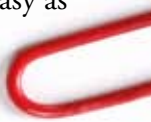


Eighth Grade

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 all the information you need to get started today.

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Our experience is that schoolwork only takes about three hours a day in eighth grade, and your student should be taking responsibility for most of it. This means that he'll have plenty of time to develop his own interests and skills.

You may have noticed that teaching is not always easy. What if you had learned how to teach as a teenager? Encourage (or assign, if necessary) your student to spend time teaching his younger siblings, tutoring the foster children across the street or even training the family pet. Not only will he serve his family/community, but he'll also be developing his abilities as a teacher.

This year's curriculum is straight-forward and easy to use; we are sure it will be a blessing to you. Enjoy this year with your young adult!

Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions; you will get a real person who is eager to serve you.

Hints for Planning

READING

By eighth 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 eighth grader will continue the **Easy Grammar Series** using **Easy Grammar Ultimate** this year. The daily lessons are short and only take about ten minutes to complete. Answers are in the back of the book; we encourage you to have your student check his work and learn from his mistakes. **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. If your student has not yet completed Sequential Spelling books 1 through 6, you will want to stop and do those levels first. **Word Roots** is also included in this year's language arts. Plan on having him do just over two lessons a week in order to complete the book this year. **Editor In Chief** provides a weekly opportunity to correct a paper, keeping the basics fresh in your student's mind.

THINKING SKILLS

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



MATH

Your child will continue using **Teaching Textbooks**, this year working through **PreAlgebra**. Its computer-based format shifts a bit this year. You'll find that your student works out of the textbook now, going to the computer for lectures and solutions. It is just as self-teaching as ever; so you should still find yourself doing little more than giving assignments and watching his progress!



SCIENCE

This year your child will learn about physics using **Christian Kids Explore Physics**.

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

continue **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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Rosetta Stone is far and away the best foreign language program we have ever seen.



If your student would rather listen than read, or if you spend a lot of time in the car, **Mystery of History Audio** may be just what you're looking for.

BuckyBalls are tiny magnetic balls that make a fascinating fidget toy.



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