

# Curriculum Builder

*The following is a generic guideline to help you know what subject areas should be covered in each grade. As a general rule of thumb, you should concentrate on the following subjects by grade:*

## Language Arts

### Reading:

- Gr K-1 Focus on beginning reading. A solid program that incorporates spelling by the rules is recommended.
- Gr 2-6 Graded readers can help improve speed and comprehension.
- Gr 7+ Literature books expose us to authors and formats that we may not otherwise discover.
- K+ Reading for enjoyment increases vocabulary and knowledge for all ages.

### Writing:

- Gr 1-4 Penmanship
- Gr 4-8 Composition (form)
- Gr 6+ Creative
- Gr 9+ Reports and apologetics - inform, explain, defend, etc.)

### Grammar:

- Gr 4-8+ Most grammar programs after 8th grade, although productive, are mostly review and applied usage.
- The core of grammar is generally learned in grades

### Spelling:

- Gr K-6 Different than vocabulary. The earlier you start a strong spelling program, the better spellers they will be.

### Vocabulary:

- Gr 4+ How to use words rather than how to spell them. Studying Greek and Latin root words is a great vocabulary builder.

### Communication:

- Gr K+ Continue to develop skills in listening in order to understand and respond appropriately. Use speaking skills and strategies appropriately to communicate with different audiences for a variety of purposes.

### Foreign Language:

- Gr K+ The younger a child is, the faster they learn, however it's never too late to start. It also increases learning ability and can be very useful as life goes on.

## Miscellaneous

- Fine Arts - Music
- Fine Arts - Visual Arts
- Fine Arts - Performing Arts
- Fine Arts - Digital Arts
- Physical Fitness
- Foreign Language
- American Sign Language
- Occupational Educational
- Contemporary Living

## Science and Health

### Science:

- Gr K-2 We highly recommend you make this as hands-on as possible. A simple science experiment is often long remembered.
- Gr 3 Introductory basic science as well as hand-on.
- Gr 4-8 All general science. Grades 7 and 8 combine all general and give basic Introduction to advanced science..
- Gr 9-12 Earth (Physical) Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

### Health:

- Gr 3-8 Basic
- Gr 9-10+ In depth

## Mathematics

### Arithmetic:

- Gr K-4 Mostly addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, Fractions, etc. Students must master these and other basics in order to avoid creating gaps in their skills that can cause problems for them in future math curriculum. Manipulatives and/or supplementary work books may be used for reinforcement.

### Math:

- Gr 5-8 This is mainly application and expansion skills already learned in arithmetic.

### Advanced Math:

- Gr 9+ Algebra, Geometry, Consumer, Calculus, Trigonometry, etc.

## History & Geography

### History:

- Gr 1-4 Basic American history. As with science, try to make this come to life as much as possible. A textbook is a great foundation, but a unit study, field trip, project, video production, etc. Can enhance and make history fun to learn.
- Gr 5 Ancient World History
- Gr 6 US History. Ties together all of what was learned In grades 1-4.
- Gr 7 World History and Geography
- Gr 8 US constitution, Declaration of Independence, Bill of rights, Branches of US Government
- Gr 9-12 US History, World History.....

### Geography:

- Gr K+ Younger students tend to love learning geography as well as older students. It's easily incorporated into their history curriculum.

*The above is based on National averages. It is important to go at your child's pace.*