

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

FOURTH GRADE YEAR AT A GLANCE

The aim of St. John's Episcopal School is for each child to grow in maturity, knowledge, and in spirit. Through engaging learning experiences, students gain positive self-esteem. St. John's small class size enables faculty to focus on each child and meet his or her individual needs.

Language Arts / Reading

- Reading curriculum focuses on developing in the students a love of reading with a variety of genres
- Analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about the theme and genre in different contexts
- Comprehension, accuracy, fluency and vocabulary are emphasized through selected novels
- Grade level spelling is used in conjunction with cross-curricular vocabulary
- Zaner-Bloser is used as a guide for handwriting, working on cursive practice
- Wonders curriculum provides grammar and spelling skills to write with correct conventions
- Writing Workshop: Uses writing process recursively to compose multiple texts with appropriate conventions

Mathematics

- Envision Math, focus on comparing and ordering fractions and decimals, applying multiplication and division, and developing ideas related to congruence and symmetry
- Identify and describe attributes of geometric figures using formal geometric language
- Use organizational structures to analyze and describe patterns and relationships and are expected to describe the relationship between two sets of related data
- Use mathematical strategies such as pattern, relationships and algebraic thinking to solve problems
- Use processes and tools to apply measurement concepts to customary and metric units
- Differentiation through small groups and online platforms such as IXL

Science

- Savvas Texas Experience 4th Grade Curriculum - Matter, force/motion, energy, Earth and Space, organisms, patterns in Earth, interactions of ecosystems
- 4th Grade Science is a pull out program
- Understand that certain types of questions can be answered by investigations and those methods, models, and conclusions built from these investigations change as new observations are made
- Develop an understanding of the Scientific Method and strengthen critical thinking, research skills, and the ability to synthesize information while developing scientific vocabulary, knowledge, and lab skills
- Apply the Scientific Method to identify problems and test hypotheses for Science Fair projects

Social Studies

- Studies Weekly: Our State
- Texas History is the primary focus from the early beginnings of Texas to the present context
- Including: The Texas Revolution, establishment of the Republic of Texas, studying regions of physical features and human activity from European exploration to American Indian cultures and modern day Texas influential people
- Learn and implement the methods of research and elements of a research paper as they complete an in-depth project: Texas Wax Museum

Enrichments

- Art, Music, Spanish, P.E., Smart Lab, Godly Play and Library

Religion

- Attend Chapel three days a week
- The students also learn Bible stories in the classroom to promote Christian character
- Godly play