



# Kindergarten

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 formal schoolwork takes less than an hour a day at this age, leaving plenty of time for the critical learning that comes from daily life.

If we could encourage parents of kindergarteners to do one thing, it would be to talk with their kids in a way that develops their thinking skills. Ask them scholarly things such as why they think the science experiment turned out like it did, or just-for-fun questions such as what would happen if dishes floated? The interactions will shape how they think things through forever—even if they don't remember the specific conversation in years to come. This season of wonder and exploration can be an incredible delight to teach, so enjoy the school year!

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

Not every kindergartner is ready to read, but most will be ready to begin **The Reading Lesson**, with its easy pace, large text, and adorable line drawings. Proceed at your child's pace; it is much more important that he becomes a child who enjoys reading than that he be the youngest reader among his peers. As soon as he is ready, introduce the **Now I'm Reading** books—typically a great treat for this age! Don't forget to continue reading aloud to your child. Engaging read-alouds form the foundation for great discussions now and allow your child to absorb your own love of reading.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

**Language Lessons** is a great way to cultivate language skills in your youngster, even before he can read. Simply complete each day's short lesson with your child for a thorough and easy introduction to language arts. **A Reason for Writing** will work on your child's fine motor skills through letter-writing in the most kid-friendly format we've seen. Doing one page a day will let him easily finish the book this year.

## THINKING SKILLS

You and your child are sure to enjoy **Developing the Early Learner**.

This four-volume series addresses motor, visual, auditory, and thinking skills in a variety of engaging activities. Doing just over seven pages a week will put you on a path for completing the series this year. **Inchimals** can be considered both a math supplement and a thinking skills program. Plan to have your child complete 3 problems a week from the book, occasionally repeating a problem that was tricky for them last week. Consider also allowing your student to do all their math using the rods once a week. Not only will that add variety, but it will also help them cement the concepts more firmly.



## MATH

**Horizons** math is easier to use than it may first appear. Our suggestion is to simply work through the colorful workbooks with your child, using the manuals as a reference only as needed. (The teacher's manuals are more intense than most parents need!)



## GEOGRAPHY

**Beginning Geography** begins with the basics, explaining to your student how a map works, then building from there to develop map proficiencies, teach about animals around the world, and much more. Plan to do two-to-three pages a week in order to complete this in a single school year. **Geopuzzles** provide hours of productive entertainment and problem solving skills, while reinforcing basic geography. Use the **Beginner's World Atlas** to provide facts which interest your child and to introduce him to a few of the differences we see around the world.

## SCIENCE

To a young child, science is not a subject, but an adventure; **Stepping Into Science** nourishes that impression. With twenty-five experiments, you may want to plan one a week and use the remaining seven weeks for special scientific adventures, such as visiting your local zoo or experimenting in your kitchen.



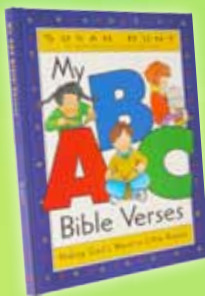
# Want More?



**Now I'm Reading!**  
Most children simply can't get enough of these books.



**Bloco** sets combine art and construction skills into very cool, animal-themed sets.



**My ABC Bible Verses** makes an engaging devotional, complete with verses to memorize.



Done already? Some children are very fast-paced learners. Move on to **First Grade** as soon as they are ready!



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