



Elementary Grade Core Choices 2009-2010

COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE CURRICULUM

Time4Learning

Gr. K-5

Time4Learning is a new approach that takes advantage of today's technology. It's a convenient, online home education program that combines learning with fun educational teaching games.

Time4Learning helps parents build interesting diverse days. By shifting from computer-based lessons to discussion, or from paper and pencil exercises to art projects, children stay engaged and benefit from different teaching methods. Variety keeps children motivated and attentive throughout the day. Time4Learning's online learning system combines in one homeschool curriculum interactive lessons, multimedia reinforcement activities, printable worksheets, learning games, and assessments with reports.

Subjects Covered: All subjects; K-1 grades do not include Social Studies-additional curriculum will need to be ordered; K also does not include Science-additional curriculum will need to be ordered

Format: Online program – requires Internet access

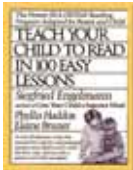
Learning Style: multi-sensory

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, moderate interaction required; basic computer skills required

For a Better Look...

Check out www.time4learning.com

LANGUAGE ARTS



Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons

K-1

This program is the SRA DISTAR reading program that teaches phonetic sounds by creating a set of symbols to represent each sound and then transitioning the student to standard alphabet combinations later on. 100 twenty-minute lessons that are scripted. After 100 lessons, students read on a solid second grade level. Includes optional spelling and writing exercises.

Format: book

Language Arts Strands Covered: reading

Learning Style: directed, visual

Teaching Style: structured, linguistic approach, no prep, high interaction required

Publisher: Fireside



The Ordinary Parent's Guide to Teaching Reading Combo Pack

K-1

Learning to read is often thought of as a mystical process that requires a trained professional. Remember: patient, frequent, and consistent is the key. Take as long as you really need to, but faithfully move your way through "A is the first vowel we will say," to the fourteen syllable supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Using the explicit phonics method (rather than sight-word or basal reading systems), the lessons begin with short vowel sounds, and then move through consonants, blends, long-vowels, silent letters, r-changed vowels, two- and three-syllable words, possessive words and contractions, and more.

Each lesson is organized with notes to the teacher, scripted lesson content for the teacher to give to the student, and words for the child to repeat after the teacher or read to himself. There are no pictures on the pages, and this keeps students from being distracted or from becoming dependent upon pictures for guessing. Guessing is not the goal; memorization is.

The program also comes with magnet boards and letters and an audio companion.

Format: book, magnets boards with letters, audio companion

Language Arts Strands Covered: reading, phonics

Learning Style: interactive

Teaching Style: *Well Trained Mind*

Publisher: Peace Hill Press



Five in a Row

Gr. K-1

Volume 1

Volume 2

Provides students with a unit-study approach to early education, based on outstanding children's literature. These volumes of *Five in a Row* provide lesson plans covering Social Studies, Language, Art, Applied Math, and Science in a way that causes children to fall in love with learning.

Format: Teacher's guide plus children's books (as available from publisher)

Language Arts Strands Covered: reading – but also covers social studies, language, art, applied math, and science

Learning Style: theme-based

Teaching Style: structured to flexible, no prep, high interaction required

Publisher: Five in a Row

Pairing Suggestion: *Primary Phonics* for or *Reading a-z* for phonics instruction



Phonics Readers

K-1

This program introduces your students to reading through a structured phonics approach. Beginning readers are given the opportunity to read whole books successfully on the first try. 40 book series plus Teacher's Guides.

Language Arts Strands Covered: phonics, reading comprehension, and fluency

Format: small sets of leveled readers accompanied by teacher's guides

Learning Style: traditional phonics readers

Teaching Style: structured, some prep, instructor-directed

Publisher: Steck-Vaughn

Pairing Suggestion: Steck-Vaughn *Phonics* workbook



Primary Phonics

Gr. K-2

The program accommodates all students, allowing them to work at their own pace, and includes many opportunities for reteaching and reinforcement. Engaging, high-interest themes motivate students and frequent review provides additional support. This complete, proven series gives students a sense of accomplishment as they read storybooks on their own from the very beginning of instruction.

