

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Language Arts

- ✓ Develop skills in vocabulary using context clues
- ✓ Build comprehension skills: determine author's purpose, cause and effect, drawing conclusions, and figurative language
- ✓ Read novels as a class during the year
- ✓ Work on writing sentences and paragraphs
- ✓ Learn proper sentence structure: verb/subject agreement; punctuation and capitalization
- ✓ Work on paragraph organization
- ✓ Incorporate synonyms, adjectives, adverbs, metaphors, and more to become more expressive and detailed writers
- ✓ Understand that by knowing the root (or base word) one can add a prefix or suffix, resulting in a new word
- ✓ Practice different styles of writing (persuasive, explanatory, comparative, narrative)

### Mathematics

- ✓ Extend knowledge and understanding of operations using whole numbers
- ✓ Explore fractions and decimals

### Social Studies

- ✓ Study the history of the District of Columbia
- ✓ Study the geography, founding history, economics, and government of Maryland
- ✓ Explore St. Mary's City, the first capital; tour the Annapolis State House and the Naval Academy

### Science

- ✓ Study animal and plant growth and adaptations
- ✓ Study human body systems
- ✓ Learn about the Earth's surface and patterns on earth and in space
- ✓ Weekly hands-on lab

### Religion

- ✓ Focus on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes
- ✓ Study the Old and New Testament events that reveal the basis for our belief in God's love

## Specials

- ✓ Art - Generate, refine, execute, and assess artistic ideas; recognize and critique art using art vocabulary; understand that artists have philosophies and theories; recognize them in works of art
- ✓ Music – Sing-along works in other languages; use the voice to create sound effects; learn to play the recorder; play in groups in harmony; identify notation for sharps, flats, naturals, and key signatures
- ✓ Spanish - Write in complete sentences; read short stories; respond to commands and requests; learn the vocabulary of other content areas (mathematics, art, science, etc.)
- ✓ Physical Education - Demonstrate responsible behavior while playing sports; demonstrate competency in all types of movement