

4th

Developing an Appreciation of the True, Good, & Beautiful

4th Grade Particulars

Class Sections

2

Students Per Class

18

Student to Teacher Ratio

18:1



4th Grade Traditions

HOMER PRICE CELEBRATION

Students culminate the reading of “Homer Price” by eating donuts and participating in fun “impossible” tasks and contests.



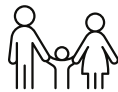
IN FLANDERS FIELD

4TH graders memorize and recite “In Flanders Field” before an audience in front of a classmade display of poppies.



Vision of a Providence Graduate

In light of the Providence vision and mission, we begin with a vision of our “ideal” graduate. What qualities would the student possess if he/she completed our K4-12 program? How would we define success? Therefore, a successfully educated student would leave our school with the following five attributes:



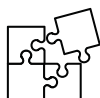
Virtue, Service, Leadership

Strong foundational faith

An ability to communicate eloquently & effectively

Well-rounded competence

An appreciation of the true, good, & beautiful



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Grade Level Profile for 4th Grade

Virtuous Character & Habit Formation

As children made in God’s image, learning how to live in community is foundational to human flourishing. Students are trained in scriptures that promote Christian love, charity, and behavior. They are introduced to the theological and cardinal virtues and are expected to gradually demonstrate these traits as they mature. Our teachers create a gentle and nurturing environment that includes emotional coaching and modeling how to share and put others first, how to forgive and make amends, and how to encourage and show kindness in words and actions. During our awards ceremony at the end of the year, each student is recognized with a virtuous character award.

Chapel & Scripture Memory

Grammar school students attend chapel twice a week. Students participate in singing beautiful hymns steeped in rich theological Truth followed by a teaching based on the virtue of the month with the goal to always point to Christ. The students are also exposed to key doctrines of the Christian faith by participating in a question/answer time via 52 faith questions. Additionally, as part of the chapel program, all students memorize and recite two passages, one from the Old Testament in the fall and New Testament in the spring.

Specials

K4-5th grades participate in Latin twice a week and both art and music appreciation once a week.

Parent Involvement

Parents will receive instructions from the classroom teacher on a regular basis outlining satellite day assignments, follow-up study over previously covered material and the preparation or review needed for their students’ next class. Parents function well in supporting the teacher’s direct instruction. They also monitor their children’s academic progress in all areas. Parents are charged with reinforcing, reviewing, and repeating key academic material and skills that the professional educator has initiated with the students in the central classroom.

Grammar School Traditions

Special Grammar School traditions include History Day, End-of-Year Talent Show, Christmas Around the World, Mother-Son Event, Daddy-Daughter Dance, and more!

Providence Community Connections

Opportunities for Grammar School students to connect with the PA community at large include MLK Service Day, Fall Festival, sporting events, Fine Arts Night, and more!



Sample Schedule

8:05am-3:35pm

Chapel - 25 minutes

Writing- 30 minutes

Caesar's English & Spelling - 20 minutes

Literature- 30 minutes

Latin - 30 minutes

Math - 80 minutes

Music/Art - 30 minutes

Lunch/Recess - 60 minutes

Physics - 30 minutes

Handwriting - 15 minutes

Grammar/Recitation - 20 minutes

History - 30 minutes

Special Presentations & Projects

Students are given opportunities to practice speaking in class to help them become comfortable and confident in their public speaking skills.

4th grade works on this by presenting "In Flander's Field" for their parents and peers, in addition to providing opportunities to speak or perform at special grade level events. Rhetoric skills learned in Grammar and Logic schools build toward the capstone Senior Thesis, a 20-minute memorized speech that students present and defend in the spring of their Senior year.

Special Notes About 4th Grade

Nature Journaling

4th grade students explore God's creation through nature walks and are encouraged to document their findings in nature journals through pencil, colored pencil, water colors, and dictation. Once a month, students share their findings with the class.

World War Day

On our school-wide History Day, 4th graders dress up as aviators, soldiers, nurses, Rosie the Riveter, and more and prepare a presentation of their character for their peers. They enjoy games and food from that time period using their ration cards.

Field Trip

Audie Murphy Museum in Greenville

Literature Extensions

4th grade literature comes alive with fun extensions and experiences like tasting Turkish Delight and an outdoor picnic with floats and opera music.

Satellite Day Expectations

To prepare for each week, teacher assistants will access and download the assignment sheet from FACTS Family Portal, our online school management system. Assistant teachers will then guide their student through the homework provided by the classroom teacher and can expect to spend approximately 2 hours on Language Arts, 90 minutes on Math, and 30 minutes each on History & Science. We encourage families to go on a nature walk and record their findings at least once a week.

CORE SUBJECTS

MATH -Material covered includes number patterns; numbers to 10,000; place value – thousands, hundreds, tens and ones; addition/subtraction of 4-digit numbers; multiplication and division facts; multiplication/division of a 3-digit number by 1 digit number; two-step word problems; multiplication/division of 10 and 1000 by 1-digit number; bar graphs, fractions – equivalent, mixed numbers and improper fractions; geometry – angles, right angles, area and perimeter; decimal notation; and beginning algebraic concepts and more.

LANGUAGE ARTS - By imparting skills incrementally, students learn the art of writing well, continue spelling and cursive handwriting practice. They read the following novels: "Railway Children," "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," "Where the Red Fern Grows," "Cricket in Times Square," "Number the Stars," and "Homer Price." Furthermore, they practice the art of narration, engage in grammar exercises, and memorize and recite poetry.

HISTORY - Students study the Modern time period including the Civil War through current day through reading, discussion, hands-on experiences, and map work.

PHYSICS- Through the study of scientists, laws of nature, and hands-on investigations, students explore the foundations of physics.