

Elementary Curriculum K-5

Kindergarten

Language Arts

Learning to Read

This is an excellent reading program for Kindergarten. The “Beginning to Read, Write and Listen” set of paperback books that are excellent at teaching letters and sounds. (McMillan-McGraw)

These are provided in 2 Pupil Kits: Kit 1 (letter 1-13 letters) and Kit 2 (letters 14-24) provide 24 high quality books for a total of \$200 (Amazon, find flexible payments), or \$5.50 to \$8.33 per book. And these are worth every penny.

You can also find them at the publishers website below: <https://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/product/9780021908943.html>

Cost \$138

Or at Amazon, below:

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Beginning+to+Read%2C+Write+and+Listen+Pupil+Kit&crid=31LLAEFVU9AI4&sprefix=beginning+to+read%2C+write+and+listen+pupil+kit%2Caps%2C221&ref=nb_sb_noss

Cost Kit 1 \$104

Cost Kit 2 \$93

These books teach each letter and it’s sound. The books are large and include multiple excellent ways to teach this essential skill.

But this skill in isolation is not reading.
Reading is not just decoding letter and sounds.
It is gleaning meaning from them.

That’s where “Bob” books are fun.
There are two levels.

Level one is sufficient, but for those who need more...
“Bob Books”, Set 1 and Set 2 (Scholastic -- available on Amazon)

Literature

This is reading for meaning as well as developing a rich love for language as an art. The site “**Core Knowledge**” provides **free** curriculum: Fables, and nursery rhymes for Kindergarten.

<https://www.coreknowledge.org/free-resource/ckla-domain-01-nursery-rhymes-fables/>

There are additional units available at this site, should you desire to add more literature.

Social Studies

Hillsdale (Free) : <https://k12.hillsdale.edu/Curriculum/The-Hillsdale-1776-Curriculum/>

This curriculum is limited to America. You will need to supplement with the units found at Core Knowledge.

Core Knowledge has several excellent free units to choose from here:

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Math

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https://g.christianbook.com/ns/pdf/placement/17001.pdf?event=Homeschool|10029_39

This is especially helpful for Kindergarten as there are very few complete Kindergarten curricula.

ABEKA

https://www.christianbook.com/abeka-number-skills-k5/pd/147333?en=bing-pla&event=SHOP&kw=homeschool-20-40%7C147333&p=1179517&dv=c&cb_src=bing&cb_typ=shopping&cb_cmp=376722714&cb_adg=1232552771500215&cb_kyw=default&mssclid=086ffcab825f109fb9619868b1069639&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Shopping%20Homeschool&utm_term=4580634173678324&utm_content=s-all%20homeschool
COST \$25

Focus on Math. Singapore Approach

<https://www.christianbook.com/singapore-approach-semester-homeschool-package/9780547428857/pd/428857?event=ESRCQ>

Cost \$80

Singapore Math, Flagship Curriculum

<https://www.singaporemath.com/collections/dimensions/products/dimensions-math-grade-k-complete-set> Cost \$131

Science

Science in Kindergarten is informal.

The term “kindergarten” is from the words “children’s garden”.

Growing plants, observing, talking about what they need, getting their hands dirty, wet, and using all their five of their God-given senses is HIS science.

Core Knowledge

That said, you will find some wonderful **free** units at Core Knowledge. It’s as easy as downloading two pdf’s: **Teacher Guide** (skip the introduction in each. The Table of Contents will show you on which page it ends. Insert the page number in the PDF and click enter. It will take you to where you need to be) and the **Flip Guide** (amazing visual aids) for each of these:

The Five Senses: <https://www.coreknowledge.org/free-resource/cksci-unit-5-health-and-the-human-body-our-five-senses/>

Human Body (vetted): <https://www.coreknowledge.org/free-resource/ckla-domain-02-human-body-five-senses/> 8 lessons. As Christian parents, you can add scripture to these lesson, such as, Psalm 139:14.

