



CINCINNATI
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING MINDS. HEARTS. AND SOULS

FOURTH GRADE CURRICULUM

IN FOURTH GRADE GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION 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:

- novels such as Johnny Tremain, Anne of Green Gables, Treasure Island, and Robin Hood
- 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, 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 hundredths
- 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 abstract art 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 military theme songs for the branches of the US military for Veterans Day

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FOURTH GRADE LITERATURE

Novels

Anne of Green Gables
Johnny Tremain
Treasure Island
The Adventures of Robin Hood
A Wrinkle in Time
The Black Stallion

Poems

“Clouds” by Christina Rossetti
“Concord Hymn” by R.W. Emerson
“Dreams” by Langston Hughes
“Paul Revere’s Ride” by H.W. Longfellow
“Life Doesn’t Frighten Me” by M. Angelou

Short Stories and Tales

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Rip Van Winkle
Tales of King Arthur
The Fire on the Mountain
St. George and the Dragon
The Wonderful Chuang Brocade

Biographies

Charlemagne
Who Was Joan of Arc?
Who Was Paul Revere?
Who Was Thomas Jefferson?