Grade Four Curriculum Picks

> Many of these curriculum picks can be **borrowed for preview purposes** through the **Learning Commons Search Portal** or accessed through our **Sora** virtual library at no cost. If you are ready to purchase, **some** recommended curriculum may be available through our **Used Bookstore**, or resources can be purchased from one of our **comprehensive vendors**.

> **Vendor websites are pick-and-choose and some optional or alternate suggestions may be listed, so select your items with care.**

Overview Of Grade 4 Curriculum Picks

Here is an overview of the curriculum picks that we suggest for Grade 4. Please note that some subjects provide more than one option. For more information about the curriculum, please refer to the information under **Detailed Information for Grade 4 Curriculum Picks.**

English Language Arts	• Rigorous Approach (Option A): Lightning Literature Gr 4 Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide with poetry book and readers OR • Lighter Approach (Option B): Language Lessons for a Living Education 4 with 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible; Sarah, Plain and Tall novel with Literature Kit (or alternate); Growing up in Wild Horse Canyon by Karen Autio with teacher's guide (or alternate)
Mathematics	• Fourth Grade Math with Confidence Complete Set (Instructor Guide and Student Workbooks A & B) OR • Dynamic Classroom Math 4 OR • Jump Math New Canadian Edition 4.1 and 4.2

Science (all of these)	**Biology, Chemistry, Physics:** My Pals are Here Science International 2nd Edition (Marshall Cavendish) Level 4 Textbook, Workbook and Teacher's Guide > Students using My Pals are Here Level 4 should focus on units 1, 2, 5, and 8. Teachers may request students supplement in areas where this resource does not completely address standards. > See correlations. **Biology** • Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology (Apologia, Ch. 11) > Lesson 11 of Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology addresses the Grade 4 standard of humans sensing and responding to their environment. This resource is also recommended for the Grade 5 and 6 picks (a full description can be found here). If students do not have easy access to this textbook in Grade 4, they can complete Chapter 11 in Grade 5. **Earth/Space** • Earth, Sun, and Moon Unit Study Kit
Social Studies	• Courage & Conquest by Northwoods Press
Bible/Christian Studies	• Who Is God? And Can I Really Know Him? by David Webb and John Hay (Apologia)
Optional Resources (not detailed below)	• STEM Starters: Zip-Line Racers (ADST) • I Am Canada: Blood and Iron (English Language Arts, Social Studies) • Hudson's Bay Company Adventures (English Language Arts, Social Studies) • Canadian Handwriting D (English Language Arts) • Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids Gr. 3-4 (Health Education) • ScienceWiz Energy Kit (Science) • Discovering New France (Social Studies; use with Courage and Conquest) • Canada Map Book 3 (Social Studies)

Detailed Information for Grade 4 Curriculum Picks

English Language Arts

OPTION A: Lightning Literature Gr 4 Student Workbook and Teacher's Guide with poetry book and readers

Type of Resource: Home Education Curriculum
Description: Lightning Literature is a language arts curriculum designed to instill a love of literature in students, expand their ability to read intelligently and deeply, and prepare them for more advanced language arts concepts. The key components of this series are literature, grammar and mechanics, and composition. The Teacher's Guide contains the answers to the comprehension questions and the grammar pages, instructions for daily composition, a discussion guide for each book, and suggestions for additional activities. The Workbook and Guide can be purchased separately, in a set together, or in a pack with the readers. The author's goal in writing this series is to "instill a love of great literature in children, expand their ability to read intelligently and deeply, improve their communication abilities, and prepare them for more advanced language arts concepts." The three key components to this series are literature, grammar and mechanics, and composition. This year, students read a variety of great children's literature, classic and modern. Two books written in verse encourage students to explore poetry in different ways than they may have previously. An inspiring nonfiction story of a boy's quest in Africa to bring electric power to his home provides lessons on expository, descriptive, persuasive, and narrative writing. The consumable four-color Student Worktext contains comprehension questions, discussion questions, instruction on grammar (including sentence diagramming), workbook pages, and a reading journal. Workbook answers are in the Teacher's Guide. The Workbook and Guide can be purchased separately, in a set together, or in a pack with the readers. You'll need something else for teaching spelling, learning to read, and penmanship.

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Samples: Teacher Intro, Teacher's Sample, Student Workbook Sample

Other Optional or Supplementary Resources: Worksheets

OPTION B: Language Lessons for a Living Education 4 with 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible; Sarah, Plain and Tall novel with Literature Kit (or alternate); Growing up in Wild Horse Canyon by Karen Autio with teacher's guide

Type of Resource: Workbook
Description: This course utilizes a story-based approach, using Charlotte Mason's ideas for the modern homeschool student with character-building themes. Each quarter has five stories, two picture studies (one of which is biblically-based), and two poems (one of which is a psalm). Using the spelling words and the Dictionary Worksheets, the student will create their very own dictionary as they move week by week through the material. This course incorporates picture study, memorization, grammar and punctuation, spelling and vocabulary, observation, and application through creating their own stories through pictures, sentences, paragraphs, poems, psalms, and letters. This course also develops reading skills and gently develops narration skills.

