# **TRINITY ACADEMY FOURTH GRADE PROGRAM**

All classes at Trinity Academy provide a hands-on, multi-sensory approach. Additionally, scripture and a biblical worldview are emphasized and drawn upon for each and every subject.

### **CORE SUBJECTS** *daily instruction*

# **BIBLE**:

Resource: BJU Bible Truths

- Understand their need for salvation
- Study Moses, Rahab, David, Solomon, Hezekiah, Elisha, Timothy, Stephen, Paul, and Jesus
- Study the following topics: Attributes of God, Bible study, prayer, faithfulness, contentment and the church
- Learn to use the contents pages of the Bible, interpret meaning, and use cross-references
- Practice spiritual disciplines: Prayer, study, worship and scripture memory
- Attend weekly chapel

# **READING:**

- Review phonics, syllable division and sight words
- Use context to decipher meaning
- Review synonyms, antonyms, compound words and contractions
- Develop literal and high-order levels of comprehension skills: Sequencing, making inferences, etc.
- Be exposed to an increasing variety of genres and study skills

# LANGUAGE ARTS:

Resources: BJU English Language Arts, Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW), and A Reason for Handwriting: Manuscript E

- Study composition: Poetry, news articles, classified ads, journal entries, letter writing and persuasive essays
- Learn story mapping, play writing, tall tales, research writing, decrees, laws, and financial reports
- Apply good cursive handwriting when writing Scripture, poetry, timelines, tables, diaries, logs, maps, quotations, character traits, and doing daily work

# **SPELLING**:

Resource: BJU Spelling

- Learn to spell with accuracy
- Increase vocabulary by learning and using words correctly
- Identify misspelled words
- Develop proofreading and dictionary skills

# MATH:

Resource: Saxon Math

- Review multiplication and division facts with emphasis on two-digit numbers
- Practice solving everyday situations through mathematical problems
- Expand understanding of money, time, geometry, decimals and measurement

# **HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Resource: BJU Press Heritage Studies

- Study *map skills*: Hemispheres, equator, latitude, longitude, prime meridian, natural resources, climates and regions
- Study World History: World War I and World War II
- Study *American History*: 50 states, inventions, American Industrial Revolution, Spanish-American War, Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812
- Study *Government*: Branches of American government, voting and citizenship
- Study *Economics*: Stock market, supply and demand
- Study *Culture*: Languages and the adjustment of immigrants in America
- Study *Social Studies*: Cause and effect, timeline and primary sources

# SCIENCE:

Resource: BJU Science

- Use process skills, science tools and the scientific method
- Study *Earth Science*: Changes of the Earth, landforms, soil, natural resources water, oceans, and the moon
- Study *Life Science*: Insects, spiders, plants, ecosystems, animal defenses, eyes, digestive system, nutrition and skeletal system



# **ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES**

- Field trips
- Fall program
- Spring program
- Service opportunities

# **SPECIALS**

### **TECHNOLOGY**:

- Access technology in different curriculum areas
- Learn typing skills
- Become well grounded in computer ethics through a Biblical perspective

# MUSIC: (3x per week for 30 min.)

- Read, sing and play rhythms using instruments
- Sing and play a variety of musical genres, including hymns and worship music
- Read music on the treble and bass clefs
- Memorize selected songs for performance

## LIBRARY: (2x per week for 30 min.)

- Learn cause and effect in literature
- Evaluate folktales by the lessons they teach society, and show an understanding by writing an original folktale
- Find books in a library using the Dewey Decimal System
- Understand the genre of poetry
- Identify plot: Problem or goal, rising action, climax and falling action
- Participate in Accelerated Reading (AR)

### SPANISH: (2x per week for 30 min.)

Resource: Pasaporte al Español Kit B

• Be introduced to Spanish vocabulary, phrases and conversations

## **ART:** (1x per week for 45 min.)

- Understand that creation is God's artwork
- Create an original sculpture of an insect
- View and discuss the works of Thomas Hart Benton, Georg Caleb Bingham, and George Catlin
- Learn and practice how to draw facial features
- Create a fiber weaving using a simple loom
- Create a clay castle
- Learn about Spanish artist Pablo Picasso and create an abstract profile portrait using cut paper

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION: (3x per week for 30 min.)

- Learn space awareness and the basics of catching through games
- Learn the basics of Christ-like teamwork
- Play tag, volleyball, basketball, bean bags, soccer, goodminton, bowling and more