Push and Pull (introduction to physics) <https://www.coreknowledge.org/free-resource/cksci-unit-1-pushes-and-pulls/> 3 lessons. You will only need the Student Book (free pdf is long, easy to read, excellent. Break it up into 3 lessons).

Homework: Teach mom and dad about push and pull. As a family do a scavenger hunt around the house to find examples of things that push and pull.

Needs of Plants and Animals: <https://www.coreknowledge.org/free-resource/cksci-unit-2-needs-of-plants-and-animals/student-book-needs-of-plants-and-animals/>

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There are additional science units for free at this site, should you need them.

Bible

You can group K with the 1st and second grade students for Bible. You will need the Teacher Guide, and it is recommended that the children get their own Bible (link provided).

This is a Bible curriculum that builds on the Bible stories year after year. Hence: Year A. The teacher guide is sold 4 times a year, hence: Fall.

Teacher Guide, Year A -- Fall, Elementary , grades 1 & 2

<https://www.christianbook.com/gospel-light-elementary-grades-teacher-guide/9780830759408/pd/759401?event=CPOF>

Cost \$18

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Cost \$12 and up

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The links provided below are for a basic, comprehensive kit for the entire year. It includes workbooks, as well as a set of reading books per level, etc.

Here are two links to get the kit, two different vendors, two different prices, but both are provided in case it's not in stock at one:

<https://www.christianbook.com/abeka-grade-1-homeschool-child-language/0000297828/pd/297828?event=ESRCQ> Cost -- \$350

<https://www.abeka.com/abekaonline/bookdescription.aspx?sbn=327786> Cost -- \$430

You can also obtain the **Parent Guide (Curriculum Lesson Plans)**. This is very valuable. Here are two links where you can find it:

<https://www.christianbook.com/abeka-homeschool-language-curriculum-lesson-plans/pd/294802?event=ESRCG> \$68

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IF ABEKA is unaffordable:

Wonders McGraw-Hill

This is an affordable alternative. ABEKA will cost anywhere from \$520 - \$420 for the entire year. Everything is included. It has a 60 year track record. **Wonders** is not as comprehensive, but if money is an issue, you can find the three books you will need from \$300 (new) to \$60 (cheapest - used).

Student Textbook Anthology

https://www.amazon.com/Reading-Wonders-Writing-Workshop-ELEMENTARY/dp/0021195854/ref=sr_1_3?crid=3RTZF567ZRAGC&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+1+Reading%2Fwriting&qid=1690559793&prefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+1+reading%2Fwriting%2Caps%2C139&sr=8-3

Cost -- as low as \$5

Student Textbook Reading/Writing

https://www.amazon.com/Reading-Wonders-Writing-Workshop-ELEMENTARY/dp/0021195854/ref=sr_1_3?crid=4ZNYBOZQYTV8&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+1&qid=1690558951&prefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+1%2Caps%2C310&sr=8-3

Cost -- as low as \$6 used

Teacher Guide

https://www.amazon.com/McGraw-Hill-Reading-Wonders-Teachers/dp/B07Q2FJVW3/ref=sr_1_4?crid=28M82ULJN2HVI&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+1+Teacher&qid=1690559059&prefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+1+teacher%2Caps%2C147&sr=8-4&ufe=app_do%3Aamzn1.fos.006c50ae-5d4c-4777-9bc0-4513d670b6bc

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Abeka Math

Two links are provided in case one is out of stock

<https://www.abeka.com/abekaonline/bookdescription.aspx?sbn=373826> Cost \$39

https://www.christianbook.com/abeka-homeschool-child-grade-1-arithmetic/0000309451/pd/297844?en=bing-pla&event=SHOP&kw=homeschool-20-40%7C297844&p=1179517&dv=c&cb_src=bing&cb_typ=shopping&cb_cmp=376722714&cb_ad_g=1232552771500215&cb_kyw=default&msclkid=94eb8724fa9a1099338fe39ce1872966&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Shopping%20Homeschool&utm_term=4580634173678324&utm_content=s-all%20homeschool Cost \$39

Saxon Math

<https://www.christianbook.com/saxon-math-student-work-fact-cards/9780939723881/pd/81612?event=Homeschool|1003061> Cost \$59

Focus on Math, the Singapore Approach

<https://www.christianbook.com/focus-singapore-approach-grade-1-student/9780547549309/pd/549309?event=ESRCQ> Cost \$69

Singapore Math, Flagship Curriculum

<https://www.singaporemath.com/collections/dimensions/products/dimensions-math-grade-1-set-with-home-instructors-guides> Cost \$158.80

Science

Science is best learned in a hands on approach.

