



FOURTH GRADE

GENERAL INFORMATION

RSM Christian School (RSMCS) provides fourth graders with a well-rounded education, including Bible, math, science, language arts, and social studies, all taught to meet California State Standards. Enrichment subjects like physical education, music, Spanish, STEAM, art, and library are taught by specialized teachers. Students also attend field trips throughout the year. The school is accredited by ACSI and WASC, and our teachers are Christians, ACSI certified, and credentialed.

SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL

Bible

The program emphasizes understanding the Christian worldview and applying biblical teachings in daily life. Students are encouraged to read, memorize, and apply scripture, focusing on developing Christian character traits. Weekly Bible memory verse tests reinforce this learning.

Curriculum: *DeepRoots*, stories of the *New Testament*

Chapel

Each week, students participate in chapel with powerful worship and a relevant message. They are encouraged to serve and love others through support of local and global outreach partners.

Social

RSMCS emphasizes Christian character development and biblical conflict resolution, highlighting a different character trait each month across the curriculum. Students are encouraged to incorporate these traits into their daily lives and recognize them in others. The program also focuses on developing independent study habits, executive functioning skills, and fostering academic, social, and growth mindset responsibilities that benefit students beyond their school years. Through the Prayer Partners program, older students mentor younger ones in prayer, fostering connections across age groups.

ACADEMICS

Mathematics

The program emphasizes computing, problem-solving, and developing reasoning skills. Instruction includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, division of whole numbers, decimals, fractions, money, and critical thinking. Students also tackle problems involving measurement, graphs, basic algebraic functions, and geometry.

Curriculum: *Purposeful Design Mathematics (ACSI)*, Mad Dog Math

Language Arts & Reading

The program emphasizes reading, comprehending, and analyzing historically and culturally significant literature from a Biblical worldview. Students focus on writing clear, coherent sentences

and paragraphs, mastering grammar, sentence structure, and penmanship, with cursive writing included. They also develop critical listening skills, respond appropriately to oral communication, and deliver brief recitations and presentations centered around a coherent thesis statement.

Curriculum: *Sadlier School Grammar Workbook* (Sadlier), *Write Reflections*

Science & Health

The program emphasizes exploring physical science and health through reading, research, discussion, and participation in group and individual projects. Students engage in scientific experiments using the scientific method to deepen their understanding.

Curriculum: *Science 4* (BJU Press)

History & Geography

The program focuses on exploring California's history and geography, from its indigenous Native Americans to the settling of various peoples and contemporary times, through reading, research, discussion, and individual and group projects.

Special activities: an overnight field trip to Sacramento and Coloma, as well as a visit to Mission San Juan Capistrano.

Curriculum: *California Studies Weekly*

Enrichment

Art
Library
Music
Physical Education
Spanish
STEAM
Technology