

# Curriculum Catalog




**2009-2010**

**Hart-Ransom Charter School**



## IMPORTANT NOTES

- We hope to be offering a new State-Adopted reading curriculum as it becomes available in the fall of 2009.
- Zaner-Bloser Spelling replaces Houghton Mifflin Spelling, which is no longer in print.
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## Online Resource Websites

**Saxon Math:** <http://saxonpublishers.harcourtachieve.com/en-US/saxonpublishers.htm>

**Houghton Mifflin:** <http://www.eduplace.com/kids/>

**Prentice Hall Literature: Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes:**  
<http://www.phschool.com/atschool/literature/>

**Wordly Wise 3000:** <http://www.wordlywise3000.com/>

**Vocabulary Workshop:** <http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/vocabulary/index.cfm>

**Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar:**  
[http://www.phschool.com/atschool/writing\\_grammar/program\\_page.html](http://www.phschool.com/atschool/writing_grammar/program_page.html)

**Macmillan/McGraw-Hill California Vistas:**  
<http://www.mhschool.com/ss/ca/eng/launchpad/index.html>

**Harcourt Brace Social Studies:**  
[http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/harcourt\\_brace\\_social\\_studies.html](http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/harcourt_brace_social_studies.html)

**Call to Freedom:**  
<http://go.hrw.com/hrw.nd/arbiter/pRedirect?project=hrwonline&siteId=691&pageId=5633>

**Glencoe/McGraw Hill Science:**  
<http://www.mhschool.com/science/2000/student/index.html>

# CORE and SUPPLEMENTAL CURRICULUM Listed by Grade

All \* items denote State Adopted Curriculum.

## Kindergarten

Saxon Math  
Houghton Mifflin Mathematics\*  
Modern Curriculum Press  
Ti & Mo Reading Program  
Pathway: Learning Through Sounds with Sound Chart  
Zoo Phonics  
Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons  
Primary Phonics  
My Book About Me  
Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Science  
Kindergarten Social Studies Packet

### Supplemental:

Science Tubs  
Math Manipulatives

## First Grade

Saxon Math  
Houghton Mifflin Mathematics\*  
Modern Curriculum Press Math  
Houghton Mifflin Reading: Here We Go, Let's Be Friends, Surprises, etc.\*  
Pathway: Learning Through Sounds, 1st Steps, Days Go By, More Days Go By  
Primary Phonics  
Spelling: Zaner-Bloser or McDougal Littell  
Zaner-Bloser Strategies for Writers, Level A  
Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Social Studies: Family & Friends\*  
Steck-Vaughn Social Studies: Homes and Families  
Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Science  
Focus on Science A

### Supplemental:

Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises A  
Math Manipulatives  
Map, Globes & Graphs  
Rand McNally Primary Atlas  
Science Tubs  
Accelerated Reading

## **Second Grade**

Saxon Math  
Houghton Mifflin Mathematics\*  
Modern Curriculum Press Math  
Houghton Mifflin Reading: Adventures, Delights\*  
Pathway: Busy Times, More Busy Times, Climbing Higher  
Primary Phonics  
Spelling: Zaner-Bloser, McDougal Littell, Spelling Power  
Houghton Mifflin English  
Zaner-Bloser Strategies for Writers, Level B  
Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Social Studies: People & Places\*  
Steck-Vaughn Social Studies: People and Places Nearby  
Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Science, Comprehensive Science Assessment 2, Focus on Science B

### **Supplemental:**

Science Tubs  
Math Manipulatives  
Maps, Globes & Graphs  
Rand McNally Primary Atlas  
Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises, Level B  
Accelerated Reading

## **Third Grade**

Saxon Math  
Houghton Mifflin Mathematics\*  
Modern Curriculum Press Math  
Houghton Mifflin Reading: Rewards, Horizons\*  
Pathway: New Friends, More New Friends  
Spelling: Zaner-Bloser, McDougal Littell, Spelling Power  
Houghton Mifflin English  
Easy Grammar 3  
G.U.M. Level A  
Zaner-Bloser Strategies for Writers, Level C  
Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Social Studies: California Communities\*  
Steck-Vaughn Social Studies: Our Communities  
History of Stanislaus County  
Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Science, Comprehensive Science Assessment 3, Focus on Science C,  
Steck-Vaughn Wonders of Science

### **Supplemental:**

Accelerated Reading  
Rand McNally Atlas  
Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises, Level C  
Maps, Globes & Graphs  
Science Tubs

## **Fourth Grade**

Saxon Math 54 or 65  
Houghton Mifflin Mathematics\*  
Modern Curriculum Press Math  
Houghton Mifflin Reading: Traditions\*  
Spelling: Zaner-Bloser, McDougal Littell, Spelling Power  
Houghton Mifflin English  
Easy Grammar 4  
G.U.M. Level B  
Zaner-Bloser Strategies for Writers, Level D  
Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Social Studies: Our Golden State\*  
Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Science, Comprehensive Science Assessment 4, Focus on Science D,  
Wonders of Science

### **Supplemental:**

Accelerated Reading  
Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises, Level D  
Maps, Globes & Graphs  
Rand McNally Atlas  
Science Tubs

