



Grade 4: Day in the Life

8:00 a.m. Arrival and Morning Writing Prompt

Students arrive on campus between 8:00 and 8:25 a.m. Fourth graders get their morning started by responding to a fun and engaging writing prompt which kickstarts their brain and prepares them for the rest of their day.

8:30 a.m. Math

Our fourth graders continue to follow “Math in Focus” (Singapore Math), an authentic Singapore Math curriculum that focuses on problem solving to facilitate math learning. Concepts are taught with a concrete-pictorial-abstract learning progression through real-world, hands-on experiences to build the foundational concepts that will best prepare students for higher math. This style of learning stimulates clarity of thought, communication skill in the language of mathematics and adaptability to problem solving. The program has built-in extensions and flexibility that allow it to be tailored to the needs of students of every ability.

9:15 a.m. English/Language Arts

The language arts program includes reading, writing, listening and speaking. Fourth graders are exposed to a reading workshop approach that includes a variety of nonfiction and reference materials, as well as works of fiction. Writing occurs daily in the classrooms through labeling, dictation, journal writing, research reports and learning logs.

10:30 a.m. Fruit/Break Recess

All of TCS takes a break for a nutritional snack and some fresh air. You'll probably find our fourth graders involved in an intense game of four square over on the four square court!

10:45 a.m. Specialists

Fourth graders take art, music, PE, library and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Students head to our STEAM lab where they take on challenges that help build their problem-solving prowesses, grow in their ability to persist when faced with frustrations, and build self confidence - the very skills they'll need in high school and beyond.

11:30 a.m. Building Character and Community (BCC)

Our character education program - Building Character and Community (BCC) - is baked into everything we teach so our students learn to focus on caring and respecting themselves, their neighbors, their classroom, and the environment.

12:00 p.m. Lunch/Recess

1:00 p.m. World Language

Starting in fourth grade, our students transition from Chinese (Mandarin) to Spanish. Fourth graders take Spanish three times each week with the goal of proficiently speaking Spanish by the time they leave TCS for high school.

2:00 p.m. Immersive Project-based Learning (PBL)

Fourth graders at TCS use immersive project-based learning (I-PBL) to take learning beyond the book. I-PBL presses students to tackle the kinds of questions that can't be answered on Google by examining a problem through the academic lenses of math, science, language arts and social studies. In fourth grade, you may see teams of kids working together to apply what they've learned about bones and muscles to build a knee brace for an injured knee.

3:15 p.m. Extracurricular Activities

The school day ends at 3:15 p.m., but the TCS Extended Day program is just getting started! Extended Day offers robust extracurricular activities like Enrichment classes that allow students to take a deep dive into a specific interest; competitive sports like basketball, cross country, ultimate Frisbee and more; arts offerings like drama and chorus; and an after-school program that focuses on outside recreation, teambuilding, homework time, and small group STEAM activities.