

LANGUAGE 4

Course Description: In this course, students will learn the eight parts of speech, composition skills, Greek and Latin roots, phonograms, dictionary and research skills, and how we use language. They will learn through written practice, memorization, diagramming sentences, writing book reports, oral reports, choral readings, written exams, and workbook activities. In addition to being able to discuss their learning, students will demonstrate their understanding of these topics through workbooks, book reports, research reports, spelling tests, elocution, and daily class work. The most reliable way to receive specific information about course work, including topics and timing, is through Edline. For many students, the most challenging part of class is to master phonograms and written compositions. To support your student, please consider reviewing phonograms, practicing spelling and memorization, and having your student read aloud at least 10 minutes per day.

Key Texts: *God's Gift of language A*, A Beka Book Language Series, Third Edition, 4th Grade Level

Publishable or Significant Projects: Book Reports (seven throughout the school year); one to two-page, hand written term report identifying plot, main characters and theme of a book; Friendly Letters; Thank You Notes; Post Cards; Writing with details (2-3 paragraphs using descriptive words and details); Write about a Picture (write a story about what is happening in a picture using both declarative and interrogative sentences); Writing about a maxim (Explain the meaning and what can be learned from the maxim); Writing using information from an encyclopedia (use own words to write about factual information on a selected subject); Quotation Marks (Write a short story that includes conversations between two or more people. Use correct punctuation.); and Write using comparisons (using adjectives).

Memorizations: 2 Ne. 25:26; Ether 12:27; Moroni 10:4-6; Mosiah 4:30; 1 Ne. 19:9; 1 Ne. 19:23; Proverbs 3:5-6; Luke 2:11-14; Sharpe, R.L., "A Bag of Tools"; Jefferson, Thomas, "Advice From Thomas Jefferson; Alexander, Cecil Frances, "All Things Bright and Beautiful"; Wadsworth, Henry, "The Arrow and the Song."