## **Fifth Grade**

Saxon Math 65 or 76  
Houghton Mifflin Mathematics\*  
Modern Curriculum Press Math  
Houghton Mifflin Reading: Expeditions\*  
Spelling: Zaner-Bloser, McDougal Littell, Spelling Power  
Houghton Mifflin English  
Easy Grammar 5  
G.U.M. Level C  
Zaner-Bloser Strategies for Writers, Level E  
Harcourt Brace: We the People-Early United States  
Steck-Vaughn Social Studies: History of Our Country  
Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Science, Comprehensive Science Assessment 5, Focus on Science E,  
Wonders of Science

### **Supplemental:**

Accelerated Reading  
Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises, Level E  
Maps, Globes & Graphs  
Science Tubs

## **Sixth Grade**

Saxon Math 76 or 87, McDougal Littell Math: Pre-Algebra: Course 1\*  
Houghton Mifflin Mathematics  
Modern Curriculum Press Math F  
Houghton Mifflin Reading: Triumphs\*  
Prentice Hall Literature, Copper Edition  
Spotlight on Literature, Bronze Level  
Spelling: Zaner-Bloser, McDougal Littell, Spelling Power  
Houghton Mifflin English, Easy Grammar 6, G.U.M. Level D  
Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar (Copper Edition)  
Easy Writing (Gr. 6-8)  
Zaner-Bloser Strategies for Writers, Level F  
Harcourt Brace: Ancient Civilizations  
Steck-Vaughn Social Studies: World Cultures Past and Present  
Glencoe Science Voyages-Earth Science, Comprehensive Science Assessment 6,  
Focus on Science F, Wonders of Science

### **Supplemental:**

Accelerated Reading  
Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises, Level F  
Maps, Globes & Graphs  
Science Tubs & Kits  
Rand McNally Atlas

## **Seventh Grade**

Saxon Math 87 or Algebra 1/2  
McDougal Littell Math Pre-Algebra: Course 1\* or Course 2\*  
Prentice Hall Literature, Bronze Edition  
Spotlight on Literature, Silver Level  
Spelling: Zaner-Bloser, McDougal Littell, Spelling Power  
Houghton Mifflin English  
Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar (Bronze Edition), Easy Grammar Plus (Gr. 6-8)  
G.U.M. Complete Middle Level Program, Easy Writing (Gr. 6-8)  
Zaner-Bloser Strategies for Writers, Level G  
Harcourt Brace: The World  
Glencoe Science Voyages-Life Science, Comprehensive Science Assessment 7

### **Supplemental:**

Accelerated Reading  
Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises, Level G  
Rand McNally Atlas  
Science Kits

## **Eighth Grade**

Saxon Algebra 1/2 or Algebra 1  
McDougal Littell Math Pre-Algebra: Course 2\*  
McDougal Littell Math Algebra\*  
Prentice Hall Literature, Silver Edition  
Spotlight on Literature, Gold Level  
Spelling: Zaner-Bloser, McDougal Littell, Spelling Power  
Houghton Mifflin English  
Easy Grammar Plus (Gr. 6-8)  
G.U.M. Complete Middle Level Program  
Easy Writing (Gr. 6-8)  
Zaner-Bloser Strategies for Writers, Level H  
Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar (Silver Edition)  
Constitution Study Guide  
Holt, Rinehart and Winston: Call to Freedom  
Steck-Vaughn: America's History, Land of Liberty  
    Book One: Beginning to 1877  
    Book Two: Since 1865  
Glencoe Science Voyages-Physical Science, Comprehensive Science Assessment 8

### **Supplemental:**

Accelerated Reading  
Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises, Level H  
Steck-Vaughn Social Studies: America's Story  
Our Constitution and What It Means  
Understanding the U.S. Constitution  
Rand McNally Atlas  
Science Kit

## Math

### Saxon



**Grades K-8**

The Saxon series is a favorite among homeschoolers because of its ease of use, especially for the teacher who is not experienced in math. It provides constant review and presents new concepts in a clear, concise manner.

Each lesson introduces a new concept followed by a few practice examples. The student then completes problem sets which include review of all previously learned concepts. It takes about 1 to 1 1/2 hours daily per child for instruction. Tests are given after every 4-5 lessons.

### Saxon CD

**Grades 5/4-Alg**

With the Saxon Compass CD, every lesson in the Saxon Math Textbook is taught step-by-step on a digital whiteboard. Students see and hear everything the instructor is writing and saying on a whiteboard, using their computer. Students will also be encouraged to do practice sample questions that are similar to problems that will be featured in the lesson for that day.

### Houghton Mifflin Mathematics\*



**Grades K-6**

Houghton Mifflin Mathematics is a 2009 State Adopted mathematics Program for Grades K-6. It was developed to meet the goals and objectives of the California Mathematics Standards, and prepares students for the mathematical challenges of the future. The colorful lessons are focused on a step by step sequence proceeding logically from easier to more complex topics.

### McDougal Littell Mathematics Concepts and Skills\*

**Grades 6-8**

McDougal Littell is a 2002 State Adopted mathematics program for the Jr. High student. The concepts and objectives of this program are to give the Jr. High student an opportunity to master the basic principles of mathematics, pre-algebra, and algebra. This program has an excellent step-by-step format teaching the concepts and skills necessary for the student to excel. Each lesson introduces a new concept, provides guided practice as well as independent practice in a user-friendly method.

