



# Willamette Christian School

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## Fourth Grade Overview

**Bible**  
*God and His People* by BJU Press encourages students to develop the habit of reading their Bibles and teaches them how to apply Bible knowledge to daily living from examples of people in the Bible. Daily, students will become familiar with God's Word through reading, memorization, prayer and finding references.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

The fourth grade language arts curriculum uses several resources to provide a comprehensive program. *I Met You in a Story*, by BJU Press, prepares the students with classical literature excerpts, character-building stories, and activities that build research and literary skills and that strengthen them for the increased academic demands of the future.

*English 4*, by BJU Press, teaches students to take the concepts learned in their study of language and apply it in their creative writing, research reports, and book reports etc. throughout their lives. Composition, grammar, and word usage are developed through many opportunities to learn and use good thinking and writing skills. Using *Spelling Connections* by Zaner Bloser, fourth graders develop into expert spellers. They gain confidence as they learn to apply spelling rules and phonics keys. Vocabulary is increased as definitions and spelling are learned and applied to their written and spoken language. This is an individualized spelling program that is integrated into meaningful creative story writing and research projects.

Our handwriting text, *D'Nealian Handwriting*, by Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley helps students improve their handwriting by teaching basic check points: spacing, capital letters, punctuation, letter formation, letter slant, and readability. We challenge each student to write properly in cursive handwriting, as well as practicing manuscript printing.

### Mathematics

Using *Math 4* by BJU Press, students will learn to practically apply problem-solving skills as well as memorize addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. They will also learn to read and interpret a variety of charts and graphs. The purposefulness and order in God's creation is emphasized this curriculum which helps bring a relevancy to math and everyday living.

### Science

The goal in our fourth grade science curriculum, *Science 4*, by BJU Press, is to develop a scientific awareness in each student that will give the student an interest in the world that God has created. Students learn about changes on the earth, such as volcanoes, earthquakes, erosion, as well as landforms, natural resources, and space. They learn about interactions of organisms and their environment, ecosystems, and animal defenses. In physical science they study motion and machines, electricity, magnetism, light, and matter. Weekly experiments supplement the curriculum which adds an excitement and change to every week.

### Social Studies

Social Studies is the study of how God deals with man directly and allows all things to happen for an eternal purpose. Through our study of U.S. History we can see the sovereign hand of God mightily at work. *Heritage Studies 4*, by BJU Press, provides a comprehensive study of historical events. *Discovering Oregon*, by Katharine Matchette, Deka Press is the resource used to supplement the general overview of U.S. History.

### Enrichment Classes

Additional instruction in music, physical education, and library enhance the education offered in 4th Grade at Willamette Christian School.