



## FOURTH GRADE CURRICULUM

### FOURTH GRADE LITERATURE

#### Novels

*Anne of Green Gables*  
*Johnny Tremain*  
*Treasure Island*  
*The Adventures of Robin Hood*

#### Poems

*"Clouds" by Christina Rossetti*  
*"Concord Hymn" by R.W. Emerson*  
*"Dreams" by Langston Hughes*  
*"Paul Revere's Ride" by H.W. Longfellow*

#### Short Stories and Tales

*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*  
*Rip Van Winkle*  
*The Fire on the Mountain*  
*St. George and the Dragon*  
*The Wonderful Chuang Brocade*

#### Biographies

*Charlemagne*  
*Who Was Joan of Arc?*  
*Who Was Paul Revere?*  
*Who Was Thomas Jefferson?*

**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
- 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 hundredths
- 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
- study electricity and magnetism

**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