**Modern Curriculum Press****Grades K-6**

In order to meet the new CA Math Standards, the student must work through the material at an accelerated pace.

This seven volume series (in workbook form) provides students in K through 6th grade with a course of study dealing with traditional mathematical concepts. Systematic review of each basic skill concept is also an important feature of this math program.

<b>Level K</b>	Kindergarten		
<b>Level A</b>	1st Grade	<b>Level D</b>	4th Grade
<b>Level B</b>	2nd Grade	<b>Level E</b>	5th Grade
<b>Level C</b>	3rd Grade	<b>Level F</b>	6th Grade

The following supplemental materials below are a great way to teach and reinforce those sometimes difficult concepts.

**Keys To ... Series****Grades 4-8**

The Keys To... booklets are easy to use and self-directed, meaning that the student can work at his own pace. They are a positive alternative to large textbooks which can be complicated and intimidating. Simple vocabulary and reading are used to present a single concept on each page.

Keys To Series are available in:

- ♦ Fractions
- ♦ Decimals
- ♦ Measurement
- ♦ Metric Measurement
- ♦ Percent
- ♦ Algebra
- ♦ Geometry

## **Times Tables the Fun Way!**

**Grades 3-5**

Times Tables the Fun Way is a picture and story method of learning the times tables. Students enjoy the variety and range of activities that are possible with the story method. The Teacher's Manual should be used in conjunction with the *Times Tables the Fun Way Book for Kids* (Student Text), *Times Tables the Fun Way Student Workbook*, and *Times Tables the Fun Way Flash Cards*.

## **Addition The Fun Way!**

**Grades 3-5**

Addition The Fun Way is a picture and story method of learning the addition facts. It uses the same memorization techniques that are found in the highly successful *Times Tables The Fun Way*. These include visualization, association, and memory techniques. The Teacher's Manual should be used in conjunction with the *Addition The Fun Way Book for Kids* (Student Text), *Addition The Fun Way Student Workbook*, and *Addition The Fun Way Flash Cards*.

## **Math Manipulative Tubs**

**Grades K-2**

To enhance your math curriculum, we have compiled a tub of favorite math manipulatives. The K-2 student will explore math concepts using a variety of materials. The Math Manipulative Tub will include teddy bear counters, dominoes, pattern blocks, Judy Clocks®, Unifix Cubes®, colored tiles, and other items to give your student the hands-on experience in math!



# Reading

## Reading/Phonics

### Zoo-Phonics

Grade K

A playful, physical, whole body approach to phonics, reading and spelling. Lower case letters correspond to animal shapes, using a whole body signal. Animal names introduce letter sounds, followed by upper case, sound blending with pictures, then short and long vowels. There are 26 animal friends that help children begin the reading process.

*Requires study and preparation of parent in order to teach this curriculum.*

### The Adventures of Ti & Mo

Grades K

An exciting beginning reading program that is user-friendly and has been very successful in teaching reading to young children. There is a seminar that will help get you and your child started on a fun-filled adventure into the land of Ti and Mo. It uses storytelling, puppets, games, and worksheets to teach a strong foundation in sounds and the blending of words.

### Learning Through Sounds (Book 1 & 2)

Grades K-1

This phonics program uses a student workbook and a series of sound charts to teach the basics of phonics in preparation for reading. It works well to start this program before beginning the Pathway readers. The teacher directions are clear and contain extra suggestions for review. Learning Through Sounds also provides a good systematic review for the slow beginning reader.

### Houghton Mifflin\*

Grades 1-6

This reading program provides a sound instructional framework that ensures success. It provides authentic literature, decodable text, and leveled reading. It is aligned with state and national standards. Included are student workbooks designed to reinforce the reading process.

### Accelerated Reading

Grades 1-8

This program is designed to motivate students to read more, to gain vocabulary, develop the lifelong love of reading, and increase scores on performance-based tests. After reading a book from the Accelerated Reader list, the student may make an appointment with an Advisory Teacher to take a comprehension test. Books and/or Quiz titles can be found on line at [www.renlearn.com/store/quiz\\_home.asp](http://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp)

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### **Teach Your Child To Read in 100 Easy Lessons**

**Grade K-1**

A non-consumable phonics-based manual with teacher notes printed in red. Prepares students to read at first grade level, through lesson by lesson instructions. Easy to use and recommended by many homeschool parents.

### **Steck-Vaughn Readers**

**Grade K-1**

Early success makes all the difference in a child's reading development. Phonics Readers introduce your student to the joy of reading through a structured phonics approach. Your beginning readers are given the opportunity to read whole books successfully on the first try.

### **Bob Books**

**Grade K-1**

Three sets of phonetic readers presented in sequence. There are 8-12 books in each set. They cover short vowel sounds and blends. Just right for small hands and just 8 pages long so your child can read the whole book. They work and kids love them!

### **Primary Phonics (Workbook & Readers)**

**Grades K-2**

Five basic workbooks each with 10 accompanying simple readers utilizing the same words. Excellent follow-up after Ti & Mo or Zoo-Phonics. Also offers simple reading to build confidence.