Too often it is taught through reading a text and doing matching activities, or by watching videos. As well done as these are, they can't substitute for real hands-on learning. It is the opinion of this site that science is best learned in the garden, in the kitchen, baking, cooking, etc.

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Core Knowledge has wonderful *free* science curriculum. There are student hands on activities provided in the free teacher guides (skip past the Introduction. Consult the Table of Contents. Go to the page number *after* the Introduction).

You can find their science for grade 1 units starting here:

https://www.coreknowledge.org/curriculum/download-curriculum/?subject_filter%5B0%5D=28&grade_filter%5B%5D=36#filter-wrapper

In the Human Body unit for grade 1 there is a lesson on vaccines, how they came to be. Use this at your own discretion and based on your viewpoint on this issue.

Social Studies

Hillsdale 1776 Curriculum (K-12) A free Social Studies curriculum.

It deals exclusively with America. You will need to supplement. You can find it here:

<https://k12.hillsdale.edu/Curriculum/The-Hillsdale-1776-Curriculum/>

Core Knowledge has supplemental social studies units available here. They are FREE and well done. https://www.coreknowledge.org/curriculum/download-curriculum/?subject_filter%5B1%5D=31&grade_filter%5B%5D=36#filter-wrapper

There are several units on other countries you can choose from.

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<https://www.christianbook.com/homeschool-language-arts-curriculum-lesson-plans/pd/521591?event=CBCER1> Cost \$69

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Student Textbook: Reading Anthology

https://www.amazon.com/Reading-Wonders-Literature-Anthology-ELEMENTARY/dp/0021187924/ref=sr_1_1?crid=QQBK1SB1TZHL&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+2&qid=1690559297&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+2+%2Caps%2C157&sr=8-1

Cost is as low as \$4 used

Student Textbook: Reading/Writing Workshop

https://www.amazon.com/Mcgraw-hill-Reading-Wonders-Writing-Workshop/dp/0021188661/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3KAL7WJUK1WJ&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+Reading%2FWriting+grade+2&qid=1690559574&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+reading%2Fwriting+grade+2+%2Caps%2C136&sr=8-1

Cost start at \$11

Teacher Guide

https://www.amazon.com/McGraw-Hill-Education-Reading-Wonders-Discoveries/dp/B074LTLNQH/ref=sr_1_1?crid=PHU2CU1PBMLX&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+2+Teacher&qid=1690559212&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+2+teacher%2Caps%2C139&sr=8-1

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Social Studies/Civics/History courses

Hillsdale 1776 has free curriculum for civics, and social studies. It is limited to America. But America is the focus of 2nd grade. You can find it here:

<https://k12.hillsdale.edu/Curriculum/The-Hillsdale-1776-Curriculum/>

President Report

Although not required, including reports, at least one a year, in grades 2 and on, are wonderful ways to enrich and expand knowledge and essential skills. You can supplement the Hillsdale curriculum this year writing a report on a president. Let them choose whichever president they want. Then, let them research their president. Write a multi-page, handwritten report (excellent processing method for language arts).

Organize their notes. Let them answer each of these questions on a separate page.

1. Why you picked this president
2. Interesting, important things about this president's early days Interesting important things about this person as an adult, prior to becoming president
3. How this president became president. What caused them to run for president, etc.
4. What were the most important things this president did for our country?

Write a rough draft.

Following the above outline, put their notes in complete sentences and paragraphs.

Edit the rough draft.

With the teacher or parent's help at home, help the student correct the draft.

Create in color a cover for the report.

Assemble in a folder, or staple.

Share it with others!

