



# FOURTH GRADE PROGRAM

The instruction at Trinity Academy includes a hands-on, multi-sensory approach. Scripture and a biblical worldview are emphasized and integrated into each subject area.

## CORE SUBJECTS

*daily instruction*

### BIBLE:

Resource: Deep Roots

- A study of the New Testament including the Great Commission, Pentecost, Roman Road to Salvation and Jesus teaching prayer
- Practice spiritual disciplines: prayer, study, worship and Scripture memory, daily 10-minute quiet time, prayer journal writing
- Study the following topics: attributes of God, Bible study, prayer, faithfulness, contentment and the church
- Morning worship and weekly chapel

### READING:

Resources: Novel studies

- Engage in a variety of genres by keeping interactive notebooks for each novel that showcase their learning
- Develop literal and high order levels of comprehension through phonemic awareness
- Analyse text structure to gain knowledge of description, order and sequence, cause and effect, comparison and contrast, and problem and solution
- Create one pagers that teach summary, theme, setting, character traits, quotes and figurative language

### LANGUAGE ARTS:

Resources: BJU English Language Arts, Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW), and A Reason for Handwriting Manuscript E

- Study composition: persuasive essays, opinion writing, narrative writing and journaling
- Apply good cursive handwriting throughout the curriculum

### SPELLING:

Resources: BJU Spelling

- Learn to spell with accuracy
- Increase vocabulary by learning and using words correctly
- Weekly spelling tests

### MATH:

Resource: BJU Math Worktext and Activities

- An interactive approach to understanding multi-digit addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Practice solving multi-step word problems involving multi-digit numbers
- Expand understanding of decimals, fractions, geometry and pre-algebra
- Use manipulatives such as place value charts, multiplication fact study cards, rulers, shapes and dominos to help with student learning

### HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES:

Resource: BJU Press Heritage Studies

- Study Kansas history, economy and facts
- Study the four regions of the United States by creating region brochures
- Study different parts of history that correlate to class novel studies (9/11, Holocaust, Black history)
- Create and present a state float for the 4th grade State Fair project

### SCIENCE:

Resource: BJU Science

- Study Earth Science: changes of the Earth, landforms, soil, natural resources, water, oceans, and the moon
- Study Life Science: plants, ecosystems, animal senses
- Use technology to better understand scientific principles

## SPECIALS

### TECHNOLOGY:

- Access technology in different curriculum areas
- Learn typing skills
- Become well grounded in computer ethics and digital citizenship

### MUSIC:

- Read, sing and play rhythms using instruments
- Sing and play a variety of musical genres, including hymns and worship music
- Read music on the treble and bass clefs
- Memorize selected songs for performance

### ART:

- Use a variety of art media such as crayons, markers, oil pastels, chalk pastels, watercolor paint, tempera paint, printmaking, collage and clay
- Learn elements of art (line, shape, color, texture, form, value and space)
- Learn principles of design (balance, contrast, emphasis, movement, pattern, proportion, repetition and unity)

- Study famous artists and develop vocabulary to discuss and critique famous art
- Begin to develop skills to self critique artwork and revise to make improvements
- All art lessons will be taught through a biblical lens in which students understand God is the first and greatest creator, artistic talent comes from God and art can be used to praise God

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Learn the basics of Christ-like teamwork
- Work on locomotor skills such as differentiation in speed, using mature patterns in leaping and jumping, etc.
- Improve on manipulative skills such as accuracy in throwing and catching, dribbling with ball control, and kicking and volleying in a mature pattern
- Teach personal responsibility and working with others
- Understand rule etiquette and safety for all
- Play a variety of games related to skills