



# Fourth Grade at a Glance

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## LOWER SCHOOL CHAPEL

A primary component of our mission as a parish day school is to help our students appreciate and engage in the wonderful world God has made and entrusted to our care. As we gather regularly in chapel, we discover that our relationship with the Creator and Redeemer forms the heart and soul of our school family.

## KEEPING CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATED

Parents are responsible for keeping their contact information current. When you have a change of address, phone number, or e-mail, please update your My Backpack account, available through the Parent Portal on our website. For assistance, e-mail Technology@StFrancisHouston.org.



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# Fourth-Grade Core Curriculum Highlights

*In a nurturing, learner-centered environment that encourages active student engagement, risk-taking, and independence, fourth graders will concentrate on these and other skills:*

## LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES

- Engaging in meaningful discussions regarding reading and writing to reflect upon personal growth and set goals throughout the year
- Applying reading comprehension skills, focusing on specific strategies to delve deeper into texts across genres
- Utilizing context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Writing across genres, including narrative, literary essay, research-based informative, persuasive, and poetry using the Writing Workshop approach
- Understanding and applying grammar concepts taught through a systematic, holistic approach
- Applying spelling patterns and analyzing irregular words taught through differentiated instruction
- Integrating social studies concepts through units and book clubs focused on United States regions
- Using digital tools to research, evaluate, synthesize, and ethically source information
- Collaborating with peers to develop, organize, and create multimedia presentations

## MATH

- Writing and interpreting numerical expressions
- Analyzing patterns and relationships
- Performing operations with multi-digit whole numbers and with decimals to hundredths
- Extending place value to understand the properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic
- Relating knowledge of fractions to adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators
- Applying and extending knowledge of multiplication and division to multiply and divide fractions
- Applying operations to decimals in the thousandths
- Converting measurement units within a given measurement system
- Applying concepts of perimeter and area to find volume
- Exploring types of lines and angles in real-world situations
- Graphing ordered pairs on the coordinate plane to identify transformations
- Classifying and categorizing two- and three-dimensional shapes

- Making sense of problems and persevering in solving them
- Reasoning abstractly and quantitatively
- Constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others

## STEAM

- Asking questions and defining problems, planning and conducting investigations, collecting and recording data, and engaging in critical conversations
- Planning and carrying out fair tests
- Developing and using models
- Using mathematics, information, computer technology, and computational thinking
- Constructing explanations and designing solutions
- Engaging in arguments from evidence
- Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information
  - Practicing the engineering design process:
  - Defining the problem
  - Identifying possible solutions
  - Designing a solution
  - Creating a prototype and optimizing its design
- Planning and conducting investigations and collecting evidence to answer scientific questions

## TECHNOLOGY

- Utilizing the Microsoft Office Suite, as well as a variety of software, websites, and apps that support core curriculum concepts
- Applying digital tools to locate, evaluate, synthesize, and ethically source information
- Collaborating to create multimedia presentations
- Continuing to develop digital citizenship skills
- Working toward proficiency with keyboarding using Learning.com's online keyboarding curriculum