterpieces

IN FOURTH GRADE MUSIC our students will:
- listen to and sing the music of the Middle Ages, especially Gregorian chant
- learn to sing songs such as Auld Lang Syne, Blow the Man Down, and Waltzing Matilda
- perform the military theme songs for the branches of the US military for Veterans Day