Five levels with readers; a sixth workbook is available without readers

Language Arts Strands Covered: phonics

Format: readers and consumable workbooks

Learning Style: self-paced, high interest

Teaching Style: flexible, no prep, moderate interaction required

Publisher: EPS



Readinga-z.com

Gr. K-4

Print 1,600 books and thousands of reading resources - anytime, anywhere. Resources include Leveled Readers, Benchmark Books and Running Records, Lessons and Worksheets, Phonics Program, Phonic Awareness Materials, Poetry Books, Alphabet Materials, High-Frequency Word Books, Vocabulary Books and Activities, Fluency Passages, Reader's Theater Scripts, Assessments, and more! There are even books in both Spanish and French. You can select to have access to these materials via the computer from your own home or you may choose to have your EP print them for you.

Language Arts Strands Covered: phonics, reading fluency and comprehension

Format: downloadable readers, games, worksheets and more

Learning Style: self-paced, high interest

Teaching Style: flexible, no prep, moderate interaction required

Publisher: www.readinga-z.com



Signature Series Anthologies

Gr. 2-5

Traditional Textbook: Anthologies in this series cover a variety of genres, cross-curricular literature, award-winning selections, authors, and illustrators. Workbooks available covering phonics and reading skills.

Format: textbooks with consumable workbooks

Language Arts Strands Covered: Phonics, reading comprehension, reading skills

Learning Style: traditional textbook format, colorful, high interest

Teaching Style: traditional textbook instruction; structured or flexible, some prep; moderate interaction required.

Publisher: Harcourt School Publishers

Pairing Suggestions: *Spelling Workout* and any grammar program



TLC Literature Units

Gr. 3-5

Literature-based units with a growing title list. Select a title and receive a reading guide and away you go! Excellent for students who love to read.

Language Arts Strands Covered: reading comprehension, literary skills

Format: Reading book plus study guide

Learning Style: novel-based

Teaching Style: flexible or structured

Pairing Suggestions: Houghton-Mifflin *English*



Read Naturally

Gr. 3-5

A series of easy-to-read stories for struggling upper grade readers. Ideal for helping to build fluency and confidence. Utilizes brief high-interest passages in both written and audio form (audiocassette or CD), followed by a series of comprehension questions.

Language Arts Strands Covered: fluency, reading comprehension

Format: CDs or audiocassettes in a binder and consumable worksheets

Learning Style: for struggling readers; combines auditory with visual

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Read Naturally

Pairing Suggestions: *Explode the Code* for more phonics support

PHONICS



Plaid Phonics 2003

Gr. K-3

The new MCP Plaid Phonics incorporates best practices in essential phonemic awareness and phonics skills with flexibility, practice, and support to meet all learners' needs. Provides support for fluency and comprehension.

Language Arts Strands Covered: phonics, fluency, reading comprehension, vocabulary, spelling

Format: consumable workbook

Learning Style: Traditional workbook format

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Modern Curriculum Press (MCP)



Explode the Code

K-4

This is a student-centered format encouraging independent work. Students practice writing, reading, matching, spelling, and copying sounds and words. Not too much writing required on each page. All illustrations are done by kids. Large space for writing answers; no dotted lines for answers.

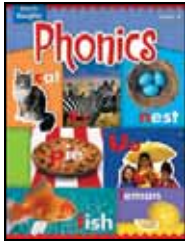
Language Arts Strands Covered: phonics

Format black-and-white consumable workbooks.

Learning Style: independent, likes humor, high interest

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: EPS



Steck-Vaughn Phonics

Gr. K-4

This program is designed to guide children as they become successful readers. Through the use of poetry and rhyme, thematic units, colorful photos, flashcards, and activities, children will develop all the skills needed to become confident readers. Skills-specific practice pages link phonics with spelling, reading, and writing so your child builds language skills in an integrated fashion.

Language Arts Strands Covered: phonics, reading

Format: full-color consumable workbook

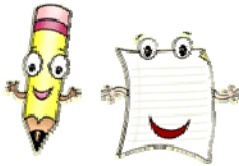
Learning Style: likes color format, activity

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, moderate interaction required

Publisher: Steck Vaughn

Pairing Suggestion: Steck-Vaughn *Phonics Readers*

WRITING



Writing a-z

Gr. K-5

This program gives wonderful support for parents as they teach their children the how-tos of writing. Our EPs with writing expertise looked at the program and gave it two thumbs up. Lessons are either established for you by your EP or you can help strategize the instruction. If you'd like a sneak peek at this new program, you'll find it at www.writinga-z.com!

