

# Seventh Grade

We believe that you have just purchased the best complete curriculum package available, and we want to make getting started as easy as possible for you. Inside you will find the information you need to get started today.

Our experience is that schoolwork only takes about three hours a day in seventh grade. (In fact, some students actually complete their work in much less time!) We suggest using some of the 'extra' time your student gains from the one-on-one teaching to do three things:

First, sit down with him and figure out what his biggest overall weakness is right now. Some students will find that they still don't enjoy reading, basic math calculations are frustratingly slow, or they have yet to master time-management. Don't stop with figuring it out; agree on a plan of action to build this skill without stressing out either of you. Let this be a remarkable year of progress!

Second, honestly evaluate his strengths and capitalize on them. If he's amazing at math, perhaps you'll want to move through two levels of Teaching Textbooks this year. Your natural musician should set aside time for practice and lessons, while your movie-director may later look back on this year as the one that he really invested in learning movie-making from the inside out.

This year's curriculum is simple and easy to use; we are sure it will be a blessing to you. Enjoy this year with your child, and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

# Hints for Planning

## READING

By seventh grade, your child's reading likely mirrors his interests. Whether that be firefighting or engineering, cultivate his desire to learn through reading. Assign reading if you must, but encourage it at all costs; a child who enjoys reading will find it easier to excel in every area. By this grade you may also want to begin acquainting him with some of the classics of literature. If this is not his area of interest, consider the graphic novel versions, as they are often a much more palatable option.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Your seventh grader will continue on this year with **Easy Grammar's** thorough, yet straight-forward approach. The daily lessons are designed to be taught by you, and then the student fills in his workbook. Our family has found it simpler to hand the teacher's book over to the student with instructions to cover up the answers until he finishes his own worksheet, then check his work. **Editor In Chief** provides a weekly activity for correcting a paper, providing an interesting way to review the basics. **Sequential Spelling** is not only the most logical spelling program we've seen, but it is also one of the easiest to use. Simply do one list of words a day, correcting any mistakes as you go. **Wordsmith** will specifically address his writing skills—expect to see a definite improvement this year. Simply follow the daily schedule included in the teacher's guide, or adjust it to whatever works best for you.

## THINKING SKILLS

**Building Thinking Skills 3 Figural** is both complete and easy to implement. Simply having him complete about two pages a day will put him on track for finishing this year.



## MATH

This year your child will continue using **Teaching Textbooks**. It is computer-based and self-teaching, so you should find yourself doing little more than giving assignments and watching his progress!



### SCIENCE

This year your child will learn about chemistry using **Christian Kids Explore Chemistry**. This series is a customer favorite due to its friendly and engaging approach; it is suitable to be handed off to most students for independent study. We don't feel the coloring pages are necessary at this grade, but the text, review work, and hands-on activities will all be worthwhile.

### HISTORY

Your child will begin **Mystery of History** this year. The daily portions are written directly to your student, though you may want to help him figure out which activity, if any, you would like him to complete each day.

### TESTING

At the end of the school year, use **Spectrum Test Prep** to prepare your student for annual testing (if your state requires it) and to review what he has learned. Keep it low key, and let the change of pace be an enjoyable experience for him. If you run into a concept he doesn't know, stop and explain it to him; that is why you are doing the prep now rather than just waiting to get results back!

### THINKING PUTTY

**Thinking Putty** is perfect for your student to fiddle with while listening to the Teaching Textbook lectures, or at other times when his mind is more engaged than his hands.



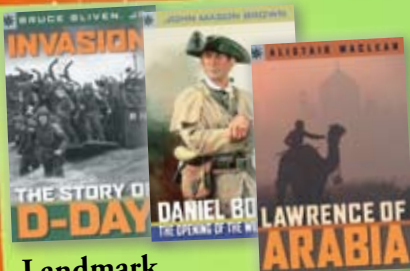
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