

# A Day in the Life of a 4th Grader



Resurrection School, Sunnyvale, CA

## Sample Monday and Tuesday schedules

In 4th grade we use standards based grading and report cards. Our specials include Library time, computer lab instruction, art, music, Spanish, and P.E. twice a week.

Monday Schedule	
8:00 - 8:10	Morning Prayer and Flag Salute - School Wide Morning Routine
8:10 - 9:45	Language Arts
9:45 - 10:30	Math
10:30 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:10	<i>Spanish</i>
11:10 - 11:50	Writing
11:50 - 12:25	Religion
12:25 - 1:05	Lunch
1:05 - 1:45	Science
2:00 - 3:00	<i>Art</i>

Tuesday Schedule	
8:00 - 8:10	Morning Prayer and Flag Salute - School Wide Morning Routine
8:10 - 9:45	Language Arts
9:45 - 1030	Math
10:30 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:00	Silent Reading
11:00 - 11:50	Religion
11:50 - 12:25	<i>P.E.</i>
12:25 - 1:05	Lunch
1:05 - 1:45	Science
1:45 - 2:45	Social Studies
2:50 - 3:00	Prayer/Pack Up/Dismissal



### Language Arts

- 1) Preparing to Read: Phonics, Phonemic awareness, Sounds and letters, Word knowledge
- 2) Reading and Responding: Authentic literature, Comprehension, Inquiry and investigation, Practical reading applications
- 3) Language Arts and Writing: Spelling, Vocabulary, Writing process strategies, Writer's craft, Grammar, usage & mechanics, Listening, speaking & viewing, Penmanship

*Textbook: Open Court Reading*

*Step Up To Writing* introduces students to the language of writing. It shows students how to get actively involved with reading, how to write organized paragraphs and stories, and it provides solid sentence-writing activities at the primary level. *Step Up To Writing* is used at Resurrection School in 1st through 8th grades.

*Textbook: Open Court Reading*

### Math

In fourth grade we build understanding of fundamental mathematical concepts. Areas of study are basic facts and number concepts, place value, addition and subtraction, time and measurement, multiplication and division, geometry and fractions.

*Textbook: MacMillan/McGraw-Hill California*

### Religion

The program shows how the commandments of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ help us to live happily and freely as God's people. Children are encouraged to:

- be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and live faithfully the commandments of God and of the Church
- thank God by words and actions for the gift of God's love
- think about ways Jesus wants them to continue his work and be peacemakers

*Textbook: Silver Burdett - Blest Are We Benziger Family Life Series*

### Social Studies

Fourth grade social studies focuses on California. "Reflections - California - A Changing State" covers the geography of California, the first Californians, Spanish explorers and settlers (including Mission life), Mexican California, before and after the Gold Rush, California becoming a state, the Transcontinental Railroad, Agriculture, Cultures and Modern California.

*Textbook: Harcourt Brace*

### Science

The fourth grade science program also stresses learning through inquiry and investigation. Areas of study focus on:

- Interaction of Living Things - Plant and animal adaptations, biomes.
- The Changing Earth - Changes to earth's surface, rocks and minerals.
- Electricity and Magnetism

*Textbook: Scott Foresman California Science*

### Technology Education/Integration

In 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, there is 1 iPad for every 2 students and we use them in small groups with applications for math (ST Math) and language arts.

### Spanish

Twice a week students participate in a ten to thirty minute conversational Spanish class. At this introductory level, songs, basic greetings, colors, numbers, animals, and body parts are covered.