

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 4

Lower School



Reading

Curriculum: Literature and skills-based lessons

Novels: *Johnny Tremain*,
The Witch of Blackbird Pond,
Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman, *By the Great Horn Spoon*

Comprehension Strategies:
Perspective, skimming, point of view, main events, summarizing, reviewing

Math

Curriculum: Saxon and supplementary resources

Typical Level: Math 4
Advanced Levels: Math 5 or Math 6 (Go Math as a resource)

Each student is assessed and placed at the best learning level for his/her current ability.

Science

Curriculum: Lab-based science program

Content: Birds, sound lab, owl pellet lab, astronomy (moon phases, constellations), water cycle, ocean, ecosystems, circulatory system

History

Curriculum: Story of the world and modern biographies

Content: Elizabeth I, explorers, American colonial life, French and Indian War, American Revolution, Civil War, Age of Progress, World Wars I and II

Writing

Curriculum: Writing strategies in a workshop approach

Content: Research writing, creative writing, poetry writing, historical fiction, editing and publishing

Grammar/Vocabulary

Curriculum: Shurley Grammar, Wordly Wise

Content: Nouns, verbs and helping verbs, pronouns, adverbs, adjectives, direct and indirect objects, linking verbs

Bible

Curriculum: NIV Bible

Content: New Testament with an emphasis on the Gospels and Acts, including miracles, Sermon on the Mount, Parables, Easter, Great Commission, and servanthood

Specialists

Computer Programming
Art
Physical Education
Latin
Music including Recorder
Lab Science
Library

Field Trips

Birdwatching
Pacific Science Center
Nutcracker Ballet at McCaw Hall
State Capitol in Olympia
Gold Rush Museum
Museum of Flight
Tide Pool Hike

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Big/Little Reading Buddies
Colonial Christmas
Christmas at Bear Creek
Shakespeare Play
Scholar Dollar
President and Historical Figure
Biographical Oral Reports
Mothers Tea
Evening of Artists
Authors Celebration