

An Overview of 4th Grade Curriculum

Math

- **Place Value, Rounding, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Decimals, and Geometry.**
- *Emphasis is on building number sense and problem solving skills.*
- *Students learn to communicate their mathematical understanding and solve problems using multiple strategies.*

Writing

- **Realistic Fiction, 5 Paragraph Essays: Opinion/Persuasive, Historical Information Books (Gold Rush).**
- *We'll learn craft, organization, the importance of revising our work and developing solid conventions.*

Reading

- **We'll read a wide variety of Fiction and Non-Fiction texts.**
- *We'll learn and practice strategies to think critically to build comprehension.*
- *We'll record our thinking in Reading Journals then discuss ideas to deepen our understanding.*
- *We'll read books independently, appropriate to our level of understanding.*
- *We'll read texts aloud to develop fluency.*

Science

- **Geology/Earth Science, Forms of Energy, Animal Structure and Function**
- *Emphasis is on inquiry, experimentation, observation and recording data/understanding in science journals.*

Social Studies = California History

- **Geography, Native Californians, First Europeans/Explorers, Spanish Settlement, Gold Rush.**
- *We'll do project-based research and re-enact events from the past to better understand our state's history.*

Physical Education

- **Team Sports, Fitness, Daily Running**
- *Sportsmanship, participation and tennis shoes are important!*