Language Arts Strands Covered: Writing

Format: learning packets

Learning Style: multi-sensory

Teaching Style: flexible, low prep, moderate interaction required

Publisher: www.writinga-z.com



How to Make Books with Children

Gr. K-2

Beginning Writers

Holidays and Celebrations

Literature and Writing Connections

Read a Book—Make a Book

Science and Math

How to Make Books with Children Series just got better, with the addition of *Beginning Writers*, specially developed for grades K-2. Each of the 22 topics in this handy resource starts with: prewriting suggestions, a list of current literature to read, oral language experiences that build vocabulary, and background for writing.

Your children can then create the type of book that suits their individual writing levels.

Top off each student's story with a charming, reproducible cover. Using the same forms, you can make group books, too. Each topic has two group-book ideas and clip art to enhance the books. There are several books to choose from and you may choose one and later switch to another!

Language Arts Strands Covered: Writing

Format: soft back book with reproducible pages

Learning Style: multi-sensory

Teaching Style: flexible, high prep, high interaction required

Publisher: Evan Moor

Pairing Suggestions: *Daily Language Review*



Steps to Writing Success

Level 1: Writing Sentences Gr. 1, 2

Level 2: Writing Paragraphs Gr. 2, 3

Level 3: Writing Multiple Paragraphs Gr. 3, 4

How to Write a Story (Grades 1-3, 4-6)

Gr. 1-4

Choose from one of the 28 lesson plans in each book that include writing ideas from four domains—expressive, narrative, informative, and persuasive. Follow the step-by-step lesson plan, which will help you provide your children with high interest, easy-to-follow instruction in writing! Each lesson has literature suggestions for books to read that set the stage for learning, so trips to the library will be essential and well worth it!

Language Arts Strands Covered: Writing

Format: soft back book with student activity pages

Learning Style: multi-sensory, incremental instruction in high interest format

Teaching Style: flexible, moderate prep, moderate to high interaction required. Detailed instructions are given in a classroom format but are simple to transfer to a home setting. Easy to follow.

Publisher: Creative Teaching Press and Evan-Moor

Pairing Suggestions: *Daily Language Review*



English

Gr. 1-5

This program helps students become powerful, motivated writers by building strong grammar, usage, and mechanics skills through real-world applications.

Language Arts Strands Covered: writing, grammar

Format: traditional hardback textbook with an accompanying consumable workbook

Learning Style: reading/writing

Teaching Style: structured or flexible, moderate prep, moderate interaction required; high parent support

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin

Pairing Suggestions: TLC Literature Units



Write Source

Gr. 2-5

Write Source reflects the latest research on writing and learning and provides everything students need to become better writers, thinkers, and learners in every classroom, including clear coverage of the writing process and the six traits of writing within every unit; detailed information on all the key forms of writing, complete with student models, clear writing guidelines, and practice activities; integrated mechanics, usage, and grammar activities.

Language Arts Strands Covered: Writing, grammar

Format: handbook with exercises included; teacher's edition

Learning Style: visual

Teaching Style: May be used in structured or flexible format; low prep, moderate interaction

Publisher: Great Source



Writing Strands

Gr. 1-5

Level 2 (Ages 7-9)

Level 3 (Ages 10 and up)

Writing Strands presents exercises that were written so that everything the students need to know to do the work is in the assignments. Most students take one year to complete a level. The instructions in each assignment in each level include identifying the skill being presented; suggesting the number of days (sessions) the average student should need to do the work; listing objectives of the exercise, so you will know what parts of the skill will be learned; presenting a model, so that the child will understand what the work will be like; giving pre-writing exercises—the child is asked to examine things or is encouraged to talk about, or read about the subject before writing; presenting clear and detailed instructions for the writing.

Language Arts Strands Covered: Writing

Format: Soft-back book and Teacher's edition

Learning Style: structured

Teaching Style: structured, low prep and low interaction

Pairing Suggestion: Steck-Vaughn Core Skills: *Language Arts*

GRAMMAR



Core Skills: Language Arts

Gr. 1-5

Developed to improve grammar skills and standardized test scores, this program contains activities that present only one skill per page, beginning with the grammatical rule and specific examples that model the following activities. The “Rule-example-practice” activity format is ideal for independent study.

