PRINCE of PEACE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Grade 4

2026-2027

Welcome to fourth grade! This year promises to be a full year of learning and growth. This booklet outlines the scope of our learning for this year and the sequence in which we will be addressing each subject. You will be able to follow your student on his/her 4th grade journey.

Some subjects, such as reading, spelling, grammar and writing are more comprehensive in nature, while others address a specific area of that academic discipline. Science follows the Next Generation Science Standards and includes the following units: How does motion energy change in a collision? How can animals use their senses to communicate? What is our evidence that we live on a changing Earth? How can we provide energy to people's homes? Social Studies is primarily California History, from the discovery of California to modern day events. We also use Core Knowledge booklets to study maps and complete a unit on the mountains of the world. Our reading program makes students familiar with many genres of literature including non-fiction and poetry. In all subjects we follow the academic scope of the curriculum for California. As part of the fourth grade, you can expect 30-45 minutes of homework per night, Monday through Thursday.

In addition to the academic challenges, students can look forward to participation in weekly chapels. They will be "buddies" to Kindergarteners, helping to lead in various activities throughout the year.

In addition to an abundance of resources we will be using in the classroom, our standard textbooks will be:

- **Science** Smithsonian Science for the Classroom
- **Reading** Wonders – McGraw Hill
- **Grammar/Writing** Step-Up to Writing – Sopris West
- **Math** Big Ideas
- **Social Studies** California Studies Weekly, Core Knowledge
- **Spelling** Wonders
- **Art** Art Class w/ Ms. Lynne Sparling
- **Bible** Enduring Faith

You are more than welcome to come and examine all of these resources.

We look forward to a wonderful year and welcome any feedback from you that might help your child excel. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop by (for quick questions), or to call (797-8186) or email in order to set an appointment so we can give you undivided attention while we meet.

In Christ,

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Spanish

This year 4th Grade will have a book. We will review and continue building up Spanish Vocabulary. They will learn numbers 0-100, greetings and dialogue, classroom objects, plural nouns, days of the week, months and seasons, gender of the nouns, definite articles, commands and expressions, colors, possessive adjectives, the body, the family, the house, diminutives, the weather and the alphabet.
We will use Spanish Bingo to reinforce vocabulary words and reading storybooks to reinforce what we are learning and to hear Spanish in action. We will also use Quizlet, an application to practice vocabulary.

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Music

Students will build music fluency and musicianship through participation in a variety of dynamic music experiences including singing, playing instruments, listening, moving, analyzing, creating, and performing. Through these cross-curricular experiences, they will be exposed to a diverse repertoire of music reflecting various cultures and will become familiar with different families of musical instruments. They will learn basic elements of music including rhythm, melody, harmony, expression, form, and timbre, as well as build on key music skills such as reading and notating music.

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Art

Through instruction and experimentation, students will build skills in various media and approaches to artmaking. They will learn to describe what an image represents, identify the purpose of an artwork, and practice the four artistic processes of visual arts (creating, presenting, responding, and connecting). Students also begin learning and practicing the elements of art and principles of design through their study of art history and studio projects by studying at Eudcation.com, the Famous Artists series.

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Physical Education

Every class will include 10-15 minutes of physical fitness and movement that provides dynamic stretching, flexibility, cardio, muscular strength, reaction time, agility, loco-motor and non loca motor movement.

Lessons will focus on including a skill-based game or movement concept related to the activity.

Activities and units include: Physical fitness testing, movement in space games, team movement games, yoga, dance, soccer, volleyball, broomball, hockey, basketball, flag tag, throwing/catching, playground games, indoor gym games.

Health and Wellness

Emphasis on nutrition, mental, social and physical fitness well being. Ensuring our children will learn compassion-in-action, self care, goal setting and making good choices to live a happy healthy lifestyle. Social Emotional Leaning (SEL) utilizing Second Step curriculum teaches children about Growth Mindset & Goal-Setting, Emotion Management, Empathy and Kindness, and Problem Solving.

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August/September

Science	▪ Marble Maze Steam Challenge ▪ Motion Energy ▪ What stops motion? ▪ Protecting our brains in a collision ▪ How Speed & Surface affects motion
Reading	▪ Cause/effect ▪ Compare/contrast ▪ Story elements ▪ Character traits ▪ Inferences ▪ Sequencing ▪ Author's point of view
Grammar / Writing	▪ Nouns ▪ Verbs ▪ Plurals ▪ Complete/types of sentences
Math	▪ Place value ▪ Addition ▪ Subtraction
Social Studies	▪ Geography of CA ▪ Map skills ▪ 4 Regions of CA
Spelling	▪ Short vowels ▪ Plurals ▪ Long Vowels ▪ Compound Words
Bible	▪ God Creates the World and Calls a Nation ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