### **Explode the Code (Workbooks A-C & 1-8)**

**Grades K-4**

A great follow-up after Ti & Mo or Zoo-Phonics to teach your child to use the sounds of letters in a carefully sequenced program. A variety of exercises provides experience recognizing and combining sounds in order to read words, phrases and sentences as well as building vocabulary.

### **Steck-Vaughn Phonics Levels K-D**

**Grades K-4**

This colorful workbook begins by introducing the alphabet and letter sounds, then moves on to building decoding skills, eventually gaining the groundwork for reading and language.

### Pathway Reading Series

**Grades K-3**

Character-developing stories center around rural and farm life, and lack references to videos, computers and TV. The simplicity of the series makes it a joy to use. Accompanying workbooks and sound chart provide thorough phonics instruction, vocabulary and comprehension activities. The hardback texts include simple black and white illustrations. Early grade readers progress as sequels, with the same characters reappearing.

### The Classic Series(Level 1-5)

**Grades 2-6**

Used as a supplemental to reading, these classic novels have been condensed into 10 short chapters that will enthuse the reader and give basic understanding of well known books. Multiple choice questions to check comprehension and vocabulary are included as a great follow-up.

#### Level 1 - Grade 2

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn  
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm  
Swiss Family Robinson  
Heidi  
Little Women  
White Fang  
Rip Van Winkle  
Uncle Tom's Cabin

#### Level 2 - Grade 3

The Call of the Wild  
A Man Without a Country  
The Prince and the Pauper  
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood  
Black Beauty  
Tom Sawyer  
The Hunchback of Notre Dame  
Treasure Island

#### Level 3 - Grade 4

Red Badge of Courage  
Robinson Crusoe  
Kidnapped  
The Invisible Man  
Man In the Iron Mask  
The War of the Worlds  
Sea Wolf  
Oliver Twist

#### Level 4 - Grade 5

From the Earth to the Moon  
Gulliver's Travels  
Captain Courageous  
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde  
Time Machine  
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea  
The Pathfinder  
David Copperfield

#### Level 5 - Grade 6

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Metropolis
Last of the Mohicans	Hounds of the Baskervilles
Kim	A Journey to the Center of the Earth
Ivanhoe	Moby Dick

## Prentice Hall Literature: Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes



### **Grade 6—Copper Edition**

#### Organized by theme and genre

An exciting blend of literature, organized around meaningful, student-centered themes, includes works by writers ranging from *Dickens* to *Emily Dickinson* to *Walter Dean Myers*.

#### Links to the student's world

Special **Connections to Today's World** features link classic literature to other types of popular writing such as *James Cameron's* screenplay of *Titanic* and an interview with *John Glenn*. The Copper level also includes twenty step-by-step writing workshops and twenty lessons on real-world reading skills.

### **Grade 7—Bronze Edition**

#### Organized by theme and genre

An exciting blend of literature, organized around meaningful, student-centered themes, includes works by writers ranging from *Emerson* to *E.E. Cummings* to *Amy Tan*.

#### Links to the student's world

Special **Connections to Today's World** features link classic literature to other types of popular writing such as *Tiger: a Biography of Tiger Woods* and a *Garfield* cartoon. The Bronze level also includes twenty step-by-step writing workshops and twenty lessons on real-world reading skills.

### **Grade 8—Silver Edition**

#### Organized by theme and genre

An exciting blend of literature, organized around meaningful, student-centered themes, includes works by writers ranging from *Jack London* to *Ray Bradbury* to *Yoshiko Uchinca*.

#### Links to the student's world

Special **Connections to Today's World** features link classic literature to other types of popular writing such as a website on Anne Frank and the song lyrics for "*The Wind Beneath My Wings*." The Silver level also includes twenty step-by-step writing workshops and twenty lessons on real-world reading skills.

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### **Spotlight on Literature**

**Grade 6-8**

This reading textbook series, organized by thematic units, utilizes high-quality literature including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, short stories, biography, and drama to teach reading, literature, and language arts competency to students in grades 6th-8th. Very user-friendly texts with simply laid out format. No workbook included. Each unit also focuses on a single area of writing response.

Bronze Level	6th Grade
Silver Level	7th Grade
Gold Level	8th Grade

### **Literature Units**

**Grades 3-8**

Enjoy your favorite literature books and rest- assured that your student is comprehending, along with improving vocabulary. Experience literature at the source and go beyond with insights into the author, the history, and gain a thematic understanding of the content. You may use this source as a stand-alone reading program or as an "end of the year" wrap up after completing your traditional reading program. Accelerated Reader quizzing can be used alongside Literature Units too!

# Language Arts

## Grammar/Writing

### Houghton Mifflin English

**Grades 2-8**

A hardback edition, teaches the writing process step by step, and grammar through writing. Students apply writing and grammar skills to topics related to social studies, science and math.

### Steck-Vaughn Language Exercises

**Grades 1-8**

Vocabulary, sentences, grammar and usage, capitalization and punctuation, composition and readiness/study skills are focused upon. Writing techniques such as clustering, topic sentences and details are included. This workbook is ideal for more independent study as each lesson begins with a learning objective, new rule, and example. Unit reviews are included to monitor progress.

