



# Elementary Curriculum Options

## Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

Note: Families are able to incorporate their own curriculum outside of these options. You will need to work with your Education Coordinator (EC) to ensure that any educational program addresses the State Standards, and your student's interests and needs.

### Language Arts

***Instruction should always include reading aloud to the student, independent reading practice by the student, and daily original writing.***

***All good homeschooling includes reading a lot of books and daily writing.*** Read books individually and together and discuss them. Probably the most tried and true method of learning is the simplest, and directly connected to your child's interests. Daily writing can happen in a variety of ways which change as your child grows. Handwriting practice is helpful but is NOT considered "writing" rather it is penmanship.

**Eleanor Core** (TK-2) a year-long curriculum for your primary learner intended to simplify and unify your home schooling. It is a flexible program to fit your style and your family's needs. Add reading instruction and a math curriculum.

### Reading Core

**All About Reading** (K-4th) - Reading Instruction

<https://www.allaboutlearningpress.com/all-about-reading/>

All About Reading (AAR) is a comprehensive reading instruction program developed by a homeschool mom. This teaches children to learn to read from pre-reading to level 4.

**Moving Beyond the Page** (1st-8th)-Integrated Curriculum

<https://www.movingbeyondthepage.com/>

Moving Beyond the Page is a curriculum developed by homeschoolers that offers units incorporating Language arts (reading & writing), Science and Social Studies. Flexible age ranges allow for students of nearby ages to be instructed together.

**Oak Meadow** (K-5th) - Integrated Curriculum

<https://www.oakmeadow.com/>

Oak Meadow is a Waldorf-inspired homeschool program which integrates Language arts (reading & writing), Social Studies, and Science.

**Harbor & Sprout** - Integrated Unit Studies [Interest Form](#)

Website: <https://www.harborandsprout.com/>; Review: [https://youtu.be/o9KQUx\\_MZFg](https://youtu.be/o9KQUx_MZFg)

Language arts (reading & writing), social studies, geography, science, and art. This is a digital curriculum that can be printed out by the school. Please speak with your EC if you are interested.

## Literature Studies (3rd-6th)

### Literacy Adventures (3rd-6th)

Website: <https://www.literaryadventuresforkids.com/> Review: <https://youtu.be/P2OtXbuHv2w>

Integrates science or social studies with a literature book depending on the book chosen. This is a digital curriculum that can be printed out by the school. Please speak to your EC if you are interested.

### Blackbird & Co (3rd-8th)

Website: <https://blackbirdandcompany.com/> Review: <https://youtu.be/hlYvcplkto>

Literature guides with questions, writing, and activities. This is a digital curriculum that can be printed out by the school. Please speak to your EC if you are interested.

## Writing Core

**6+1 Traits of Writing** We have collected many resources for this program.

- **Daily Writing Workbook** (1st-8th) introduces each trait and provides daily practice building towards a weekly writing prompt.
- **Traits of Writing Packets** (K-8) use picture books to demonstrate one focus trait and includes a short “teacher’s guide” for additional activities.
- **We Can Write, We Can Travel, and We Can Celebrate** (TK-2) series are 6+1 writing lessons connected with literature, nonfiction, social studies and journaling for the primary grades.

## Supplemental Curriculum for Language Arts

Additional Resources to Supplement Language Arts Instruction:

**All About Spelling** Spelling instruction that can be used once AAR Level 1 is completed.

### Book Bins (TK-K)

These bins of classic books for young readers can be the basis of a strong pre-reading program. Use the enclosed folder for a solid introduction to reading and writing for your young child.

**Explode the Code** - Phonics and reading exercise workbooks.

### Penmanship workbooks:

- **Handwriting Without Tears** Penmanship instruction.
- **Draw, Write, Now** Drawing instruction and penmanship practice.

**Games for Writing** and **Games for Reading** are wonderful activity books that have a lot of ideas about how to make reading and writing more fun. Great motivation for reluctant writers and just plain fun for anyone.