Language Arts Strands Covered: grammar

Format: consumable workbook

Learning Style: reading/writing, independent

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Steck Vaughn



First Language Lessons for the Well-Trained Mind

Gr. 1-2

A complete scripted grammar and writing text for those first two all-important years of study. The program uses copywork, narration, dictation, picture study to develop the young student's language ability.

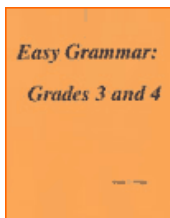
Language Arts Strands Covered: grammar, writing

Format: spiral-bound, non-consumable (students write on their own paper)

Learning Style: reading/writing; auditory

Teaching Style: *Well-Trained Mind*; structured, low prep, high interaction required

Publisher: Peace Hill Press



Easy Grammar

Gr. 3-5

Just like it says...easy. The idea is to cross out prepositions first and then it becomes easier to classify the remainder of the sentence. Lots of reinforcement and explanations. Popular in homeschooling circles.

Language Arts Strands Covered: grammar

Format: Teacher's soft back book plus student worksheets

Learning Style: directed, incremental

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Easy Grammar



Daily Grams

Gr. 3-5

Designed to take 10 minutes every day. Students complete half a page of exercises daily covering five basic skills: capitalization, punctuation, grammar, usage, and sentence combining. Popular in homeschooling circles.

Language Arts Strands Covered: grammar

Format: student workbook

Learning Style: directed, daily reinforcement

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Easy Grammar



Daily Language Review

Gr. 1-5

Daily Language Review provides the frequent, focused practice necessary to master and retain language skills.

Language Arts Strands Covered: grammar

Format: reproducible and teacher's guide

Learning Style: Workbook, daily reinforcement

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Evan-Moor

SPELLING



Target Spelling

Level based rather than grade-based

Different students learn different ways. With *Target Spelling* you can differentiate instructions to address a variety of learning styles and profiles and meet the needs of special education students. This unique alternative spelling program - a tried-and-true favorite - combines a multi-modality instructional approach with the consistent lesson format, careful pacing, and straightforward design so important to the success of the special-needs students. Student level is set by completing a placement test.

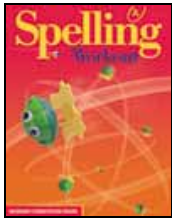
Language Arts Strands Covered: spelling

Format: consumable workbook

Learning Style: reading/writing, struggling spellers

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Steck Vaughn



Spelling Workout

Gr. 1-5

This program uses a kid-friendly sports theme to help make learning spelling systematic and fun! Student edition includes cross-curricular reading selections, high utility list words, writing/proofreading exercises, and a dictionary at the back of each book. The beginning of each lesson has a spelling "rule" clearly stated so children may memorize it.

Language Arts Strands Covered: spelling

Format: consumable workbook

Learning Style: reading/writing

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Modern Curriculum Press (MCP)



Spelling Power

Gr. 1-5

Requiring just 15 minutes a day, Spelling Power is totally individualized. Everything needed to teach each of your students spelling skills to the college level is contained in this one easy-to-use, step-by-step curriculum manual. Placement tests tell you exactly where each of your students should begin. Once their placement level has been determined, your students will use the research proven test-study-test method, along with immediate self-correction, to master word lists which are organized by phonetic principles and spelling rules.

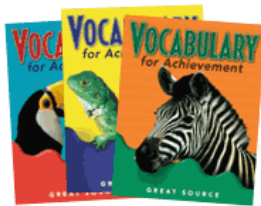
Language Arts Strands Covered: Spelling

Format: Teacher's manual with student workbook

Learning Style: visual

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, moderate interaction

Publisher: Castlemoyle



Vocabulary for Achievement

Gr. 4-5

This program helps students develop the vocabulary skills and strategies needed for reading and comprehending and for writing. The 30 lessons in each grade level of this program are divided into 6 strands, each supported by 5 lessons. Each set of 5 lessons develops not only carefully chosen vocabulary words, but also particular vocabulary skills and strategies that are necessary in building a facility with words.

Language Arts Strands Covered: vocabulary

Format: Consumable workbook

Learning Style: reading/writing, directed; challenging—younger students who are good spellers may benefit from the added skills taught in this series

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Great Source

HANDWRITING



Handwriting without Tears

Gr. K-5

Handwriting without Tears is developmentally based and works for children of all abilities. It uses a multi-sensory approach and is easy to teach and fun to learn. Clear and easy-to-follow lesson plans.

