



AMERICAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY

RUTHERFORD

FOURTH GRADE CURRICULUM

IN FOURTH GRADE LITERACY ESSENTIALS our students will:

- write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- learn basic grammatical elements of a sentence by sentence diagramming
- study Latin and Greek roots and their English derivatives (“English from the Roots Up”)
- learn the basics of composition: introduction, lines of argument, and conclusion

IN FOURTH GRADE LITERATURE our students will read or listen to:

- novels such as Johnny Tremain, Anne of Green Gables, and Treasure Island
- poems such as “Concord Hymn” by Ralph Waldo Emerson and “Dreams” by Langston Hughes
- short stories such as “Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” “Rip Van Winkle,” and “The Fire on the Mountain”
- tales of Camelot, King Arthur, and the Knights of the Round Table

IN FOURTH GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY our students will:

- explain the duties citizens have in a democratic republic: public service, voting, etc.
- examine how the Declaration of Independence argues for the existence of natural rights
- study the major events of China, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa in the Middle Ages
- understand the founding and spread of Islam and its interactions with Christendom
- study the early American presidents from George Washington to Andrew Jackson

IN FOURTH GRADE MATH our students will:

- multiply fractions by whole numbers
- draw line graphs and line plots
- add and subtract using decimal tenths and hundreds
- work with angles, perpendicular lines, quadrilaterals, cuboids, and symmetrical figures

IN FOURTH GRADE SCIENCE our students will:

- learn about the functions and processes of the circulatory and respiratory systems
- study the earth’s layers, types of rock, how mountains are formed, and erosion
- be introduced to the basic terms and concepts of chemistry
- perform hands-on experiments involving chemical reactions

IN FOURTH GRADE ART our students will:

- study art history of the Middle Ages in Europe, Africa, China, and the Islamic world
- discuss the elements of Gothic architecture and observe how medieval towns were fortified
- create their own works of calligraphy and mosaics modeled after masterpieces

IN FOURTH GRADE MUSIC our students will:

- listen to and sing the music of the Middle Ages, especially Gregorian chant
- learn to sing songs such as “Auld Lang Syne,” “Blow the Man Down,” and “Waltzing Matilda”
- perform the official songs for each of the branches of the U.S. Military for Veterans Day

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IN FOURTH GRADE
our students read:

Anne of Green Gables
Johnny Tremain
Treasure Island
Stories of King Arthur and the
Knights of the Round Table
Stories of Robin Hood and his
Merry Men
“Saint George and the Dragon”
“The Wonderful Chuang Brocade”

IN FOURTH GRADE
our students memorize:

“Afternoon on a Hill”
“Concord Hymn”
“Paul Revere’s Ride”
“The Skylark”
Declaration of Independence
Preamble to the Constitution
Quotes from American Revolution