



BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL

Balmoral Hall Academic Subjects-Grade 4



<p>Language Arts</p>	<p>'Strategic' readers and writers make their thinking visible in Grades 3-5 using different comprehension strategies that are integrated into content learning.</p> <p>The grade four Language Arts skills are integrated into all subject areas, including the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program units of inquiry. Fundamental skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking and thinking are developed through the exploration of a variety of literature. Writer's workshops encourage the writing process for clarity and effectiveness.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>'Meaningful Math'</p> <p>The grade four Mathematics program focuses on the outcomes from the following strands: Number, Shape and Space, Measurement, Probability and Statistics, and Patterns and Relations. Skills are developed through large and small group activities, and independent assignments. Students have access and opportunity to use concrete materials to solve various mathematical tasks. Students are encouraged to use mathematical reasoning, to define and solve problems, to communicate knowledge and concepts and to understand how mathematical ideas connect to real life situations.</p>
<p>'Inquiry': involvement and critical thinking that leads to understanding.</p> <p>Focus on: Science</p> <p>Focus on: Social Studies</p>	<p>The skills taught in Science are integrated into PYP units of inquiry. Fundamental skills in this subject area are developed through large and small group activities, and independent assignments. Students also participate in experiments, field trips, and have guest speakers visit their class to further develop their skills and knowledge. The scientific inquiry process is emphasized with hands-on activities, experiments, and explorations.</p> <p>Students acquire knowledge of key social science concepts including change, perspective, and responsibility. They acquire skills of inquiry and communication through research projects. Students then apply these skills to develop an understanding of concepts, to evaluate different points of view, and to examine information critically in order to solve problems and make decisions on issues that are relevant to their lives. Students are encouraged to think like a historian geographer, and social scientist.</p> <p><u>Units of Inquiry</u> Rock Hounds Meet the Group Sound & Light Respecting Diversity Power to the People The Habitat Connection</p>



Grade 4 Specialized Subjects



Art	The Junior School art program involves a comprehensive approach aimed at developing skills in a variety of different media. Through a hands-on approach, students develop critical and creative thinking skills. Art is integrated into units of inquiry so that students may express their ideas, feelings, imaginations, and personal experiences.
French	Students in the grade four French program continue to expand their skills in the four areas of language learning: listening speaking, reading and writing. These skills are enhanced through the gesture methodology. Creative writing, drama and theme based units. Formal grammar instruction is introduced to build upon and further develop those language skills acquired at the Primary level.
Physical Education	The grade four program provides opportunity for students to apply acquired movement skills to meaningful situations and sport-related activities. Fitness concepts are applied, with a focus on participation for improving and maintaining fitness levels. Activities and discussion reinforce knowledge and skills in risk management and injury prevention. Activities and discussion reinforce the benefits of healthy lifestyle practices. Extra-curricular programming provides additional activity opportunities.
Music	In the grade four music program students will advance their skill and understanding of the elements of music through listening, singing, playing and creating. Orff instruments, including soprano recorders, and handbells, are used to develop playing and reading skills. All students participate in the grade 4/5 choir where performance skills are enhanced.
Dance	An inspiring and imaginative class for grade four. It offers our students a great opportunity to express themselves through music, movement and improvisation.
Library	The library program emphasizes resource-based learning and collaborative program planning with classroom teachers to support student learning. Students visit the library regularly where class visits focus on developing reading skills and information literacy, encouraging a love of reading and inspiring students to explore the world around them and to become life-long learners.
Technology	Using the laptop computer as a learning tool, students plan, collect and analyse and interpret data. The computer is used to research and to communicate student learning and reflection through multimedia presentations.

Skating	A skating skills program is offered in support of the Manitoba Department of Education & Training initiative of promoting healthier active lifestyles in students.
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