Language Arts Strands Covered: Handwriting

Format: consumable workbooks

Learning Style: multi-sensory approach, excellent for children having difficulty with handwriting

Teaching Style: structured, moderate prep, high interaction required

Publisher: Handwriting without Tears



Handwriting: Basic Skills Series

Gr. 1-5 (K, if ready for handwriting practice)

The writing activities in these books provide excellent practice in recognizing and forming upper- and lower-case letters and in relating the letters to their sounds. Students will learn to write the letters of the alphabet, as well as basic vocabulary words such as colors, days of the week, shapes, and more.

Traditional and modern manuscript and cursive are available.

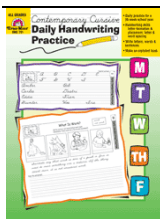
Language Arts Strands Covered: Handwriting

Format: black and white worksheets

Learning Style: more reinforcement

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, low interaction required

Publisher: McGraw-Hill



Daily Handwriting Practice

Gr. 1-5

These books are based on the premise that frequent, focused practice leads to mastery and retention. Practice is limited to a half page Monday through Thursday, then Friday's practice is a full page that reviews and practices the letter forms and content of the week.

Language Arts Strands Covered: handwriting

Format: black and white worksheets

Learning Style: short attention span

Teaching Style: structured, no prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Evan Moor



Cursive Connections Gr. 3-5

This workbook and guide is fairly traditional in the methods it uses for teaching handwriting. One distinction emphasized is letter connections, so letters are never practiced alone, but always paired with another letter. It doesn't offer as much practice as other handwriting curricula, so it works best for the older student who has decided it's time to learn cursive handwriting. Comes in Modern and Traditional Cursive.

Language Arts Strands Covered: handwriting

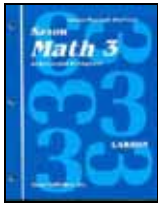
Format: black and white worksheets

Learning Style: for students who like concrete lessons

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, low interaction required

Publisher: Acacia Publishing

MATHEMATICS



Saxon Math

Gr. K-3

The heart of each K-3 program is the teacher's manual, which employs a unique instructional format. It contains daily lessons, each of which includes pre-instruction preparation instructions, a list of materials, and the entire scripted lesson. Skills are taught in incremental fashion with lots of reinforcement in ensuing lessons. Students complete lessons in a tablet and use manipulatives to gain understanding of mathematical concepts.

Format: consumable student tablets, black and white format

Learning Style: Students who benefit from incremental teaching and lots of reinforcement, kinesthetic

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, moderate interaction required, provides high teaching support

Publisher: Saxon Publishers



Saxon Math

Gr. 4-5

This program is based on introducing a topic to a student and then allowing the student to build upon that concept as they learn new ones. Topics are never dropped, but are instead increased in complexity and practiced every day, providing the time required for concepts to become totally familiar.

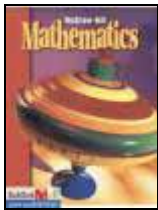
The New Saxon programs for upper grades include a student text, tests and worksheets, and a solutions manual that has full, step-by-step answers to all of the lesson problems.

Format: softbound text from 4th on up; students will have to write assignments on separate paper

Learning Style: students who benefit from incremental teaching and lots of reinforcement

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, low interaction required, black and white format

Publishers: Saxon Publishers



Traditional Textbook Math

Gr. K-5

This program offers carefully developed concepts within and across the mathematic strands. It is designed to build conceptual understanding, skill proficiency, problem solving ability, and logical reasoning.

Format: consumable workbooks for K-2; hardback text with optional practice book for 3-5, full color format

Learning Style: traditional textbook format plus opportunities for reteaching and challenging the students.

Teaching Style: structured, moderate prep, moderate interaction required, provides high teaching support

Publisher: varies



Shiller Math

K-5

ShillerMath publishes research-based math curriculum, music, manipulatives, flashcards, and workbooks for students of ages 4-12 (including pre-K and pre-Algebra), with beautifully designed lessons, diagnostic tests with answer keys, math songs, and Montessori-based manipulatives.

