

El Sol Science and Arts Academy of Santa Ana

An Excellent Public School

Fourth Grade

Language Arts:

- to build important reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills
- to engage in reading as a way to extract information and begin making literary analysis
- to read more challenging literature, articles, and other sources of information and continue to grow their vocabulary
- to clearly explain in detail what they have read by referring to details or information from the text
- to organize their ideas and develop topics with reason, facts, details, and other information

Technology:

- to use technology to research, gather information, communicate ideas, and collaborate with peers
- what it means to take on responsibilities in both their offline and online communities as a way to learn how to be good digital citizens
- to consider that they may encounter online, messages from other kids that can make them feel angry, hurt, sad, or fearful
- to explore ways to handle cyberbullying and how to respond in the face of upsetting language online

Math:

- to focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve word problems, including problems involving measurement of volume, mass, and time
- to build their understanding of fractions and start to understand the relationship between fractions and decimals

Social Studies:

 about the State of California, including geography, ecology, and history with special consideration of its rich, multi-ethnic heritage developed by waves of successive immigrants

Science:

 to demonstrate grade appropriate proficiency in developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, engage in argument and communication information

Physical Education:

- to focus on areas of strength
- standard physical education, teaching sports and other non-traditional approaches to physical education such as gymnastics, dance, yoga and martial arts

The Arts:

Music:

- to develop an increasingly sophisticated knowledge of melody, meter, harmony, and orchestration through ensemble experience and performance
- to improvise and compose, as well as sight sing and sight-read
- to read simple melodies in both the treble and bass clefs at sight
- to apply their acquired music skills by being part of music assemblies and field trips to concerts to widen students' vision of what is possible in the world

The Arts:

Theater:

- to use their voice to convey mood, character, and emotion in recounting personal experiences and stories
- that scenes grow out of the literature and out of students' personal stories
- to apply their acquired theater skills by attending field trips, theatrical productions and assemblies

The Arts:

Dance:

- to intricate forms of multicultural dances
- to develop "dance" stories growing out of the literature programs in which students create group choreographic scenes
- to apply musical concepts of double and triple meter to movement and dance forms, such as the waltz, and fox trot
- to discuss the body in relation to health, nutrition, rest, and protection from physical injury

The Arts:

Visual Arts:

- to use a variety of techniques and media to illustrate their observations of the environment in which they live
- to expand their visual arts vocabulary through design and image techniques, through field trips to museums and galleries, and through related topics in the traditional and multicultural programs
- that a person's own cultural point of view may influence responses to a work of art
- to create cross-curricular connections