



4th Grade Profile

Classes Available	Two homeroom sections
Teachers	Ms. Shanna Brennan Mrs. Larissa Sosa
Class Size	Maximum 25 students
Teacher Notes	Students entering 4 th grade should be proficient readers and know their math facts for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Core Curriculum	Religion, Handwriting, Language Arts (Composition, English (grammar), Literature (reading)), Latin and Greek Roots, Math, Science, Social Studies, (Enhanced Curriculum)
Religion	<p>Fourth grade actively participates in Mass leadership by doing the readings, responsorial psalms, and prayer petitions at three Masses during the school year. We participate in the school prayer for vocations. Twice per year, we receive the vocation chalice after Wednesday Mass and focus on the prayer for vocations for one week.</p> <p>During the Lenten season, 4th grade leads the students in the Stations of the Cross each Monday during our weekly prayer service.</p> <p>Fourth graders study and analyze the Ten Commandments in great depth. They are also required in their prayer study to learn the Acts of Faith, Hope and Love.</p>
Handwriting	The goal of 4 th grade handwriting is to continue to teach students to write legibly. Students continue to practice cursive handwriting by applying the four Keys to Legibility – shape, size, spacing and slant. They continue to evaluate their writing and discover techniques to help them improve and refine their writing skills as well as carry it over into everyday writing in all subjects.
Language Arts	<p>In English, we are helping develop good writers by having the students create original writing samples according to the personal narrative, formal letter, descriptive writing, how-to article, persuasive writing, creative writing, expository writing, and research report. We balance our writing lessons with grammar studies.</p> <p>Reading incorporates meeting the standards by using the literature textbook and enrichment of chosen novels to teach the theme of compassion.</p>



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Vocabulary	Latin and Greek Roots are the focus here at St. Joseph Catholic School. Fourth graders are introduced to Latin and Greek root words weekly. They identify words that contain the roots and learn definitions. With a variety of group activities, handwriting practice, and spelling, students become more efficient with their vocabulary usage.
Math	Fourth graders will use all four mathematical operations with whole numbers and money; addition and subtraction with fractions and decimals. They will learn a 4-step problem solving process and review various problem solving strategies. They will use customary and metric measurement, read and make graphs, and learn about geometric figures.
Science	Fourth graders study life science, earth science, physical science, and space technology. We reinforce our overall science curriculum by incorporating the many informative “Bill Nye the Science Guy” videos and experiments.
Social Studies	Fourth Grade will travel back in time to find out how we became the wonderful state of Texas. They will explore the earliest settlers such as the Indians, pioneers, and empresarios from an assortment of countries. They will journey through various battles, one being the “Battle of the Alamo.” Students will leave fourth grade understanding the true meaning of “Texan.”
Enhanced Curriculum	Spanish, Computer Lab, Music, Physical Education, Library and Art
Field Trips	The 4 th grade class takes various field trips throughout the year. We attend a performance at Bass Hall, visit the Dallas Arboretum, and explore the Ft. Worth stockyards. In the past we have also visited the Ballpark in Arlington and the Cowgirl Museum.