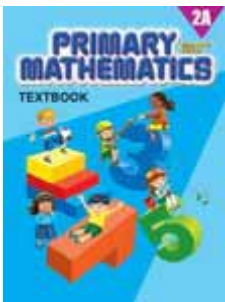
No Montessori or math knowledge is required and there's zero lesson preparation - just read what's in quotes and you're good to go! Students using this approach consistently outperform their peers.

Format: Workbooks, music, manipulatives, flashcards

Learning Style: All learning styles are addressed

Teaching Style: Directed, moderate prep, instructional support available from toll-free number

Publisher: Schiller Math



Primary Mathematics Standards Edition

1-5

Mathematical concepts are introduced in the opening pages and taught to mastery through specific learning tasks that allow for immediate assessment and consolidation. New mathematical concepts are introduced throughout a spiral progression that builds on concepts already taught and mastered.

Format: textbook format with consumable workbook components

Learning Style: All learning styles are addressed

Teaching Style: structured, moderate prep, moderate interaction required

Publisher: Singapore Math

SOCIAL STUDIES



Primary Social Studies

Great American Patriots

Symbols of the U.S.A

My Neighborhood

K-1

Based on the California State Standards, this program utilizes pencil-and-paper activities to augment real-life learning and reading of library books! Not only will students learn about important topics, but they will also engage in fun activities and practice their math and language arts.

Format: black-and-white copies that students can color, cut, and write on

Learning Style: workbook format or for students who are gaining real life experiences through field trips, reading library books, etc. This program will give flexible learning a paper trail.

Teaching Style: Makes the paperwork part of teaching the content a breeze. It's the teacher's job to fill in the real-world part!

Publisher: McGraw-Hill Children's Publishing and other publishers



Traditional Textbook Social Studies

Gr. 1-5

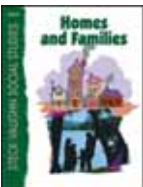
Employs a content-rich, relevant narrative to provide an integrated approach to skills development and reading support. Standard public school textbook with activity materials.

Format: traditional textbook with reproduced student activity pages

Learning Style: traditional textbook format; online activities can be used to reinforce learning

Teaching Style: structured or flexible, moderate prep, moderate interaction required, provides high teaching support

Publisher: varies



Steck-Vaughn Social Studies Series

Gr. 1-3

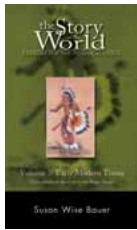
This series provides on-level core content in an appealing, full-color format presented at comfortable levels for limited readers. This is a colorful, easy-to-read alternative to basals and blacklines. Includes project ideas in the teacher's edition

Format: consumable workbook

Learning Style: good for limited readers or as a basis for a project-driven program

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, moderate interaction required

Publisher: Steck Vaughn



The Story of the World, vol. 1-4

Gr. K-5

Volume 1: The Ancients (5000 BC – 400 AD)

Volume 2: The Middle Ages (400 – 1600 AD)

Volume 3: Early Modern Times (1600 – 1850 AD)

Volume 4: The Modern Age (1850-1994)

Told in a straightforward, engaging style this four-volume set covers the sweep of human history from ancient times until the present. Find out what happened around the world in long-ago times. This read-aloud series is designed for parents to share with elementary school children. Activity books, tests, and student pages accompany all four volumes.

Format: soft bound book plus activity book and optional test packet

Learning Style: multi-age, auditory, project and activity based

Teaching Style: flexible, moderate prep, moderate to high interaction required

Publisher: Peace Hill Press



Hands-on-History/History Pockets Program

Gr. 2-5

Books in Hands-on-History series

Explorers

Colonial America

American Revolution

Pioneers

Civil War

Immigration

Books in History Pockets series

Ancient Civilizations

Ancient Egypt

Ancient Greece

Explorers of North America

The American Civil War

Colonial America

Native Americans

Moving West

Life in Plymouth

Bring history alive as students explore the fascinating past by making the interactive projects in Evan Moor's *History Pockets* and Scholastic's *Hands-on History* programs! Students create timelines, flip books, make compasses, and perform readers' theater. Perfect for the family desiring activity-based learning paired with reading library books or Internet research.

