

Saint Jude Catholic School
4th Grade Syllabus

Grading Policy:

Grades appearing on Renweb and report cards will include an average of classwork, homework, and assessments. Classwork will count for 35% of the final grade, homework will count for 15%, and assessments will count for 50%. Students are expected to be responsible for writing down and turning in all homework assignments daily. Below you will find the title of the textbooks we will be using this year along with a sampling of the topics that will be taught according to the Diocese of Palm Beach and Florida State Standards.

Religion

(Be My Disciples, RCL Benziger)

The Liturgical seasons, the life of Jesus Christ, ways to worship God, and the beatitudes.

Science

(Science, Harcourt School Publishers)

Conducting scientific investigations, questioning outcomes of experiments based on numerous variables, different types of models (3-D, 2-D, etc.), gravity and its influence in our solar system, Earth's rotation, phases of the moon, Florida resources (water, limestone, solar energy, etc.) and motion of objects and life cycles (focusing on Florida plants and animals).

Social Studies

(Florida Studies, McGraw Hill)

The Geography and History of Florida. Students will study maps of Florida, identifying its physical and political features. Students will learn about Florida's Native Americans, the effects of European Colonization, Florida's involvement in the Civil War, the Spanish American War, 1920s, the Great Depression, WWII, etc., and how economy, growth and immigration affect Florida today.

Mathematics

(Go Math Florida, Houghton Mifflin)

Multiplication, division, two-dimensional shapes, recognizing algebraic expressions and fractions.

Language Arts

1. Reading – *Journeys*, Houghton-Mifflin
2. English - *Voyages*, Houghton-Mifflin
3. Handwriting – *Writing Our Catholic Faith*, Universal Publishing

Story structure, authors focus, predictions, cause and effect, grammar (nouns, adjectives, verbs, pronouns, predicates, etc.), brainstorming, the writing process, expository essays and persuasive *essays*.