

UNIT	NEW BEGINNINGS: EXPLORATIONS	CONFLICT RESOLUTION	AUTHORITY, FREEDOM, AND RESPONSIBILITY	FACING CHANGE WITH INTEGRITY
OVERVIEW	Explore God's sovereignty and His call to serve Him in all endeavors, as seen in early U.S. history, the Age of Exploration, the establishment of God's Nation of Israel, personal stories, the expanse of God's oceans, and various characters in literature.	Learn a biblical understanding of the roots of conflict and biblical methods for resolving conflict.  Apply the conflict resolution framework to American and biblical history, stories they read, and our own lives.	Identify the triangle of relationships among authority, freedom and responsibility.  Use this triangle as a lens through which to analyze the formation of the United States government and Solomon's political and spiritual leadership.	Reflect upon the changes God calls His people to undergo, and understand our responsibility of faithful dominion in the world as God's image-bearers.  Specify the ways sin has made change an opportunity to resist God and hurt people.  Biblically define "integrity," and discover times it has or has not been used throughout history.
ENDURING TRUTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God made us to explore His creation.</li> <li>God ordains people and places in history.</li> <li>God made us to worship and serve Him throughout all of life (publicly).</li> <li>God gives all authority and has given us dominion over creation.</li> <li>God made us in His image.</li> <li>God made us to spread His glory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God intends for us to love Him and love one another.</li> <li>Conflict is part of the world in which we live.</li> <li>Sinful priorities cause conflict to be destructive.</li> <li>God is a God of resolutions—through Jesus, God changes sinful priorities, reconciles people, and creates peace.</li> <li>Resolving conflict is a Godly ideal, for we are called to be peacemakers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God is the ultimate authority and is the source of all true knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.</li> <li>God wisely establishes true human authorities that should be obeyed.</li> <li>God gives us freedom to make choices and use our decisions to worship Him and serve others.</li> <li>Freedom comes with responsibility to obey God and rightful authorities.</li> <li>God calls us to be responsible in every aspect of our lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God created us in His image to grow personally and change the world.</li> <li>Because growth is painful and difficult, we must trust in God.</li> <li>God calls us to live righteously through all of life's changes.</li> <li>Sin makes us fight against God and face change in selfish ways (idolatry).</li> <li>Jesus redeems us by changing our fight against God into a trusting friendship with God.</li> </ul>
LITERACY BLOCK: READING WRITING ORAL EXPRESSION WORD STUDY	<p>Novel Study: <i>Pedro's Journal; Voyage of the Dawn Treader</i></p> <p>Author Study: Robert C. O'Brien and C.S. Lewis</p> <p>Interactive Read Aloud: <i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</i></p> <p>Fiction and Non-fiction Literature Sets</p> <p>Independent Reading and Response</p> <p>Narrative and Expository Comprehension and Analysis skills</p> <p>Writing Workshop: a study of personal narratives; research paragraphs</p> <p>Informational, functional, and narrative writing about reading across content areas</p> <p>Greek and Latin roots</p> <p>Integrated writing and grammar skills throughout writing units</p>	<p>Novel Study: <i>War with Grandpa</i></p> <p>Author Study: Patricia Polacco</p> <p>Interactive Read Alouds: Realistic Fiction pieces that model the art of showing rather than telling in writing</p> <p>Fiction and Non-fiction Literature Sets</p> <p>Independent Reading and Response</p> <p>Narrative and Expository Comprehension and Analysis skills</p> <p>Writing Workshop: Realistic Fiction piece on self-chosen topic, which incorporates all story elements; Historical Research</p> <p>Informational, functional, and narrative writing about reading across content areas</p> <p>Greek and Latin roots</p> <p>Integrated writing and grammar skills throughout writing units</p>	<p>Novel Study: <i>The Magician's Nephew</i></p> <p>Author Study: C.S. Lewis</p> <p>Interactive Read Aloud: <i>Sign of the Beaver</i></p> <p>Fiction and Non-fiction Literature Sets</p> <p>Independent Reading and Response</p> <p>Narrative and Expository Comprehension and Analysis skills</p> <p>Writing Workshop: Persuasive Essays, including one applied to State study; Non-fiction Writing : Applying Lessons From Reading to Writing</p> <p>Informational, functional, and narrative writing about reading across content areas</p> <p>Greek and Latin roots</p> <p>Integrated writing and grammar skills throughout writing units</p>	<p>Novel study: <i>Tuck Everlasting</i></p> <p>Author Study: Natalie Babbitt</p> <p>Interactive Read Alouds: Literature by Jane Yolen and Chris Van Allsburg, two authors who exemplify descriptive writing</p> <p>Fiction and Non-fiction Literature Sets</p> <p>Independent Reading and Response</p> <p>Narrative and Expository Comprehension and Analysis skills</p> <p>Writing Workshop: Literary Essays; Descriptive Writing</p> <p>Informational, functional, and narrative writing about reading across content areas</p> <p>Greek and Latin roots</p> <p>Integrated writing and grammar skills throughout writing units</p>