### 5 in a Row (TK-2)

5 in a Row packets are a series of daily lessons related to one classic children's book. The folder includes ideas about how to teach not only literature, but history, math and science through the reading and discussion of the book.

## **Math**

***Math lessons should always include the use of manipulatives. These come in various tubs and packets and are an essential component of your math instruction. Daily math instruction is crucial.***

### **Core Curriculum**

**Dimensions Mathematics** (K-5th) This curriculum has a strong focus on learning to mastery and

real-world problems. Math concepts move from using concrete objects, to a pictorial representation, to abstract representation. This requires dedicated one-on-one time with both parent and student. Includes a student textbook and teacher's guide. Online teaching video subscriptions are available by request.

**Illustrative Mathematics (6-8)**

Our highest recommended middle school math curriculum. Focuses on understanding of concepts and thinking mathematically.

**Beast Academy (3rd-5th)** This curriculum uses comic book style textbooks and a student consumable workbook. For students that are creative, visual learners and parents that enjoy puzzles and math discussions.

## **Supplemental Curriculum for Math**

### Additional Resources to Supplement Math Instruction:

**Dreambox** is an online math support program (K-8) with various lessons that automatically adjust to the way your child learns. Use the parent's dashboard to see how your child is progressing and guide your own math lessons. It drills without killing the fun of math. Talk to your EC about getting an account. Recommended time is about 5-8 lessons per week, or about 20 minutes a day.

**Life of Fred Series (A-J)** are fun, story based math problems about Fred, your average 5-year-old professor at Kittens University.

**Keys to....** workbooks are great introductions to challenging math topics including fractions, decimals, percents, measurement and more.

## **Science**

***We strongly suggest hands-on science including microscopes, lab kits, engineering and "making" resources. We also encourage in-depth research projects on a topic of your child's interest: from butterflies to planets, we have a lot of great resources to support student-centered investigations.***

**Science in A Nutshell Kits (2nd-6th)** These hands-on science kits contain everything you need to do simple science experiments on dozens of topics. Includes a teacher's guide and student workbook.

**Studies Weekly Science** (K-5) Weekly newspaper with non-fiction background reading for elementary students. Writing prompts and directions for experiments are included.

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**Picture Perfect Science Kits** (TK-1)

Units organized with a picture book including activities.

**Science Books** We have more books about science than any other non-fiction topic. Explore a student interest from butterflies to fungus-- we have a book about it.

## Supplemental Curriculum for Science

### Additional Resources to Supplement Science Instruction:

**Mud Pies Series:** (TK-1st) For the student that likes to get messy and make lotions and potions.

**Primary Science Packets** (K-2nd) Packets on a variety of topics for younger students.

**Science A to Z** (K-2nd) An online supplement through [learninga-z.com](http://learninga-z.com). The various topics include non-fiction texts, science activities, and vocabulary development.

## Social Studies

*Social Studies covers a variety of subtopics depending on the grade level of the student.*

**Studies Weekly** (K-5th)

Each week has one consumable newspaper page which has short articles and a writing activity. Think “weekly readers.”

**Document Based Questions (DBQs)** (4th-8th)

Engaging, inquiry-based units that inspire clear, evidence-based argumentative writing. Each unit has a short background essay and several primary documents from which students use to answer the central question. Unit topics include a variety of US and world history topics.

**History of US** (5th-8th)

A thorough history of the United States, from Book 1 with the Native Americans through book 10 with recent events. A worksheet packet is available if desired.=

**National Geographic** (6th-8th)

Traditional middle school textbooks. Covers all of the standards with a lot of details and questions. Best used as a starting off point for further reading or investigation.

**We the People** (5th & 8th)

Civics textbooks that cover the history of the Constitution, structure of government, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

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**Story of the World** Volumes 1-4 covers the history of the world in engaging stories.

## **Supplemental Curriculum for Social Studies**

[Additional Resources to Supplement Social Studies Instruction:](#)

**Social Studies Packets** (K-5th) Reading packets on a variety of topics.

**Books** Historical fiction, biographies and nonfiction books are a great way to learn history.