### Steck-Vaughn Vocabulary Connections

**Grades 1-8**

Students expand vocabulary through cross-curricular literature written in narrative, persuasive, descriptive and comparative voices. Bold-faced vocabulary words are reinforced with two activities and tests.

### Easy Grammar

**Grades 2-6**

### Easy Grammar Plus

**Grades 6-8**

This is an easy to use grammar course which requires minimal effort by recognition of prepositions and prepositional phrases leaving "bare bone" subject and predicate sentences. There are numerous worksheets, reviews and tests.

### Easy Writing

**Grades 6-8**

A text for learning higher-level sentence structure including appositives, introductory participial phrases, semi-colon construction, subordinate clauses, and more. Two levels of instruction for every concept enable the parent to use this manual with upper elementary through junior high students.

### Daily Grams

**Grades 2-6 & Up**

Daily Grams provide a quick and easy daily review of language arts skills. Short daily lessons take 15 minutes or less to complete, and provide continual review of language arts skills. If your child already has a fairly good foundation in grammar, these can provide a review, and point to areas where extra work may be necessary. Includes answers.

### **The Great Editing Adventure**

**Grades 5-8**

Children use these highly effective materials to read their way through silly adventure stories, each divided into small daily lessons. Students search for errors, and in so doing, learn and review grammar, writing mechanics, spelling, vocabulary, thesaurus and dictionary use.

### **Editor in Chief**

**Grades 6-8**

Consumable workbook style presentation provides brief stories and pictures. Students are required to edit the writing to locate and correct errors in punctuation, grammar, usage, etc. Challenging! Best used after completing a good study in grammar and editing.

### **G.U.M., (Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics)**

**Grades 3-8**

G.U.M. offers a fresh new way to teach students the grammar, usage, and mechanics skills important for successful writing. Short, 2-page lessons focus on one skill at a pop. Lots of practice helps you make sure that instruction really sticks.

### **Polaris Writing**

**Grades 1-8**

Polaris Writing is a literature based writing program which stresses prewriting and planning rather than revision. Basing the writing on the literary text, it uses a unique graphic organizer for each domain of writing. Students use the organizer to analyze text and plan their essays. Paragraph guides then show them how they transfer the information they have planned into essay form. Afterwards, they check their writing to see their strengths and weaknesses. All of the writing is done in a spiral bound guided notebook. See complete list on page 7.3.



## **Writing Strands**

Writing Strands includes detailed instruction, models and methods of evaluation that cannot be found in any other program. This is not just another grammar text or workbook, but rather makes up a complete writing project to challenge and excite young minds. Levels 1 and 2 require teacher initiation and involvement; Level 3 and up are addressed to and used independently by students, where the teacher acts as a resource person who gives suggestions, monitors progress and corrects assignments. Writing can take place either in the book itself, or on an accompanying notebook/paper. Parents choosing levels for reluctant writers will probably want to start one or two levels below the child's current grade level.

**Level 1:** collection of oral games and exercises for children ages 4 through 8, includes book and tape.

**Level 2:** designed for 2nd grade.

**Level 3:** for Grade 3 or those just starting this program, to age 12.

**Level 4:** after level 3 or starting Grade 8.

## **Zaner Bloser Strategies for Writers**

**Grades 1-8**

Zaner-Bloser is a strategic and innovative approach to writing instruction that makes it easier to improve your student's writing. Strategies for Writers is a complete writing program that features step-by-step writing instruction, a "Practice The Strategy Notebook" that provides guided practice for the strategies being taught and a rubric to use in assessing your child's writing.

## **Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar**

**Grades 6-8**

Prepare your student for success in every type of writing. Guided writing instruction plus comprehensive instruction in grammar usage and mechanics ensures your student will receive the support he/she needs right when he/she needs it. A wonderful complement to the Prentice Hall Literature curriculum.

Copper Edition 6th Grade

Bronze Edition 7th Grade

Silver Edition 8th Grade

## **Spelling/Vocabulary**

### **Zaner-Bloser**

**Grades 1-8**

(Workbook form)

This spelling program invites students to learn valuable spelling patterns and strategies and retain more of their learning with practical study tools and activities. Students are given activities which transfer spelling knowledge for success in reading, writing, test-taking and technology.

### **McDougal Littell Spelling**

**Grades 1-8**

(Workbook form)

Emphasizes word families, grouped by common spelling features, building strategies to identify word patterns. Students are encouraged to analyze words and their own spelling habits and problems.

### **Spelling Power**

**Grades 2-8**

A unique spelling program that only takes 15 minutes a day! The student will begin at their own level and progress each day with a spelling quiz and a short practice of misspelled words. They will learn spelling rules as they become familiar with words that they will frequently use in their everyday writing. A short video demonstration will prepare the parent to teach Spelling Power like a PRO!

### **How To Teach Any Child To Spell**

**Grades 1-8**

Instructs parents on how to analyze their child's own misspelled words from the context of his own writing. Categorize and study those words using the companion publication, *Tricks of the Trade*.

