

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fourth Grade Curriculum

Trinity Christian School is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where children can receive a quality education from a biblical worldview, while developing thinking and articulate students. We are devoted to fusing faith and learning in such a way that each student is practically equipped to face their future and become a life-long learner.

At the core of academic excellence is the role of the classroom teacher. Trinity Christian School seeks the most qualified teachers, who have a love for their students and a passion for teaching. All of our teachers are state certified and are devoted followers of Christ who teach truth from a biblical perspective.

Mathematics: Purposeful Design

- Advanced skills in addition, subtraction, multi-digit multiplication, and division
- Place value
- Time
- Graphing
- Data
- Addition and subtraction of fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Decimals

Reading: Bob Jones

- Oral and silent reading skills
- Research and literacy skills
- Comprehension and vocabulary studies
- Vocabulary taught in text
- Evaluate text through biblical worldview
- Participate in role-play and skits
- Novel study: *Charlotte's Web*
- A Beka comprehension skill sheets

Bible: Positive Action for Christ

- The life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
- Holy Spirit
- Fruits of the Spirit
- God's work in the life of the believer
- How to live like a Christian
- Saul's transformation to Paul
- Paul's ministry

English: BJU Press

- Students gain an appreciation of language as a gift from God
- Develops the correct use of English grammar in written and oral communication with focus on sentences, nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, phrases and clauses
- Learn various types of compositions, including personal narrative, friendly letter with instructions, compare-contrast essay, book review, tall tale, business letter and poetry
- Adapt clear and effective writing while honing important skills such as study and reference skills, and listening and speaking skills

Handwriting: A Reason For Writing

Integrates faith and learning by featuring lessons based on Scripture verses and built-in opportunities for sharing God's Word with others. Focus on alignment, slant, size, shape, and spacing

Spelling Plus: Purposeful Design

- Effective spelling instruction strengthens reading
- Strategies match the age and ability of the learner and resources incorporate comprehensive tested strategies that match a variety of learners
- Students learn via strategies such as word sorting by phonetic pattern, developing vocabulary through word study, and using the writing process to compose original stories

History: A Beka

- Religious reasons that people had for coming to our country
- History of the United States from its exploration to the present
- Complete a state notebook about Illinois
- Become acquainted with some of the important documents such as The Declaration of Independence, The Preamble to the Constitution, and The Gettysburg Address
- Learn the names of the states, capitals, and the presidents
- Geography including the identification of the names of continents and European countries



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Science: Bob Jones

•Insects •Living Things •Plants •Forces and Machines •Electricity and Magnetism •Light •Moon •Water and Oceans •Weather and Erosion •The Earth’s Resources •Digestion •Bones •Muscles

Art: The Art of Education

•Elements of design: line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space •Media: different media and techniques in artwork from around the world (painting, drawing, cutting, gluing, sculpting (slab technique), and mixed media •Skills: create artwork using observation, problem solving, design, sketching, and construction •Create using color value, color schemes (complementary colors) •Create art that communicates ideas based on imagination, recall, and observation •Identify and describe the elements of two and three-dimensional form •Recognize that visual arts are part of various cultures’ history •Knowledge of foreground, middle ground, background, and horizon line

Spanish: Spanish for You

Our Spanish curriculum is designed to build foundations in the Spanish language for learners in grades K-5. Students learn vocabulary useful in everyday life, verbs and present tense conjugation, and grammar concepts as components of language they can put together in different ways to speak, read, and write in Spanish.

Computers: Easy Tech

Our curriculum covers 12 essential skills of digital literacy including: computer fundamentals, coding, keyboarding, online safety and digital citizenship, computational thinking, multimedia, internet usage and online communication, visual mapping, word processing, spreadsheets, databases and presentations.

Music

•Dynamics (loud and soft) •Pitch (high and low) •Rhythm (fast and slow, rhythm patterns) •Melody (high and low, melodic patterns) •Harmony (combination of high and low pitches played together) •Performance (rhythmic and melodic instruments including African Drums, various rhythm instruments, and bells) •Music History (study of a composers and their music in correlation to how it relates to today’s music) •Composition (writing rhythmic and melodic patterns and songs)

Library

Students come to the library weekly. They are able to check out three books and can renew them two times.

Physical Education

•Develop team-building skills by working with others through physical activity •Understand principles of health promotion and the prevention and treatment of illness and injury •Students perform loco motor, non-loco motor and manipulative skills at a utilization level, show fundamental components of healthy living, and use appropriate skills in team, group and individual activities •Introduced to basic fundamental skills of various team sports and other health-enhancing activities •During all activities, recreational play verses competitive play and good sportsmanship are continually fostered and encouraged.

2022-2023 Fourth Grade Test Scores

Iowa Assessment

Please contact our Director of Education if you have any questions.

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NP of Mean NCE

This means, a student whose NP is 72, scored higher than 72 percent of the fourth grade students nationally who also took the test. NP scores are useful for comparing local student achievement to students’ achievement at the national level.

Reading	Math	Language
59	65	68