



# St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School Highlights

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- Established in 1895, 129 years old.
- International Baccalaureate School for PYP and MYP.
- TK through to 8th grade - one class per grade
- Qualified staff with Masters and Ph.D credentials
- Longevity of staff
- Community of diverse ethnic, socio-economic and faith backgrounds.
- Heritage of achievement, academics, preparation and dedication.
- 7am - 6pm Extension program with no waiting list.
- Full Time Achievement Specialist



“*Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible,*  
St. Francis of Assisi”

- Catholic School Band
- Choir
- Hot Lunch program
- Drama Club
- Student Council
- Sports - Cross Country, Track and Field, Girls and Boys Volleyball, Boys and Girls Flag Football, Pee Wee Pups, Little Dribblers, Boys and Girls Basketball and Golf Team.

Siempre Adelante



# St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School - 4th Grade

Fourth Graders will explore the fourth grade curriculum through six International Baccalaureate themes, which make up our Program of Inquiry. Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Religion are woven throughout these units. Here are some of the highlights from Fourth Grade.

## Fourth Grade Program of Inquiry:

**Who We Are:** Fourth Graders learn about self-identity, who we are in Christ, and how to understand our place in our world. Students set goals, reflect on their behavior, and learn about different cultures, such as the Native American tribes of California. Throughout the year, we focus on the growth and development of California and take field trips to significant places such as Sutter's Fort and the Sonoma Mission.

**Where We Are in Time and Place:** Through literature and history, our class connects geography, migration, and the effects humans have on their environment. Not only do we focus on the California gold rush, but also research other gold rushes around the world, and explore what humans value.

**How the World Works:** Through this unit of inquiry, students learn about landforms through Mystery Science lessons. Fourth graders learn about how to prepare for and understand the effects of natural disasters, and how to plan ahead to help our environment. Students also experiment with magnetism, and the forces of nature.

**How We Organize Ourselves:** Fourth graders discover the way we organize our government, the functions of groups in society, and explore different perspectives in our world community and economy. We discover more about unique people that have shaped our laws. Fourth graders also learn how grammar, language, and technology connect us to others.

**How We Express Ourselves:** Through literature, and myths, students develop an appreciation for different cultural stories. Students create art, and are exposed to art from around the world to understand different points of view. Fourth grade students have weekly opportunities to express themselves through art projects and creative writing.

**Sharing the Planet:** Students explore the natural environment and learn about our natural resources, such as water and plants. Students tackle real-world issues about our planet. Additionally, fourth grade students have the opportunity to use self-management skills, research, writing, and Science experiments to better understand how to protect our earth.