### **Mega Words**

**Grades 4-8**

**(Books 1-8 Workbook Format)**

A series with a systematic, multisensory approach to learning the longer words encountered from 4th grade and up. Excellent to use with students who struggle with everyday spelling. They work with syllables, then combine them into whole words in context.

### **Quick Word**

**Grades 2-6**

This simplified, spelling only dictionary, lists 1,020 high-frequency writing words and gives room for adding the students own words in alphabetical order. Quick Word accompanies any spelling curriculum and is a great resource.

## **Vocabulary Workshop**

**Grades 3-8**

The *Vocabulary Workshop* series, which now features a Student Text and a new Annotated Teacher's edition for each grade level, is designed to systematically increase students' vocabulary and improve vocabulary-building skills while preparing them for the vocabulary strand of standardized tests. Levels: Purple 2nd; Green 3rd; Orange 4th; Blue 5th; A-6th; B-7th and C-8th will help students increase their vocabulary, improve their word usage skills, and become better readers and writers. Students can also access online activities to further strengthen their understanding.

## **Wordly Wise 3000**

**Grades 1-3**

### **(Level ABC)**

Each of the 10-12 lessons in every book begins with a Word List of 8-12 words, followed by clear, simple, brief definitions and sentences that illustrate the meaning of the word in context.

## **Wordly Wise 3000**

**Grades 4-8**

### **(Level 1-7)**

Each lesson introduces approximately twelve new words and contains several exercises plus a Wordly Wise section. Exercises A, B, and C use these new words in context, teach multiple meanings of words, and give practice using the words in sentences. Exercise D reviews the lesson and earlier lessons. Correct completion of Exercise E gives part of a quotation, poem, or riddle. Beginning with Book 4, an additional exercise in each lesson deals in detail with roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

## **Vocabulary from Classical Roots**

**Grades 5-8**

Vocabulary from Classical Roots encourages you to look at words as members of families in the way astronomers see stars as part of constellations. Here you will become acquainted with constellations of words descended from Greek and Latin, visible in families that cluster around such subjects as the human being, kinds of mental activity, and aspects of daily life. So enjoy visualizing the life behind the words you use every day, descendants of Latin and Greek, seeming almost as numerous as stars.

## Handwriting

### Zaner-Bloser Handwriting

**Grades K-7**

This form of handwriting uses a vertical manuscript taught with 4 simple strokes. It is the type of writing most often found in textbooks and everyday reading materials.

### D'Nealian Handwriting

**Grades K-6**

D'Nealian handwriting is the innovative, continuous-stroke method of teaching children to write. It uses most of the same letter forms as cursive writing. This form of writing also eases the transition into cursive writing by adding a few connecting strokes.

### Houghton Mifflin Handwriting\*

**Grades 1-4**

Houghton Mifflin handwriting gives extended practice in letter, word and number formation. They offer either the continuous stroke method which is similar to D'Nealian or the ball and stick method. 1st and 2nd Grades are manuscript while cursive is introduced in the 3rd Grade and carried through 4th Grade .



## Social Studies/History

### Macmillan/McGraw-Hill California Vistas\*



**Grades 1-4**

Macmillan/McGraw-Hill California Vistas is a research-based, standards-driven Social Studies curriculum. Each unit is completely sequenced around California's Social Studies content standards that include well-loved literature, biographies, geography, and historical events. The student will certainly find this text engaging as the material is presented in dramatic storytelling style. The program includes a review of each unit and chapter as well as test prep to monitor the progress of the student.

#### Social Studies Book

Family and Friends

People and Places

California Communities

Our Golden State

#### Grade Level

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

### Harcourt Brace



**Grades 5-7**

Harcourt Brace Social Studies employs a content-rich, relevant narrative to provide an integrated approach to skills development. Each unit begins with a map and timeline related review of the upcoming studies, followed by "Setting the Scenes with Literature," a literary excerpt that is a good beginning for the unit of study. Both chapter and unit assessments are included. Each unit ends with "Making It Relevant"-which applies the studies to today's world.

#### Social Studies Book

Early United States

Ancient Civilizations

The World◇

#### Grade Level

Grade 5

Grade 6

Grade 7

◇ Note: If you used the Grade 6 book, you will then begin the Grade 7 book with Unit 6

### **Call To Freedom**



**Grade 8**

"Call to Freedom" for the 8th grade student is sure to become one of our best resources for the State Standard History requirement. This program invites the student and teacher to experience the history of the United States from beginning to 1914 through a well-written text. The illustrations and photos draw the student's attention to dates and details important for understanding of historical timelines. The program includes a review of each section and chapter using vocabulary, people, and ideas as well as a timeline activity at the end of each chapter.

### **Kindergarten Social Studies**

**Grade K**

The Kindergarten Social Studies packet includes fun student activity pages which address state standards. Students learn about citizenship, state and national symbols and icons, geography, career choices, and historical characters and events.



### **Character First!**

**Grade K-8**

This is a complete character curriculum. Each booklet contains sixteen full-color pages with stories, crafts, songs, games, and teaching techniques. Series One includes obedience, truthfulness, and forgiveness among others. Please join us for the Character First! Assembly that is held each month.