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Third Grade

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A word on cursive. The thought used to be that cursive helped write *faster*, so it would be a beneficial skill for taking notes, etc. With the advent of technology, the skill to write *faster* now has been replaced with keyboard skills. However, they are not learning just to *write* cursive, they are also learning how to *read* it. As cursive has lost its place in schools (usually 3rd and 4th grade), young adults have emerged unable to read cursive.

This means hand-written letters, recipes, notes, cards written by grandparents and most parents are not going to be able to be read by their grandchildren. When you think about it, this is a treasure they will miss out on. How many times have you stumbled on something written by a loved one, who is no longer here on earth, that is written in their hand, only to feel a deep, connection with them.

You have a choice as a parent if you want your child to learn cursive or manuscript. You can find affordable (about \$8 each) for workbooks that can teach cursive if you desire to:
https://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/easy_find?Ntt=cursive+grade+3&N=0&Ntk=keywords&action=Search&Ne=0&event=ESRCG&nav_search=1&cms=1&ps_exit=RETURN%7Clegacy&ps_domain=www

Wonders McGraw Hill

Student Anthology

https://www.amazon.com/Wonders-Literature-3-Diane-August/dp/007901819X/ref=sr_1_2?crid=224HRY0CGS1UG&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+3&qid=1690552866&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+3%2Caps%2C140&sr=8-2
Cost varies.

Student Reading/Writing

https://www.amazon.com/Wonders-Reading-Writing-Companion-Grade/dp/0079018254/ref=sr_1_5?crid=1Z8CKWHZWPMFC&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+3+reading%2Fwriting&qid=1690561759&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+3+reading%2Fwriting%2Caps%2C148&sr=8-5
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Teacher Guide

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Cost varies

Literature Enrichment

You can start to introduce 3rd graders to literature. Some suggested titles are:

“Mr. Popper’s Penguins”, by Richard Atwater
“Fantastic Mr. Fox”, by Roald Dahl

After each chapter, they can discuss what they read. What did they understand? How would they have handled the situation differently?

They can write about what they read. Even start writing/illustrating their own picture book. All you need is blank paper, pencil and coloring pencils or crayons.

A book report is also a wonderful extension: written (title, author, summary, review, and a cover complete with art) + oral presentation!

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Cost \$59

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Cost \$102

Singapore Math, Flagship Curriculum

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Famous Person Report

You can also supplement the Hillsdale curriculum with writing a report on someone famous. Let them choose who that person will be. Then, let them research this person. Write a multi-page, handwritten report (excellent processing method for language arts).

Organize their notes. Let them answer each of these questions on a separate page.

1. Why you picked this person
2. Interesting, important things about this person's early days
3. Interesting important things about this person as an adult
4. What did this person do to become famous?
5. What did this person contribute to society?

Write a rough draft.

Following the above outline, put their notes in complete sentences and paragraphs.

Edit the rough draft.

With the teacher or parent's help at home, help the student correct the draft.

Create in color a cover for the report.

Assemble in a folder, or staple.

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What does this story teach about Jesus and His love for you?

Follow up discussion questions:

*What does this mean to how I treat others (family, parents, etc.)
Can you give an example?*

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Fourth Grade

Language Arts

A word on cursive. The thought used to be that cursive helped write *faster*, so it would be a beneficial skill for taking notes, etc. With the advent of technology, the skill to write *faster* now has been replaced with keyboard skills. However, it is not just *writing* cursive, it is also *reading* it. As cursive has lost its place in schools (usually 3rd and 4th grade), young adults have emerged unable to read cursive.

This means hand-written letters, recipes, notes, cards written by grandparents and most parents are not going to be able to be read by their grandchildren. When you think about it, this is a treasure they will miss out on. How many times have you stumbled on something written by a loved one, who is no longer here on earth, that is written in their hand, only to feel a deep, connection with them.

