

Fourth Grade Curriculum

Soille Hebrew Day School

San Diego, CA 2015

The fourth grade student embarks on their first serious research paper while learning about the deep history, geography and culture of California. They discover the world of literature analysis. Chumash skills are honed and perfected so that they are ready to learn independently with little to no help. A love and respect for Torah is fostered in the students, along with the ability to understand its relevance to us today.

Benchmarks

Judaic/Hebrew

- Independently reads, translates and comprehends pesukim
- Reads Rashi; understands how he helps explain Passuk
- Knows the basic halachot and Minhagim of the holidays, blessings, and the laws relating to them.
- Understands the meaning of each holiday
- Writes short Hebrew compositions using grade-level vocabulary and grammar
- Comprehends Hebrew books/stories
- Follows Hebrew instructions in both written and verbal format
- Summarizes story of Yehoshua
- Summarizes weekly Torah portion, drawing out middot and mitzvot that the children can relate to at this point in their development.
- Participates appropriately in Tefilah and learn additional new ones
- Knows basic Judaic facts from Yahadut

Reading and Writing

- Reads fluently with expression
- Determines the meaning of unknown words by context
- Answers literal, inferential and evaluative questions about text
- Recalls and summarizes main idea and supporting details
- Retells main story events in sequence
- Identifies characters, setting, plot, problems and resolutions of fiction reading
- Plans out writing using strategies like brainstorming, lists and graphic organizers
- Writes complete sentences with subjects and predicates
- Plans a paragraph by determining main idea and supporting details
- Uses correct grammar including capitalization, end punctuation, commas, quotation marks and apostrophes
- Summarizes and takes notes on non-fiction readings
- Writes drafts and edits before publishing final draft
- Writes legibly in print and cursive; uses appropriate spaces between letters and words

- Spells grade-level and high frequency words correctly
- Uses clear oral communication
- Sentence construction, paragraph writing, multi-paragraph stories, descriptive pieces, in-class report writing, editing marks, skill at proof reading, note taking, and journaling
- Improve reading skills: how to read information and inferences from reading
- Grammar: review capitalization and punctuation, parts of speech, phrases, clauses, verb agreement, and sentence structure.
- Keeps materials organized
- Takes coherent notes
- Reads and follows direction

Math

- Applies place value concepts from hundredths to millions
- Rounds to the nearest hundredths
- Manipulates fractions and decimals through comparing, ordering, multiplication, addition and subtraction
- Proficient in number operations for double digit multiplication, single digit division, and multi-digit addition and subtraction
- Accurately measures and reports units for length, weight/mass, capacity and temperature
- Identifies geometric shapes and applies properties of perimeter, area and volume
- Identifies and applies usage of lines and angles
- Organizes and records data using graphs
- Solves problems and uses reasoning skills
- Represents patterns
- Solves one-step equations

Science and Social Studies

- Year-long study of California with a comprehensive report.
- Map-work
- Charts
- Time-lines

Successful Me

- Understand role in class, school and community
- Develop social responsibility
- Master personal responsibility

Executive Functioning Skills

- Computer
- Organizational

Major Milestones/Projects/ Event

1. California report and website
2. Siyum Breishit

Curriculum Material Used

- *Oh, California* text book
- *Wordly Wise* text book
- *Step-up to Writing*
- *Foss Science*
- In-class novels: *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *By the Great Horn Spoon*, and *The Great Gilly Hopkins*
- Chumash text
- *L'Shon Hatorah* workbook
- Navi text
- Teacher created worksheets
- Student created notebooks for each holiday
- Passover Hagaddah with notes and lessons added by students