Format: soft back book with student activity pages

Learning Style: kinesthetic, creative

Teaching Style: flexible, moderate prep, high interaction required—multi-age appropriate

Publisher: Evan-Moor and Scholastic



Do California!
4th grade

The *Do California!* social studies curriculum was designed for California History teachers and parents searching for a comprehensive California unit study or homeschool social studies curriculum closely aligned with California State Standards. The program is divided into four sections and each lesson requires students to complete vocabulary cards, read about a California topic, and complete a comprehension activity that will expose them to various standardized test formats. In addition, each lesson includes a balanced mix of lower and higher level activities for the students to complete. Vocabulary quizzes, mapping, graphing, puzzles, research, writing, time lines, and following directions are the types of activities that will help students learn more about California.

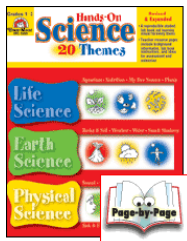
Format: spiral bound teacher's edition and Teacher's Resource, with student edition and consumable student workbook

Learning Style: directed

Teaching Style: low prep

Publisher: Splash Publications

SCIENCE



Hands-On Science – 20 Themes

Gr. K-2

Easy to use. Each of the 20 units includes the following sections: Teacher resource pages, materials list, objectives, preparation, background information, lab book instructions and answers, a learning visual, and reproducible student lab books. Lab book pages present the steps for each activity and provide space for students to write observations and answers.

The topics in Hands-On Science: Aquarium, Sun and Shadows, Cold and Heat, Bubbles, Sink and Float, Water, Plants, Life Cycles, Light, Chemistry, Sound, Nutrition, and many more.

Format: Reproducible book of activity pages

Learning Style: activity based

Teaching Style: Multi-age, flexible, moderate to high prep, high interaction required

Publisher: Evan-Moor Publishers



Scienceworks for Kids Series

K-4

Primary

Animals with Backbones

Animals w/o Backbones

Habitats

Plants

How Your Body Works

Energy: Light, Heat, & Sound

Exploring Space

Weather

Geology

A bit higher

Living Things

Human Body

Energy

Planet Earth

Simple Chemistry

Weather

This series, designed with good science and easy teaching in mind, covers concepts on a range of topics. Activities help children practice skills in observation, analysis, communication, making comparisons, prediction, critical thinking, and recording. Contains many ready-to-go resources, such as record sheets, logbook forms, minibooks, and picture cards. A mix of activity and worksheet—artsy-craftsy kids will like the coloring, journaling, cut-paste, but kids who don't like that will find much to like also.

Format: black and white reproduced pages

Learning Style: activity-based, artistic

Teaching Style: flexible, moderate prep, moderate to high interaction required, multi-level

Publisher: Evan-Moor Educational Publishers



Harcourt Science

Gr. 1-5

A traditional public school text teaching science that is supported by optional online activities. Comes with a textbook and workbook for the student and includes a number of lab experiments in each thematic area.

Format: traditional textbook plus consumable workbook

Learning Style: traditional textbook format; multi-sensory

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, moderate interaction required

Publisher: Harcourt School Publishers



Science in a Nutshell

Gr. 2-5

Explore and discover science concepts and processes through inquiry and hands-on learning. Fun, meaningful activities for student-directed individual or small-group learning. Each Nutshell includes 8-12 activities that develop a specific science topic, with an activity guide that has simple, clearly written instructions, and an activity journal in which students may record observations and data. Materials for lab experiments are included, except for common household materials. Strands cover Earth, Physical, Life, and Human body topics.

Format: kit with consumable and non-consumable pieces, activity guide, and activity journal; may also order *Sciencesaurus* for content instruction

Learning Style: multi-sensory; interactive

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, moderate to high interaction required

Publisher: Delta Education Science



Young Scientist's Club

Gr. K-2

The Young Scientists Club works similar to a magazine subscription in that your child will be sent a complete science kit on a regular basis. Each kit reinforces what was learned in previous kits as well as introduces what will be learned in future kits, creating a continuous curriculum of science learning. Each kit contains several science experiments and takes, on average, one hour to two hours to complete (with some long-term projects such as growing bacteria and measuring rainfall). The kits cover topics ranging from batteries and fossils to the human body and volcanoes. In each kit you receive all the materials needed for the experiments except for common recyclable and household products (i.e., plastic bottles, jars, baking soda, vinegar, etc.).

Format: consumable kits which are received one at a time; some materials from a kit may be also needed for the next kit in the series so don't throw them away!

Learning Style: multi-sensory; interactive

Teaching Style: structured, low prep, moderate to high interaction required

Publisher: Young Scientists' Club
