# Language Arts in Grade 4



#### READING

#### Students will:

- Refer to details and examples in a text
- ◆ Summarize and determine the theme/main idea of fiction and nonfiction
- Describe a character, setting, event, and procedure in depth (fiction/nonfiction)
- Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in text
- ◆ Refer to structural elements to explain major differences among fiction
- Describe the overall structure of events, ideas, or concepts in nonfiction
- Compare and contrast the viewpoint of different stories or pieces of nonfiction
- Makes connection between the text of a story and a visual or oral representation
- Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively in nonfiction
- Compare and contrast themes, topics, and patterns of literature from different cultures
- Explain how an author uses reasons/evidence to support their points
- Integrate information from two nonfiction texts on the same topic
- Fluently read and comprehend fiction/nonfiction appropriate for fourth grade

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### WRITING

#### Students will:

- Write opinion pieces on topics or texts
- ♦ Write informative/explanatory texts
- Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences
- Use guidance from peers/adults to plan, edit, and revise writing
- Conduct short research projects
- Use resources to find information, take notes, and make a list of sources used.
- Write for a range of time and tasks
- Use appropriate grammar and conventions

#### LISTENING & SPEAKING

### Students will:

- Participates in class discussions and summarizes information presented
- Clearly reports on a topic or story

### Mathematics in Grade 4



- Solves multi-step word problems with all 4 operations, including comparisons
- Finds factors/multiples of numbers to 100
- Determines whether a number is prime or composite
- Creates number/shape patterns given a rule
- Reads and writes numbers in standard, word, and expanded form
- Compares two multi-digit numbers
- Uses place value to round numbers
- Adds and subtracts multi-digit numbers
- ♦ Multiplies/divides multi-digit numbers
- Explains and generates equivalent fractions
- Adds, subtracts and multiplies fractions
- ◆ Uses decimal notation for fractions with denominators 10 and 100
- Compares decimals to hundredths
- ◆ Understands the sizes of measurement units (km, m, cm, kg, g, lb, oz, l, ml, hr, min, sec)
- Makes conversions within a system of measurements, including word problems
- Applies area and perimeter formulas
- Makes and interprets line plots
- Measures/sketches angles with a protractor
- Draws and identifies points, lines, line segments, rays, angles, and parallel and perpendicular lines
- Identifies and draws lines of symmetry

### Science in Fourth Grade



In Life Science, students learn to:

- Students will sort/classify different living things using similar and different characteristics
- Recognize that living organisms have certain structures and systems that perform specific functions.
- Identify and explain how the structures of an organism help it to survive.
- Predict, sequence, and compare the life stages of organisms.
- Understand the effects of the environment on organisms.

### *In Earth/Space Science, students learn:*

- To give information about Earth materials, students will explain how their characteristics lend themselves to specific uses.
- That the Earth and Earth materials have developed over long periods of time, through constant change processes.
- Use physical properties to sort, classify, and/ or describe earth materials.

### In Physical Science, students learn:

- Some of the various forms of energy are light, sound, heat and electrical.
- The motion of an object is affected by force. (as it relates to electricity and magnets.
- Energy is necessary for change to occur in matter. Energy can be stored, transferred and transformed, but cannot be destroyed.

## Social Studies in Fourth Grade



The program emphasizes history, civics and government, economics and geography in the study of the United States and New Hampshire. Students will learn about:

- Concepts relating to New Hampshire History
- Using maps and globes to gather and compare information
- Uses information resources and technology tools to communicate an understanding of concepts
- Recognizes contributions and traditions of various cultures
- Geography and counties of New Hampshire
- That NH hold the first Primary in the USA and the importance of that to our country and NH
- Rules and laws
- Role of government in the United States and NH
- Constructing and interpreting timelines of significant historical events
- Using historical narratives and documents to understand the past
- The significance of the past to themselves and to society
- Important individuals and groups that have made a difference in history, for both good and ill
- Framing questions and using research skills to conduct historical investigations

This brochure represents a simplified version of the curriculum. For more, speak to the teacher.

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### Fourth Grade Curriculum



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<sup>\*</sup> topics on a two year rotation