



A Glimpse of What your Child Will Be Working on in

FOURTH GRADE

Religion

- Developing an awareness that we are the Body of Christ through our service to one another
- Recognizing the importance of free will and the ability to think, love, and choose
- Exploring the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes
- Participation in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass
- Participation in prayer – personal and public
- Exploring the Gospels – stories of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection
- Discovering how saints and holy people provide inspiration

Language Arts

- Describing the basic elements of stories, characters, events, and settings by drawing on specific details in the text
- Paying close attention to key features of informational books and articles: understanding main and supporting ideas; comparing and contrasting information; explaining how the author uses facts, details, and evidence for support
- Independently conducting short research projects on different aspects of a topic using evidence from books and the Internet
- Reporting orally on a topic or telling a story with details and facts
- Using Six Traits to write effective summaries, book reports, and descriptions of characters of events with correct grammar, capitalization, and punctuation
- Building understanding of relationships between words and nuances in word meanings

Math

- Using whole number arithmetic to solve word problems, including problems with remainders and problems with measurement
- Adding and subtracting whole numbers quickly and accurately (numbers up to one million)
- Multiplying and dividing multi-digit numbers
- Understanding and applying equivalent fractions
- Adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions and solving related word problems
- Understanding simple decimals in terms of fractions
- Measuring angles and finding unknown angles in a diagram

Science

- Using the Scientific Method and science as inquiry
- Exploring the systems of the human body
- Exploring organisms – living/non-living

Social Studies

- Exploring Michigan geography, government, economics, culture, and history
- Analyzing current events
- Understanding Core Democratic Values and their affect on civilization

Specials

- Art, Gym, Music, Computer, Library, Spanish