



St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School Fourth Grade Curriculum Overview

Reading & Language Arts

- **Scott Foresman, *Seeing Is Believing, An Anthology***, covers all language arts standards for CA: comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, phonics/word study, & spelling
- **Literature**: *Paul Bunyan and Other Tales, The Story of Junipero Serra, Brave Adventurer, Carlota, By the Great Horn Spoon, Sarah, Plain & Tall, Blue Willow, & Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*
- Enhances social studies events and skills: compare/contrast, character traits, Venn diagrams, writing biography, main idea, mapping, simile/metaphor, adjectives, point of view, paper folding, following directions
- **Reading various genres**: non-fiction social studies & science; animal, historical, & science fiction; biography, classic, Newbury, fantasy, mystery, & adventure
- **Pleasure reading**

Mathematics

- **Harcourt Math**: place value, number sense, multiplication by 2 digits, facts memorized, division by 2 digits, fractions, decimals, graphs/graphing, geometry, measure, time, probability, word problems

Science

- FOSS textbook
- Our earth: geology, weathering, rocks/minerals
- Magnetism & Electricity
- Living organisms: survival, ecosystems, environment, biomes, and food chain
- Scientific Method

Social Studies

- Geography, California Indians, Explorers, Spanish Missions, Ranchos, Mexican CA, Westward Movement/Pioneers, Gold Rush, Statehood, Transcontinental Railroad, Farming/Agriculture, Immigration/Cultures, Industry, Dust Bowl Migration, WWII, Technology, Civil Rights, New Immigrants, Problems for the Future

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Special Projects

- Mission report
- Scientist report/Science Night presentation
- *Done*, end of year play
- Eight book reports for Reading Wheels

Field Trips

- Rock & Roll Geology
- Mission Life: Ventura Mission
- Olivas Adobe
- Thousand Oaks Public Library
- La Purisima Mission
- Gold Rush or Stagecoach Inn
- Lemon Packing House
- Amtrak trip: Union Station & El Pueblo de Los Angeles & Olvera Street
- Mission Life/Ventura Mission
- Electricity

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