

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School**  
**4th Grade Curricular Syllabus**

*The fourth grade studies subjects including the Renaissance, the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, the Age of Exploration, colonization and founding of the United States. The time period stretches from the 1300s to 1800. Students are introduced to important persons and events that helped shape and influence Western Civilization and Christendom following the Middle Ages.*

**Religion**

Resources: The Holy Bible  
Word of Life Series: 4th Grade Edition  
Virtues in Practice, Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia  
Ruah Woods Institute: Theology of the Body

**Math**

Resources: Dimensions (Singapore Math)

**Nature Studies**

Topics: Astronomy and Space Systems, Habitats and Change, Processes that Shape the Earth  
Resources: Core Knowledge Science

**History “The Age of Exploration”**

Topics: The Renaissance, age of travel and exploration, Reformation and Counter-Reformation, colonization, and Revolutionary War  
Resources: The Story of Civilization: The Making of the Modern World (TAN Books)  
The Story of Civilization: The History of the United States (TAN Books)  
Core Knowledge History

**Literature**

Resources: "The Blue Fairy Book" fable study (Memoria Press)  
Poetry for the Grammar Stage (Memoria Press)  
Core Knowledge Literature  
Novels: *Adventures of Don Quixote* (Argentina Palacios)  
*Midsummer Night's Dream* (Core Knowledge adaptation of William Shakespeare)  
*Treasure Island* (Core Knowledge adaptation from Robert Louis Stevenson)  
*The Apple and the Arrow* (Conrad Buff)  
*Pocahontas and the Strangers* (Clyde Robert Bulla and Peter Burchard)  
*The Sign of the Beaver* (Elizabeth George Speare)  
*Toliver's Secret* (Esther Wood Brady)  
\*Books are subject to change, depending on student need and pacing

**Language Arts**

**Composition**

Resources: Institute for Excellence in Writing

**Grammar**

Resources: EZ Grammar 4

**Handwriting**

Resources: Writing Our Catholic Faith (Universal Publishing)

## Spelling and Vocabulary

Resources: Wordly Wise (Educators Publishing Service)  
Traditional Spelling III (Memoria Press)

## Latin

Resources: Lingua Latīna Per Sē Illustrata: Pars Prīma, Familia Rōmāna (Chp. 2)  
Colloquia Personārum (Chp. 2)

## Music

Resources: Rhythm Menagerie by Wendy Stevens  
Sing at First Sight Foundations in Choral Sight Singing  
Memoria Press: Music Appreciation 1  
St. Michael Hymnal

## Art

Resources: Artwork from various artists  
Personal sketchbook  
Mediums used: colored pencils  
watercolors  
decoupage

## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

*Under the patronage of our Blessed Mother, the mission of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School is to support parents in their role as the primary educators of their children. Our classical training nourishes the students' natural sense of wonder and guides them to know and love what is genuinely good, true, and beautiful. Faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church, we form our students to be virtuous disciples of Jesus Christ and joyful witnesses to the Gospel.*