### **History of Stanislaus County**

**Grade 3**

(Activity Booklet Included)

This book contains 2-3 pages of historical reading lessons with corresponding workbook pages including games, crossword puzzles, charting and questions for comprehension. Topics included in the book are Indians, Spanish, Mexican and Early American Settlers, Fur Traders, Knights Ferry, La Grange, Gold, Cattle, Grain, the McHenry Family and Irrigation. Interesting and fun to study.

### **Cobblestone CA History Magazine Set**

**Grade 4**

This California history theme pack contains a teacher's guide and 15 reprinted issues of Cobblestone Magazine. A few of the titles included are: *Gold, Native Americans, Missions, High Sierra, Statehood, and California History*. The teacher's guide is packed full of ideas for discussion, writing, art, vocabulary, research, and further study.

### **California History**

**Grade 4**

These booklets are compiled by the Stanislaus County Office of Education. The activity booklets provide a good springboard for studying California history and related projects. Units include:

- Unit 1: Map Skills
- Unit 2: California Indians
- Unit 3: Early Explorers
- Unit 4: Mission and Rancho
- Unit 5: California Becomes A State
- Unit 6: California... The New State

### **Our Constitution and What It Means**

**Grade 8**

This is an easy-to-follow explanation of the entire Constitution with historical background on the making of the Constitution. There are photo-essays that discuss our rights and responsibilities as citizens, discussion questions to help students understand the Constitution and its importance, as well as a glossary with clear explanations of important terms.

### **The Constitution Study Guide**

**Grade 8**

This is A 36-page packet which provides the core history and process of how the United States Constitution works. It contains sufficient knowledge for the required 8th grade Constitution Test.

### **Understanding the U.S. Constitution**

**Grade 8**

This activity book is designed to give students a brief overview of the Constitution. There are short readings followed by questions and activities. The Constitution is located at the end of the book. The sample test included measures the student's knowledge of the Constitution.

### **Steck-Vaughn America's History: Land of Liberty**

**Grade 8**

(Reading Level 5-6)

America's History: Land of Liberty, includes topics such as exploration, settlement, the Civil War, westward expansion, the space race and more. It is written to encourage and motivate the most reluctant reader.

### **Maps, Globes, Graphs**

**Grades 1-6**

Build students' confidence and mastery of practical geography skills with consistent, six page units. An atlas in each book offers easy access to important information. The "Geography Themes" feature introduces students to the five themes of geography: location, place, human/environment interaction, movement, and region.

- Grade 1, Level A: Families
- Grade 2, Level B: Neighborhoods
- Grade 3, Level C: Communities
- Grade 4, Level D: States and Regions
- Grade 5, Level E: United States
- Grade 6, Level F: World

# Science

## Glencoe/McGraw Hill Science

**Grades K-8**

This is a well-rounded curriculum for the science student and teacher. This curriculum is full of resources such as National Geographic photos and articles, at-home mini labs, introduction and usage of the Scientific Method, and journal prompts. Also built into the chapters/units are skill practices, assessments, and scientific vocabulary with glossary. The teacher's edition comes with easy to use lesson plans.

## Steck-Vaughn Wonders of Science

**Grades 3-6**

(Reading Level 2-3)

A series of workbooks that cover plant life, animals, earth and beyond, water life, matter-motions and machines, and the human body. Written in a one or two page lesson style that includes the latest advances in a concise presentation. Photos, diagrams, charts, illustrations, and accent colors clarify and invite exploration. Science vocabulary, and questions to answer are part of this workbook form as well.

## Comprehensive Science Assessment

**Grades 2-8**

## Steck-Vaughn Focus on Science

**Grades 1-6**

(Reading Levels 1-5)

This easy-to-understand series presents foundational science concepts. It provides practice activities and review questions which support various learning styles and diverse skill levels.

This workbook will help your student actively review important science concepts and vocabulary as well as construct and interpret diagrams, charts, tables, and graphs. Each grade level includes daily lessons which review, practice and assess content in Life Science, Earth and Space Science, Physical Science, and Science Inquiry and Investigation. Comprehensive assessment tests are given regularly.

## **Prentice Hall**

**Grades 6-8**

Prentice Hall has a variety of topics to choose from in the Life Science, Physical Science, or Earth Science categories. An optional workbook is available to reinforce information introduced in student book.

### **Earth Science, 6th Grade**

The Nature of Science (General Instruction)

Dynamic Earth

Exploring Earth's Weather

Ecology: Earth's Natural Resources

Exploring the Universe

Exploring Planet Earth

### **Life Science, 7th Grade**

The Nature of Science (General Instruction)

Parade of Life: Animals

Cells: Building Blocks of Life

Heredity: The Code of Life

Ecology: Earth's Living Resources

Human Biology and Health

Parade of Life: Monerans, Plants, etc.

### **Physical Science, 8th Grade**

The Nature of Science (General Instruction)

Matter: Building Block of the Universe

Sound and Light

Motion, Forces, and Energy

Heat Energy

## **Backyard Scientist:**

**Grades K-7**

### **The Original and Books 1-4**

This series of books gives great ideas for hands-on learning, and experiments that kids can perform using things found around the house. This is a fun introduction to science, and is great for families with multiple students.

