

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

FOURTH GRADE YEAR AT A GLANCE

The mission at St. John's Episcopal School is for each child to grow in maturity, knowledge, and in spirit. Our goal is to foster positive self esteem through engaging learning experiences. St. John's small class size enables faculty to focus on each child and meet his or her individual needs.

Language Arts / Reading

- Reading implements the Comprehension Toolkit curriculum, and focuses on developing in the students a love of reading
- Analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about the theme and genre in different contexts
- Comprehension, accuracy, fluency and vocabulary are emphasized through selected novels
- Everyday Spelling curriculum is used in conjunction with cross-curricular vocabulary
- Zaner-Bloser is used as a guide for handwriting, working on cursive practice
- Write Steps curriculum is used to develop compositions skills, as well as reinforce grammar competence

Mathematics

- Envision Math and Math 2.0 RL, focus on comparing and ordering fractions and decimals, applying multiplication and division, and developing ideas related to congruence and symmetry
- Identify and describe attributes of geometric figures using formal geometric language
- Use organizational structures to analyze and describe patterns and relationships and are expected to describe the relationship between two sets of related data such as ordered pairs in a table
- Use mathematical strategies such as pattern, relationships and algebraic thinking to solve problems
- Use processes and tools to apply measurement concepts, probability and statistics

Science

- National Geographic Science Curriculum used to learn about the natural world, Earth, space and organisms in their environment
- Understand that certain types of questions can be answered by investigations and those methods, models, and conclusions built from these investigations change as new observations are made
- Develop an understanding of the Scientific Method and strengthen critical thinking, research skills, and the ability to synthesize information while developing scientific vocabulary, knowledge, and lab skills
- Apply the Scientific Method to identify problems and test hypotheses for Science Fair projects

Social Studies

- Texas History is the primary focus from the early beginnings of Texas to the present context
- Including: the Texas Revolution, establishment of the Republic of Texas, studying regions of physical features and human activity from European exploration to American Indian cultures and modern day Texas influential people
- Texas Weekly periodicals are used in class
- Learn and implement the methods of research and elements of a research paper as they complete an in-depth project

Enrichments

- Art, Music, Spanish, P.E., Technology, Godly Play and Library

Religion

- Attend Chapel three days a week (Tuesday for Praise and Worship, Wednesday for Formal Chapel, Thursday for a Class Lead Chapel)
- The students also learn Bible stories in the classroom to promote Christian character