

## Religion

- **Prayer:** Review learned prayers. Introduce Act of Faith, Hope, Love and Prayer to Holy Spirit.
- **Scriptures:** Study Old and New Testament stories relating to the life of Jesus.
- **Morality:** Learn the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Great commandment of Love
- **Doctrine:** Study the Kingdom of God, power of the Holy Spirit, lives of the saints.
- **Liturgy:** Read about the Seasons, Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **Church:** Explore the Holy Spirit's work in the church.
- **Peace/Justice**
- **Service/Christian Witness**

## Specialized Programs

The following areas are taught by content area specialists:

- **Foreign Languages:**  
*French and Spanish*
- **Technology (iPads)**
- **Visual Arts**
- **Physical Education**
- **Music**
- **Library/Media Center**

## The Sisters' Connection

The mission of the Institute of Union-Chrétienne de Saint Chamond is to provide a positive educational experience for children grounded in Christ, according to the charisma of the Institute.

The Sisters' involvement and primary goal is first to provide a foundation for our teachings of the Catholic faith and to provide foreign language skills to enable growth in each child's abilities in the following years.

**Catholic Faith:** Provide examples in everything we do at NDA in relationship to Christ. Display God's love throughout the day and teach the Catholic faith within all levels at school.

**Foreign Languages:** French & Spanish

**All grades: Preschool-8<sup>th</sup>:**

- Prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

**Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten:**

- Learning through songs, basic greetings, numbers 1-20, the family, conversation

**Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>:**

- Basic greetings, formal and informal "you", colors, months of the year, numbers 0-100, conversation, vocabulary list, basic phrases that are useful in classroom
- From 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Introduction to grammar, the uses of foreign language knowledge in today's society

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## Curriculum Guide



*A private Catholic school of the  
Sisters de  
l'Union-Chrétienne  
de St. Chamond*

## Summary of Fourth Grade Skill Expectations

Notre Dame Academy Grade Level Standards meet the California State and Diocesan Standards. For more information, please refer to [www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/) and [www.ndasd.org](http://www.ndasd.org).

## Language Arts

### Reading:

- Apply Pre-reading strategies
- Connect ideas that are woven throughout a story
- Evaluate and respond to various forms of literature
- Explore a variety of genres
- Expand vocabulary
- Use context clues to gain meaning
- Divide a word into syllables
- Learn word relationships
- Appreciate and respect literature of different cultures

### Writing:

- Write paragraphs with a topic sentence and conclusion
- Write multi paragraph compositions
- Revise and edit writing
- Outlining as a form of pre-writing
- Explore various writing genres

### English Language Conventions:

- Learn all parts of speech
- Know the types of sentences
- Capitalization and punctuation rules

### Listening and Speaking:

- Orally share experiences in group discussions
- Present oral reports focusing on presentation and content

### Other Skills:

- Develop Study Skills
- Be familiar with library, reference and dictionary skills
- Take Notes
- Apply test taking strategies
- Set and assess learning goals

## Math

### Number Sense:

- Use a number line to show fractions, decimals, and mixed numbers.
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division of multi-digit numbers.

### Algebra & Functions:

- Evaluate expressions including parentheses and the order of operations.
- Understand that equations such as  $y = 3x + 5$  are a prescription for determining a second number when a first is given.

### Measurement & Geometry:

- Calculate area of rectangles and squares and other more complex figures
- Recognize that rectangles with the same area can have different perimeters
- Graph points on a two dimensional grid

### Data, Probability, and Statistics:

- Make predictions that represent possible outcomes.
- Read graphs to answer questions about data

### Mathematical Reasoning:

- Use strategies, skills, and concepts in finding solutions (estimation, patterns, checking answers, generalizing solutions, etc.)

## Science

### Physical Sciences:

- Electricity, Magnetism

### Life Sciences:

- Energy and Matter (food webs, producers/consumers/decomposers)
- Ecosystems, environments

### Earth Sciences:

- Rocks and Minerals
- Erosion (rock cycle)

### Investigation & Experimentation:

- Apply scientific process to experimentation
- Record and discuss results

## History-Social Science

- California geography
- Native Americans, Spanish settlers
- Gold Rush
- The Missions system
- California's statehood
- Growth and Development through agriculture and transportation
- Mixed cultures of California
- World War II
- Immigration
- State and local government
- Current issues
- Environmental issues
- Modern California's industries