

## Spanish

Fourth graders explore Spanish language concepts and culture through music, movement, and meaningful connections. Students have Spanish class twice a week.

## Physical Education

Students practice motor skills, ball-handling skills, sports skills, fitness, tumbling, and swimming. Fourth graders have P.E. twice a week.

## Science

Our specialist guides students as they explore the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) including Earth Science, Physical Science, Life Science, and Engineering Technology.

## Library and Technology

In library, students are able to check out books, learn how to prepare a bibliography, and practice research skills.

## Music

Music Students learn music theory, rhythm, and singing as well as violin. Students also have the opportunity to perform in orchestra and Marian Singers, and can register for private music lessons through the Music School.

# Fourth Grade Curriculum

Fourth graders follow the Archdiocesan Standards as well as the Common Core State Standards.

## CYO Sports and Extracurricular

Activities Valley Catholic Elementary School offers CYO Sports and many varied after-school enrichment opportunities.



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## Writing and Oral Communication

Writing is done throughout the year, as students work to perfect the writing process. Personal narratives, opinion pieces, and written research projects are the different writing samples that fourth grade will practice. Students will also frequently practice paragraph structure.

Oral communication is done throughout the week and through classroom presentations. Fourth graders will practice their public speaking skills and have a chance to use them during individual presentations.

## Grammar

Students look at the different parts of speech, new prefixes & suffixes, and they learn valuable skills for note taking.

## Math

Fourth grade math standards include: fractions and decimals, area and perimeter, multi-digit multiplication, math fact fluency, place value, long division, and geometry.

## Reading

Students take a deeper dive into chapter books over the course of each quarter. Fourth graders explore complex story elements in reading including: themes, setting, and character analysis.

## Social Studies

Fourth grade students will get to take part in experiential learning! Through role play and poster creating, fourth graders will learn all about Oregon. Government, Oregon Trail, Geography, and Indigenous Tribes will be just a few of the topics explored!



## 2024-2025 School Year Theme:

# “United in Love”

## Spelling

Students learn fourth grade spelling words and rules, and practice phonics skills and proofreading skills.

## Religion

Prayers are integrated throughout the school day. Students will explore and reflect on their Catholic faith by looking at The Beatitudes, study the mission of the Church, and develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings.

## Art

Students participate in themed based art lessons every week. Parent-led art classes are used a handful times a year.