Students will build on and reinforce essential communication skills as they achieve proficiency in grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and reading comprehension. Independent reading and mastery of effective sentences and paragraphs are at the heart of this course. Students will enjoy poem, hymn, and picture studies and faith-growing stories to inspire detailed and descriptive paragraphs. Activities include memorizing poems, Scripture, and the books of the Bible, creating a dictionary, gentle narration and copy work, and critical thinking games to hone and apply their writing and reading skills creatively.
Additional copy work, fun games, and activities are in the back for extra practice of key grammar concepts and spelling, making the course easily adaptable to meet the needs of each student. Writing stamina is built up gradually. By the end of the course, students should be able to comfortably write a four to five-sentence paragraph. **101 Favorite Stories from the Bible is a required resource for this program.**

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Series Overview

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Other Optional or Supplementary Resources

- **Language Lessons 4 - Dictionary**
- **Language Lessons 4 - Word Shapes**

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PDF Samples

Sarah, Plain and Tall Novel with Literature Kit

Type of Resource: fiction novel and workbook
Description: Students begin by imagining the hardships of living as a pioneer on the American prairies. Answer true or false questions about Sarah's letter to Anna and Caleb. Complete sentences from the story with their missing vocabulary words. Do some investigation to learn about mica, something that Sarah says her dune sparkled with. Use events from the story to inspire a tercet poem. Students imagine interviewing Sarah about her experiences. The comprehension quiz works great as a study guide for a final exam. Written to Bloom's Taxonomy; additional crossword, word search, comprehension quiz and answer key are also included.

About the Novel: a story filled with wisdom, gentle humour and the practical concerns necessary for a satisfying life. This Newbery Medal-winning story is based on the true adventures of a family living on the vast prairie in the early years of the 20th century. The story begins when Anna and Caleb missing their mother who died, wish for another woman to make their father laugh again. Sarah responds to an ad, stating she will come by train, wearing a yellow bonnet and that she is plain and tall. And into their lives comes Sarah, with her own needful loneliness and searching to help them create a whole family. But life on the endless prairie can be hard and unforgiving, taking all a person's strength and courage just to survive.

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Free Bonus Worksheets

PDF Samples

Growing Up in Wild Horse Canyon by Karen Autio with Free Teacher's Guide

Type of Resource: nonfiction picture book
Description: explores Okanagan history by focusing on Wild Horse Canyon in Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park (south of Kelowna, BC) and its vicinity. This narrative nonfiction picture book, with illustrations by Loraine Kemp, includes

Mathematics

Option 1: Fourth Grade Math with Confidence Complete Set (Instructor Guide and Student Workbooks A & B)

Description: Fourth Grade Math with Confidence helps students move toward more complex and abstract mathematical thinking while maintaining the clear, supportive approach of earlier levels. Parent-led instruction, visual models, hands-on activities, and written practice develop both conceptual understanding and fluency with multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, and problem solving.
Grade 4 topics include:

- Multi-digit operations
- Multiplication and division
- Factors and multiples
- Fractions and decimals
- Measurement and conversions
- Area and perimeter
- Geometry
- Data and graphs
- Multi-step problem solving

> **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** A thoughtful option for students ready for increasingly complex mathematics while still benefiting from explicit instruction and visual or hands-on support. Students work more independently at this level, but parents continue to introduce and discuss new concepts.

Math with Confidence

MWC Fourth Grade Information

Instructor's Guide Sample

Student Workbook Sample

See how Math with Confidence aligns with BC's curriculum in our Math with Confidence Correlations to BC's Curriculum Spreadsheet

Option 2: Dynamic Classroom Math Grade 4 Workbook

Description: curriculum aligned for each Province. Easy for students to get started due to the clear explanations with guided examples and step-by-step solutions. Students gain confidence by working through exercises that are structured for all ability levels. Unit tests provide students and parents with feedback on topic mastery. Students and parents have access to video lessons that are directly connected to the book and provide that extra level of support to gain confidence and excel in math (video lessons are optional and cost extra).

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Samples

Pricing

Video Bundle

Supplementary Resources: **video lessons**, **free resources**

Option 3: Jump Math New Canadian Edition Student 4.1 and 4.2 - Assessment & Practice (AP) Book 4 (Parts 1 and 2)

Type of Resource: workbooks

Description: in conjunction with the **New Canadian Edition** of JUMP Math's teacher resources, **Student Assessment & Practice (AP) Book 4** is designed to cover the curriculum for Grade 4 mathematics, with units on:

- Number Sense
- Patterns and Algebra
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Probability and Data Management

The New Canadian edition of AP Book 4 is printed in two parts, Book 4.1 and Book 4.2. In order to cover the full curriculum, students will need *both* parts.