You have a choice as a parent if you want your child to learn cursive or manuscript. You can find affordable (about \$8 each) for workbooks that can teach cursive if you desire to:

https://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/easy_find?Ntt=cursive+grade+3&N=0&Ntk=keywords&action=Search&Ne=0&event=ESRCG&nav_search=1&cms=1&ps_exit=RETURN%7Clegacy&ps_domain=www

Wonders McGraw Hill is a good curriculum that is a good and more affordable transition. At this grade students have moved from learning to read to reading to learn.

Student Anthology

This student anthology covers the spectrum of the various genres of reading. You can only find single books from this publisher on Amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/Reading-Wonders-Literature-Anthology-ELEMENTARY/dp/0021142475/ref=sr_1_3?crid=1YO8SK91S7VDZ&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+4&qid=1690306880&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+4%2Caps%2C141&sr=8-3

Cost \$26

Student Reading/Writing.

https://www.amazon.com/Reading-Wonders-Grade-Writing-Workshop/dp/0021190569/ref=sr_1_4?crd=1YO8SK91S7VDZ&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+4&qid=1690307137&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+4%2Caps%2C141&sr=8-4
Cost \$12

Teacher's Guide

https://www.amazon.com/Mcgraw-Reading-Wonders-Teachers-Grade/dp/0021187355/ref=sr_1_6?crd=2JOVX7C4SWXIR&keywords=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+4+teacher&qid=1690562023&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+4+teacher%2Caps%2C338&sr=8-6&ufe=app_do%3Aamzn1.fos.006c50ae-5d4c-4777-9bc0-4513d670b6bc
Cost \$6 to \$85

Literature Enrichment

Suggested literature units:

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, by CS Lewis

Number the Stars, Lois Lawry (relatively unknown, powerful, rich story set in times of Nazi invasion and occupation)

Charlotte's Web, E.B. White

By the Great Hornspoon, by Sid Fleischman (a good book for boys)

After each chapter, they can discuss what they read. What did they understand? How would they have handled the situation differently?

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<https://www.abeka.com/abekaonline/bookdescription.aspx?sbn=415022>

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State Report Many states include a report on their state in 4th grade. Begin by researching their state. Write a multi-page, handwritten report (excellent processing method for language arts).

Organize their notes. Let them answer each of these questions on a separate page.

1. What makes their state special
2. Before their state became a state
3. How they became a state
4. Challenges their state faced past and present
5. Interesting things others might not know about their state

6. Create in color a full page poster for a travel company to entice others to visit their state (this will become the cover).

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Edit the rough draft.

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Assemble Put the poster/cover on the front. Put in a folder or staple.

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Fifth Grade

Language Arts

By fifth grade, students have a strong foundation in reading. The focus has shifted from learning to read, to learning about literature and learning **about** the various genres of literature. It has also shifted to learning how to **write** various genres. It will start to include **more advanced grammar** (*necessary for learning a second language in high school*). It will also include how to recognize, value, and emulate potent language skills -- both as a language artist and using language to persuade and inspire.

McGraw Hill: Wonders

Reading Anthology -- contains a comprehensive selection of genres from non-fiction, to short story, to poetry.

https://www.amazon.com/Wonders-Literature-Anthology-ELEMENTARY-READING/dp/0021417873/ref=sr_1_2?crid=2FC633ZWB2S&keywords=Wonders+McGraw+Hill+grade+5&qid=1690308090&srefix=wonders+mcgraw+hill+grade+5%2Caps%2C150&sr=8-2
Cost varies

An accompanying Teacher Guide to help provide guidance for the anthology. Includes writing workshop guidance, which is a valuable extension of what they have read. This is a strong processing tool.

https://www.amazon.com/Wonders-Reading-Writing-Workshop-ELEMENTARY/dp/0076767892/ref=sr_1_1?crid=28RARX28Z8HJ1&keywords=Reading+wonders+Reading%2Fwriting+Grade+5&qid=1690308268&s=books&srefix=reading+wonders+reading%2Fwriting+grade+5%2Cstripbooks%2C159&sr=1-1
Cost varies. Used start as low as \$10

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The Owl in the Shower, by Jean Craighead George
The Cay, by Theodore Taylor

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Examples of similes:

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