## Science Tubs

These hands-on science experiments are available in the classroom for check-out on a two week basis. Items available for check-out include:

### Grades K-2

Animal Groups	Changes in Matter
Electricity	Five Senses
Heat	How Things Move
Light	Living Things
Plants	Seasons
Simple Machines	Sound & Weather

### Grades 3-6

Biology	Earth
Sun & Moon	Electricity
Geology	Magnetism
Matter	Outer Space
Sound	

## Science Experiment Equipment

### **Grades 6-8**

This is a great opportunity for your junior high student to have hands on experience with actual lab equipment. Some of the materials included are beakers, graduated cylinders, goggles, Erlenmeyer flask, test tubes etc. All you'll have to add are the consumable materials and you'll have your experiment.

## Polaris Curriculum

Series 1: grades 1 & 2 (Stories with Lessons)

The Three Little Pigs & The Three Little Javelinas

Town Mouse, Country Mouse

The Tales of Peter Rabbit & Benjamin Bunny

Series 2: grades 2 & 3 (The Heart With-in: Exploring Self-Image)

The Ugly Duckling

Tom Thumb & Thumbelina

The Rainbow Bridge

Series 3: grades 3 & 4 (Wisdom Speaks: Folktales from Around the World)

Tales from Russia

Latin American Tales

African Tales

Asian Tales

Series 4: grades 4 & 5 (Communication: More Than Words Can Say)

Into the Light-Helen Keller

The Iron Dragon Never Sleeps

Maurice's Room

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Thank You, M'am & Poetry by Langston Hughes

The Visual Story

Series 5: grades 5 & 6 (Brave New World: Exploration & Discovery)

Einstein & A Wrinkle in Time

Passport to El Dorado

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Series 6: grades 6-8 (The Quest: Beyond Courage)

Gilgamesh

Through the Looking Glass

Through the Tunnel

The Hobbit

## **FILE 'EMS**

**Grades K-6**

FILE 'EMS are Unit Studies developed by a local "master" teacher, Judith Cochran Pirkle. The studies are organized around a topic and include work and study ideas from the various content areas. Each unit comes with a laminated file folder that lists the concepts covered. Each activity idea is listed under its content area and explained. A set of student pages that are used for some of the activities are included for each child working on the unit. Any supplies needed are common, inexpensive, and readily available. The student-tested activities are a great way to learn together as a family, using the simpler ideas and activities for the younger students and the more complex for the older ones.

FILE 'EMS are available with the following topics:

All About Me

Animals

Dinosaurs

Fairy Tales

Ecology

Insects, Bugs & Spiders

Maps & Globes

Sea Life

Solar System

Rocks & Volcanoes



## Unit Studies

### Peter Rabbit

**Grades K-4**

Uses the first 10 books written by Beatrix Potter to educate the child in literature, art, writing and history. Reading and projects are nicely woven in this well written classic series.

### American Girls Series

**Grade 5**

Covering from 1764 - 1944, this delightful series of books cover this time in History in an entertaining, yet educational fashion. The teacher's guides are filled with ideas to integrate social studies, literature and language arts.

### America At School

**Grade 5**

Based on the American Girls Collection. Has three curricular goals:

- To help children enjoy historical fiction.
- To help them understand how America has changed and how it has stayed the same.
- To help them be apprentice historians.
- Covers the following timeframe: Colonial America: 1774; Pioneer Times: 1854; The Civil War: 1864; Turn of the Century: 1904; and World War Two: 1944.

### Little House Books and Study Guides

This popular course reading series features the Laura Ingalls Wilder LITTLE HOUSE books in a guided reading course. Each of the nine LITTLE HOUSE books teaches American History through Wilder's account of her childhood on the American frontier from the 1860's to the 1880's. The reading guides are divided into two sections. The first guide covers the first four books of the series, and the second guide details the last five books. The first half is appropriate for the average **8-10 year old**, while the second half is better understood by a child **9- 11** years of age.

**There are many more Literature units to choose from. Please see the list on the following pages.**



**Resource Material in the Ed Center**  
**Available for Check-Out**  
*Not an exhaustive list. Please ask.*

1. CDs & Videos
2. Cassettes with Books
3. Leap Pad & Quantum Leap
4. Journal writing prompts, story starters
5. Literature Units, i.e. *Where The Red Fern Grows, Molly's Pilgrim, etc.*
6. Literature Books
7. Microscopes
8. Science Books, *Habitats of the World, What About Science?, Global Tops*
9. History of Stanislaus County
10. History of San Joaquin County
11. Parenting Skills, Cassette Tapes, & Videos
12. Cookbooks
13. Drawing and Art Books
14. Craft Books
15. Books on using the Internet
16. Math Handbooks
17. *What Your Child Needs To Know Books, Grades K-6*
18. Books to Build On
19. Two bookcases of supplemental ***Social Studies/History*** material for Grades K-8
21. Books on writing Poetry
22. Educational Games
23. K-2 Science Units
24. K-2 Social Studies Units
25. Science Tubs
26. Jr. High Science Kits

We have a wide variety of materials to choose from.  
Stop by the Ed Center and spend some time browsing our shelves!