



# Curriculum Guide to Fourth Grade



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# Child Development



## Fourth Grade at Bader Hillel Academy...

is a year of growing independence, deeper thinking, and academic challenge. Students are encouraged to take greater ownership of their learning as they strengthen study habits, build confidence, and engage more thoughtfully with content. Instruction balances rigor with support, fostering curiosity, responsibility, and strong Jewish values.

## Social and Emotional Development

Social-emotional learning focuses on responsibility, collaboration, and self-advocacy. Students practice goal-setting, respectful communication, and problem-solving while developing resilience and confidence. Teachers create a supportive environment where students feel challenged, encouraged, and valued.

## Fourth Grade Experience

LANGUAGE ARTS	Fourth graders develop stronger reading comprehension and analytical skills through novels, nonfiction texts, and discussion. Students learn to summarize, infer, and respond thoughtfully to what they read using evidence from texts. Writing instruction focuses on organizing ideas into clear paragraphs, strengthening grammar and vocabulary, and expanding writing across narrative, informational, and opinion pieces.
MATHEMATICS	Math instruction emphasizes fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving. Students deepen their understanding of multiplication and division, explore fractions and decimals, and strengthen skills in measurement, geometry, and multi-step problem solving. Lessons encourage perseverance, logical thinking, and explaining mathematical strategies clearly.
SCIENCE / SOCIAL STUDIES	Students engage in hands-on science learning that builds understanding of life, earth, and physical science concepts. Through investigation and inquiry, students develop curiosity and critical thinking skills. Social studies focuses on geography, early history, and cultural understanding, helping students make connections between past and present and understand their place in the world.
JUDAIC STUDIES	Fourth Grade Judaic Studies deepens students' engagement with Jewish texts, history, and values. Students explore Torah stories, holidays, and mitzvot while developing a stronger sense of responsibility and ethical decision-making. Learning encourages reflection, discussion, and meaningful connections between Jewish learning and everyday life.
HEBREW	Hebrew instruction continues to build reading comprehension, writing skills, and conversational ability. Students expand vocabulary, strengthen sentence structure, and increase fluency through engaging activities. Hebrew learning supports both language development and cultural connection.
SPECIALS	Fourth graders participate in enrichment classes that support creativity, wellness, and exploration. Art, music, physical education, and library experiences complement academic learning and allow students to develop interests and talents beyond the classroom.