BIBLE I Samuel 8 – Nehemiah	<p>Israel's Monarchy</p> <p>The life of Saul and the new monarchy: God's warnings against this new leadership.</p> <p>Idolatry and how Saul's life spirals downward: God makes "new beginnings" at various points in our lives through repentance</p> <p>Scripture Study and Memory – 2 Cor. 5:17-21 Genesis 1:26-27</p>	<p>Biblical Peacemaking</p> <p>Biblically define, diagnose, and solve conflicts using Peacemaker concepts and techniques</p> <p>Conflict Resolution Experts project</p> <p>Internal and external conflicts in King David's life; God's faithfulness in the midst of conflict</p> <p>Scripture Study and Memory – Matthew 5:9 James 4:1-3 1 John 1:9 Matthew 18:15-17</p>	<p>God's Authority and Wisdom</p> <p>The tension of freedom and responsibility in Solomon's life</p> <p>God's authority expressed in the building of the temple</p> <p>Brief study of Proverbs with a focus on wisdom</p> <p>Scripture Study and Memory – Leviticus 18:4-5 Romans 6:1-8 1 Samuel 12:24 Romans 13:1-3</p>	<p>Five Changes in Israel</p> <p>Divided Kingdom Elijah – God is greater</p> <p>Assyria Hezekiah – God is faithful</p> <p>Babylon Daniel – God revealing Truth</p> <p>Persia Esther – God is sovereign (Purim celebration)</p> <p>Return from Exile Ezra – God restores hope</p> <p>Scripture Study and Memory – Psalm 24 Psalm 104</p>
HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, CULTURES	<p>Exploration: historical and personal reflection; study of European explorers</p> <p>Beginnings of slavery</p> <p>Early America (1480-1763)</p> <p>US Geography</p>	<p>Declaration of Independence and basic principles of American government</p> <p>American Revolution: study the causes of conflict, leaders, significant events, culture, and geography</p> <p>US Geography</p>	<p>Victory and Independence: political, economic, and social impact of the Revolution; institution of new government; Constitution; Bill of Rights; elements of the legislative process and branches of government.</p> <p>Missouri: origins, geography, important people, significant contributions to our country, state government</p> <p>US Geography</p>	<p>James Madison and War of 1812</p> <p>Mexican American War</p> <p>Texas statehood</p> <p>Events leading to Civil War</p> <p>US Geography</p>
SCIENCE EXPLORATIONS	Oceans: salt water vs. fresh water, tides, marine animals, oil spill simulation	Simple machines: force, work, friction, Newton's Laws of Motion	Solar system: planets, ellipses and orbit paths, constellations	<p>You and Your Body: Body systems (Circulatory, Respiratory, Digestive, Skeletal, Muscular, etc.)</p> <p>Food &amp; Nutrition: Its contents and nutrient groups that contribute to healthy nutrition</p>
MATH	For a detailed description of math content covered in Fourth Grade, please visit: <a href="http://www.hmhc.com/shop/education-curriculum/math/math-in-focus-singapore-math/why-math-in-focus-singapore-math/scope-and-sequence">www.hmhc.com/shop/education-curriculum/math/math-in-focus-singapore-math/why-math-in-focus-singapore-math/scope-and-sequence</a> .			
SPECIALIST INTEGRATION, PROJECTS, & SPECIAL EVENTS	<p>Self-Portraits</p> <p>Explorers Wiki Project</p> <p>Forest Park Exploration – Geocaching</p>	<p>Revolutionary War Movie</p> <p>Peacemakers Project</p> <p>Bricks 4 Kids In-house Field Trip: Focus on Simple Machines</p>	<p>Interpretation of architecture</p> <p>"Freedom, Authority, Responsibility" House</p> <p>Jefferson City Fieldtrip</p> <p>State Research Project</p> <p>Mural Project: Growth of freedoms for African Americans in Missouri from the Missouri Compromise to the present</p>	<p>Science Museum: Focus on Food, Nutrition and the Human Body</p>
SERVICE	Fourth Graders serve populations struggling with poverty. Students begin by reading and talking about poverty, specifically focusing on the truth that individuals struggling with poverty are image bearers of the Lord. Within the city, Central fourth graders partner with Grace and Peace Women's Shelter. Students prepare and deliver box lunches, snacks with encouraging scriptures, pampering packages and more for the women at Grace and Peace. Students are hoping to meet and play games with the women as well! Extending their care to the greater kingdom, fourth graders also partner with the Micah Project, an organization that supports orphans in Honduras. Fourth grade specifically prays, collaborates with, and serves by meeting specifically stated needs of the boys that the Micah Project is supporting.			