



Oak Meadow

YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER IN JOYFUL LEARNING

Fourth Grade Overview

First Semester

Second Semester

Language Arts

- Grammar: parts of speech, basic punctuation, dialogue punctuation
- Spelling words and quizzes
- Three- and five-sentence paragraphs
- Research skills: note taking, drafts
- Daily journal entries
- Classic literature: *Stuart Little*, *The Search for Delicious*
- Reading, writing, and reciting poetry

- Vocabulary words
- Daily journal entries
- Classic literature: Heidi, Rachel's Journal
- Grammar review
- Spelling words and quizzes
- Reading and writing short stories
- Learning reflection
- Daily journal entries
- Classic literature: *The Trumpet of the Swan*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

Social Studies

- Topography observation and model
- Permanent and migrating animals
- Native American research paper
- Model of Native American village
- State geography and landforms
- State symbol, flag, and bird
- State history

- Squatters and settlers
- State research project
- Pioneer life
- The California Gold Rush
- Stagecoaches
- The Pony Express
- Transcontinental Railroad

Science

- Geometry and patterns in nature
- Seed study
- Seed sprouting
- Nutrition
- Basic cell structure
- Animals and humans: James Herriot's *Treasury for Children*

- Research project on animal behavior
- Beavers: *The Sign of the Beaver*
- Solar system
- Planet research project
- Measuring altitude
- Longitude and latitude

Math

- Review multiplication tables 0–12
- Greater than, less than, and equal to
- Review carrying and borrowing
- Division with and without remainders
- Story problems
- Skip counting, patterns, & sequences
- Weights and measures
- Two-digit multiplication

- Introduction to fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Adding and subtracting with money
- Rounding and estimating
- Long division
- Dividing by tens
- Mixed numbers
- Improper and equivalent fractions
- Multiplying by hundreds

Art

Students spend the year learning the seven laws of drawing perspective. Each law is explored in depth and students gain ample practice in using the various techniques including tonal drawing, foreshortening, overlapping, and shading.

Music

Students continue learning to play an instrument. *Oak Meadow's Recorder Duets* is offered to students interested in taking their recorder playing further. Opportunities and suggestions are provided for holding recitals and other performances.