

St. Monica School
Grade 4 Curriculum

Religion - We Believe Gr. 4 - God's Law Guides Us (Sadlier)

The focus will be on learning the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus. The program reflects on the Eucharist as the center of God's life and the wonder of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. The children will learn that Mary is the model of discipleship and how to model her life by practicing the virtues of faith, hope, and love. They will also learn what it means to develop a good conscience, and how to make good choices that show our love for God, for ourselves, and for others.

Reading - Trophies (Harcourt)

The children are given multiple exposures to vocabulary in the textbook and workbook. Students read a wide variety of literary genres and expository texts through the stories. Other genres include poetry, plays, folktales, myths, and narrative nonfiction. Emphasis is on developing skills and strategies in comprehension, grammar, response and analysis, research and vocabulary.

Spelling - (Zaner Bloser)

Students are given twenty spelling words each week. Each lesson provides daily spelling practice by connecting spelling to thinking, reading, writing, and vocabulary. Students are given activities to reinforce the unit spelling pattern.

Science - We are using the Nancy Larson Science program. The program includes Science Tool Kit, classroom materials and student materials.

The Science 4 program focuses on organisms and their interactions as well as forms of energy.

It contains six topics.

- Exploring the Characteristics of Cells
- Examining and Classifying Plants
- Investigating Characteristics of Animals
- Examining Ecosystems
- Exploring Energy
- Investigating Electricity

Social Studies - Horizons (Harcourt)

Regions: Students will study map skills, what the topic of “Social Studies” means, review and expand upon geography terms, and study different regions around the world – especially the Northeast US, and if time permits, the Southeast US.

English - Voyages in English (Loyola Press)

Students will review and expand upon previously learned topics of Sentence Structure, Capitalization and Punctuation, Nouns, and Synonyms and Antonyms. They will write a Personal Narrative and a formal letter of request. They will complete monthly creative writing and poetry assignments.

Math - Progress in Mathematics (Sadlier)

Students will review addition and subtraction problems and all basic facts. They will learn about place value to millions and long multiplication and division. They will be introduced to basic skills in geometry, decimals and fractions. They will complete monthly "Problems of the Month."