

Trinity Christian School

Fourth Grade Grammar

A. Grammatical Objectives:

Review:

1. Patterns 1-3 sentences
2. Eight parts of speech
3. Punctuation and Capitalization rules
4. Question and Answer Flow for identifying sentence structure
5. Four types of sentences
6. Complete subject/Complete predicate
7. Simple subject/Simple predicate
8. Common and Proper nouns
9. Subject/Verb agreement
10. A/an choices
11. Verb phrases
12. Expository paragraphs

New:

1. Vocabulary words with definitions, synonyms, and antonyms
2. Friendly and Business letters (capitalization/punctuation, and format)
3. Possessive singular and possessive plural nouns
4. Persuasive paragraphs
5. Sentence structure: fragments, simple sentences, simple sentences with compound parts, and run-on sentences
6. Pattern 4 sentence structure
7. Double negatives
8. Verb tenses and tenses of helping verbs
9. Changing verb tenses : past to present, present to past in paragraphs
10. Personal pronouns and their antecedents
11. Descriptive writing
12. Quotation usage
13. Narrative writing
14. Contractions
15. Dictionary skills: alphabetical order, guide words, entry words, etc.
16. Parts of a book: title page, table of contents, copyright, index, bibliography, preface, appendix, glossary, body

B. Grammar Teaching Methods:

1. Oral instruction as scripted in teacher's manual
2. Student participation identifying sentence patterns on the board
3. Oral chanting of Shurley jingles by class
4. Oral drill of vocabulary with definitions, synonyms, and antonyms
5. Student participation on board in identifying common/proper nouns, singular/plural nouns, simple/complete subjects, and simple/complete predicates
6. Student workbook
7. Student dry-erase board work

C. Primary Texts and Materials:

1. The Shurley Method - Level 4 text by Brenda Shurley & Ruth Wetsell
Shurley Instructional Materials 1-881940-59-4
2. The Shurley Method - Level 4 student workbook
Shurley Instructional Materials 1-881940-60-8
3. Teacher created materials
4. The American Heritage Dictionary
A Dell Book 0-440-23701-7

D. Approximate Time Per Week: 2 ½ hours