

**Grace Christian Academy
Course Description**

Course Title: Penmanship 4th Grade
Course Length: Full Year

Class Meetings (per week): 30 min. weekly
Textbooks/Curriculum: D'Nealian Handwriting Book 4; Scott Foresman Publishing

General Course Description: This course is designed to focus on continuous skill progression in handwriting. It allows for individual styles while focusing on consistency and legibility of letter and word formation. Manuscript writing is thoroughly reviewed, although emphasis is placed on cursive writing as the program develops.

Bible Principles:

In our own handwriting, we can share the gospel with others. II Thes. 3:17

**We are to keep God's Words ever before us and write them on the tablets of our hearts.
Proverbs 3:3**

**The ability to communicate with one another and God is part of His plan for our lives.
Exodus 4:10-12, Jeremiah 1:4-9, Galatians 4:6**

General Course Content:

1st Quarter: Pages 1-19

2nd Quarter: Pages 20-39

3rd Quarter: Pages 40-59

4th Quarter: Pages 60-78

Related Student Objectives/Learner Objectives:

Students will learn:

1. To accurately form upper and lower case manuscript letters
2. To accurately form upper and lower case cursive letters
3. To accurately join cursive letters
4. To accurately adjust the size of their writing to fit available space
5. To write phrases and sentences using correct spacing
6. To write using accurate proportional size and spacing of letters in words
7. To accurately slant letters in one direction
8. To accurately rest letters on lines or drop below the line in correct proportion
9. To identify the meaning of proofreader's marks
10. To correct a paragraph by following proofreader's marks

Presentation Method:

- Lecture
- Demonstration
- Worksheets
- Comparing and Analyzing Samples

Evaluation and Grading Methods:

- Daily class work
- Handwriting samples
- Grading Scale:
 - O = Outstanding
 - S = Satisfactory
 - I = Needs Improvement

Enrichment and/or Supplemental Activities:

- Creative writing projects
- Making book labels
- Making business cards
- Making signs
- Making invitations
- Making nametags for book bags