> **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** The multi-modal approaches to solving math problems presented in this resource can be a benefit to some students, but other students may find this approach confusing and would be better served with a program that presents a consistent approach to solving problems

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On pages where there are multiple grade options, choose the correct grade from the dropdown menu.

Teacher Resource/Lesson Plans (free when you register online as a Teacher)
Other Optional or Supplementary Resources

- Answer Keys for AP Book 4 (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- Quizzes and Tests for Grade 4 (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- Curriculum Guides for Grade 4 (free when you register online as a Teacher)
- Digital Lesson Slides for Grade 4 (free when you register online as a Teacher)

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Sample Pages (free when you register online as a Parent)

- Student AP Book 4.1
- Student AP Book 4.2
- Grade 4 Problem-Solving Lessons

Science

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

My Pals are Here Science International 2nd Edition (Marshall Cavendish) Level 4 Textbook, Workbook and Teacher's Guide

Type of Resource: classroom curriculum
Description: My Pals are Here Science focuses on awareness, collaboration, and critical and inventive thinking using an inquiry-based approach. The program is for Grades 1-6 and is based on the principles of engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration, and evaluation. Includes many engaging hands-on activities and caters to various learning styles.

> Although this series was written for a classroom environment, it can be easily adapted for a home learning setting.

- **Video Overview**
- **Samples**
  - **Textbook 4**
  - **Activity Book 4**
  - **Teacher's Guide 4**

My Pals Are Here! 2nd Edition Gr K-6 Science Correlations to BC's Curriculum Standards

Biology

Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology (Apologia)

> Lesson 11 addresses the Grade 4 standard of humans sensing and responding to their environment. This resource is also recommended for the Grade 5 and 6 picks (a full description can be found here).

Earth/Space

Earth, Sun, and Moon Unit Study Kit

Type of Resource: HCOS Unit Study Kit

Description: Expand your knowledge of the earth, sun, moon, and beyond! This unit will take your child's knowledge of the earth and our solar system to a deeper level, while providing them with opportunities to conduct research and design their own experiments! You will investigate seasonal changes, view the moon, experience myths and legends, take a virtual field trip to the surface of the moon, discover nocturnal animals, write a psalm of praise, build your own solar oven, make a sundial, and much more! You will be able to read engaging books, watch fun and fantastic videos, play games, make crafts, and choose from dozens of projects to create the ultimate self-directed learning experience for your fourth grader.

This kit is divided into sections based around driving questions. You will have the opportunity to choose your materials and projects in each section of the kit. The materials, projects, and activities contained in the kit have been carefully selected to address the big ideas, competencies, and content of BC's Modernized Curriculum.

Download the Unit Study Kit Guide

Borrow the Physical Kit

Social Studies

Courage and Conquest: Discovering Canadian History 7th Edition by Northwoods Press

Type of Resource: softcover student home education resource book
Description: a chronological study of Canadian History including all major events in the settlement of Canada to Confederation. Each lesson includes references to literature sure to captivate the student's interests. Text, reproducible work pages and timeline picture with each lesson. Includes exciting living text geared for upper elementary.

Assignments with each lesson introduce the Six Historical Thinking Concepts for critical thinking. Colour timeline pictures complement each lesson. Historical fiction titles are listed for each topic, both in print and out of print for library users. While this resource is most suitable for upper elementary, all ages can benefit.

The following additional resources are recommended to deepen the quality of learning not essential to this independent guide.

- Stowing Away with the Vikings - fiction
- Gold Rush Fever: A Story of the Klondike, 1898 (fiction; out of print)
- The Kids Book of Canadian History - highly recommended
- The Kids Book of Canada's Railway - highly recommended
- The Kids Book of Canadian Exploration - highly recommended
- Discovering Canada Series by Robert Livesey and A. G. Smith (7 books in the series)

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A sample of this book can be seen in the photos on this page.

Bible/Christian Studies

Who Is God? And Can I Really Know Him?

Type of Resource: Student Textbook

Description: introduces the concept of worldview while laying the foundational truths upon which a biblical Christian worldview is built. Our children are bombarded on a daily basis with competing messages. Every song, movie, book, TV show, blog, and game is full of ideas about truth, morality, beauty, identity, faith, and more. Not all of these ideas are true. Some are wrong, some are deceptive, and some are outright destructive. Young children must be equipped to discern among competing ideas and stand firm in the truth. Concepts covered include:

- God is truth and He reveals His truth to people
- He is the one true and almighty God; He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- He created everything
- We are God's children and are made to love and to praise Him
- God meets all of our needs
- Sin separates us from God
- Jesus is the only way to God

Note from Curriculum Consultant: this resource is most suitable for students in Grades 4-8 but could be used for children as young as 6 and as old as 14 in a multi-grade learning environment. This resource could be used for family devotions and discussions.

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Other Optional or Supplementary Resources

- Who Is God? Junior Notebooking Journal
- Who Is God? MP3 Download/Audiobook

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