October

Science	▪ Movement and change of energy ▪ Egg Drop Challenge
Reading	▪ Main idea ▪ Details ▪ Drawing conclusions ▪ Non-Fiction
Grammar / Writing	▪ Sub/Verb agreement ▪ Capitalization ▪ End punctuation ▪ Dialogue ▪ Book Report
Math	▪ Multiplication Concepts & Properties ▪ Multiply by One-Digit Numbers ▪ Multiply by Two-Digit Numbers ▪ Area Models
Social Studies	▪ Native tribes (trade, lifestyle, customs & beliefs) ▪ Natural resources of California ▪ World Explorers
Spelling	▪ Prefixes ▪ Controlled Vowels ▪ 3 Letter Blends ▪ ed, ing
Bible	▪ God Leads His Nation ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ TBD

November

Science	▪ How Animals Use Their Senses to Communicate
Reading	▪ Fact/Opinion ▪ Point of view ▪ Sequencing ▪ Fables/Legends
Grammar / Writing	▪ Complex sentence ▪ Adjectives ▪ Adverbs
Math	▪ Division Concepts ▪ Divide by One-Digit Numbers
Social Studies	▪ Core Knowledge Unit: Mountains of the World
Spelling	▪ Double Consonants ▪ Multi-syllabic words ▪ Words with Silent Letters ▪ Final e
Bible	▪ God Raises Up Leaders ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No Field Trip this Month

December

Science	▪ Sending and Receiving Signals
Reading	▪ Informational articles ▪ Biographies ▪ Author's purpose
Grammar / Writing	▪ Pronouns ▪ Prepositional phrases ▪ Writing a paragraph
Math	▪ Factors and Multiples ▪ Prime & Composite Numbers ▪ Number Patterns
Social Studies	▪ Mission Period ▪ Presidios/Pueblos ▪ Mexican/Spanish War
Spelling	▪ Soft c and g ▪ Plurals
Bible	▪ Advent Service ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ Fremont Senior Center

January

Science	▪ Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunami's ▪ Earthquake Challenge
Reading	▪ Organizing plot/Information ▪ Classifying and categorizing
Grammar / Writing	▪ Conjunctions ▪ Compound sentences ▪ Use of commas
Math	▪ Division ▪ Factors and Multiple ▪ Decompose Fractions ▪ Add & Subtract Fractions
Social Studies	▪ A Settler's route to CA ▪ Mexican/American War ▪ Bear Flag Revolt ▪ Mission Report and Project (5 week project)
Spelling	▪ Vowel Teams ▪ Dipthongs oi and ou
Bible	▪ God Exiles and Restores His People ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ Mission San Jose, Fremont

February

Science	▪ Changing Landscapes ▪ Protection from Disasters
Reading	▪ Content-Area Words ▪ Summarizing ▪ Historical fiction
Grammar / Writing	▪ Cap/Punctuation of Titles ▪ Commas ▪ Regular & Irregular Plurals
Math	▪ Multiply Fractions by Mixed Numbers ▪ Fractions-Multiply by a Whole Number
Social Studies	▪ Core Knowledge Unit: Ancient China
Spelling	▪ Contractions ▪ Consonant and le endings
Bible	▪ Jesus Comes for Us ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

March

Science	▪ Rock Layers ▪ Planting Seeds
Reading	▪ Multi-step instructions ▪ Words with multiple meanings ▪ Using a preface, index, glossary
Grammar / Writing	▪ Comparative -superlative adjectives ▪ Compound subject & predicate ▪ Colons – semicolon ▪ Book report
Math	▪ Relate Fractions & Decimals
Social Studies	▪ Gold rush - Mining methods - Changes to CA ▪ Pony Express ▪ Stagecoach
Spelling	▪ Inflectional endings ▪ Possessives
Bible	▪ Jesus Teaches and Heals ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ TBD

April

Science	▪ Energy Resources ▪ Circuits
Reading	▪ Synonyms –antonyms ▪ Context clues ▪ Tall tale
Grammar / Writing	▪ Responding to literature using paragraphs & summaries ▪ Homophones ▪ Writing Poetry
Math	▪ Measurement ▪ Time ▪ Money ▪ Perimeter ▪ Area
Social Studies	▪ Statehood for CA ▪ State Book Project ▪ Compromise of 1850 ▪ Manifest destiny
Spelling	▪ Homophones ▪ Spellings of long a,e,i,o,u ▪ Prefixes ▪ Suffixes
Bible	▪ Jesus Saves the World ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ U.S.S. Potomac, Oakland

May

Science	▪ Circuits
Reading	▪ Novel Study ▪ Responding to Literature
Grammar / Writing	▪ Idioms ▪ National Park Report
Math	▪ Lines ▪ Symmetry ▪ Angles ▪ Polygons
Social Studies	▪ Transcontinental Railroad ▪ Immigrants' contributions to CA ▪ National Park Research
Spelling	▪ Word endings ▪ Proper nouns ▪ Common nouns ▪ Often misspelled words
Bible	▪ Jesus Sends the Church ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ End of the Year Party –Lucky Strike