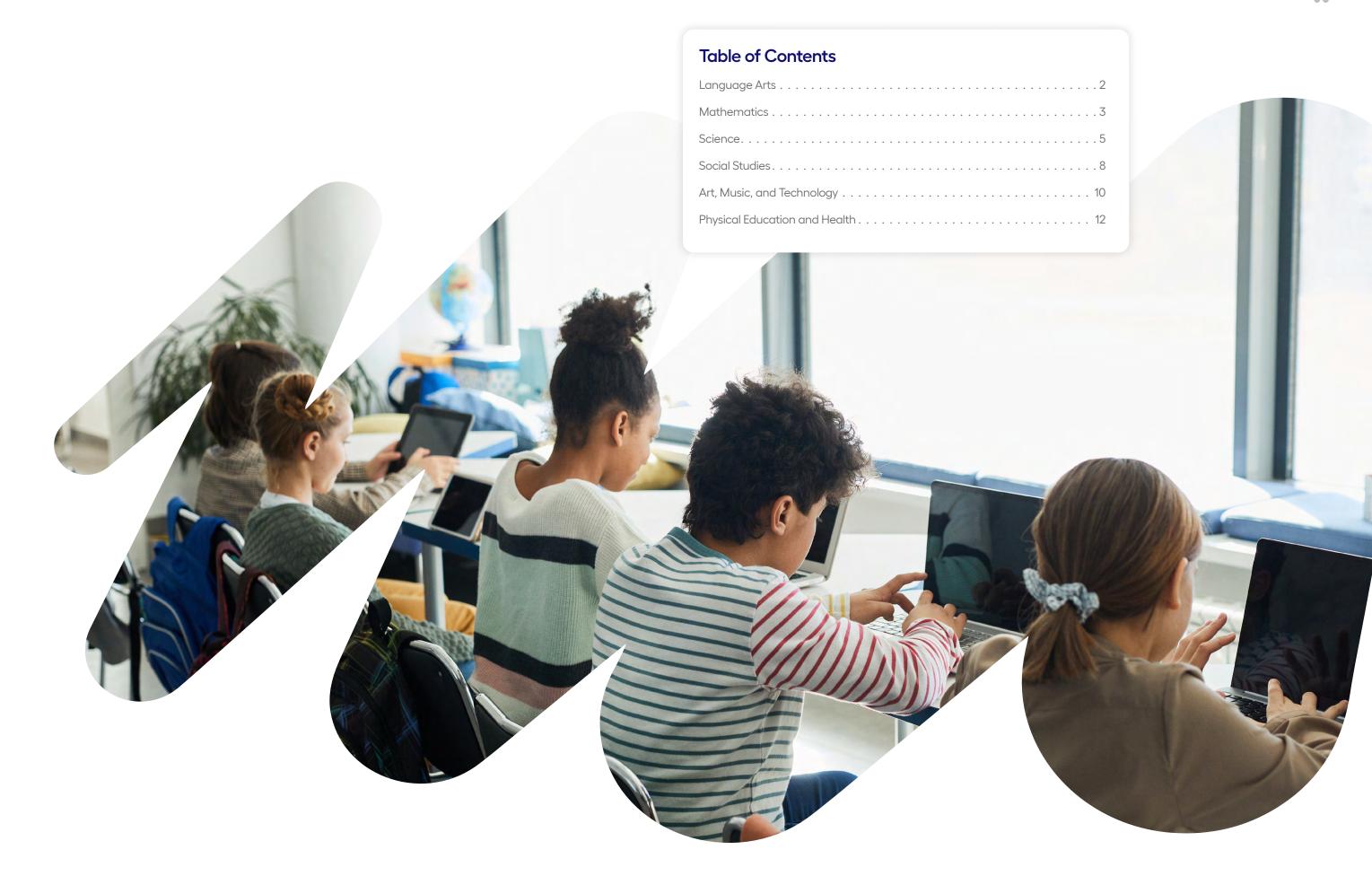
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# Elementary K-5 Course Catalog







# LANGUAGE ARTS KA AND B

This Kindergarten Language Arts course will teach students to identify and write all letters, and produce letter sounds and frequently used phonograms. Students will also master weekly sight words and reading and comprehension strategies to grow as readers.

# **LANGUAGE ARTS 1A AND B**

This First Grade Language Arts course will teach students to identify and write all letters, and produce letter sounds and frequently used phonograms. Students will also master weekly sight words and reading and comprehension strategies to grow as readers. Students will begin to develop writing skills through a variety grammar, spelling, and writing activities.

# **LANGUAGE ARTS 2A AND B**

The 2nd Grade Language Arts course will teach students to spell and write vocabulary, read more fluently, apply grammar concepts, and participate in handwriting and writing activities through thematic units. Students will also continue to master weekly sight words and reading and comprehension strategies to grow as readers.

# **LANGUAGE ARTS 3A AND B**

This Third Grade Language Arts course will teach students reading comprehension skills, fluency, and strategies for a variety of texts including informational text to help them become stronger readers. Students will also master weekly spelling and vocabulary words and grammar concepts that will help them become stronger writers. Students will work through the writing process to formulate and write a variety of pieces (opinion, compare/contrast, narrative).

# **LANGUAGE ARTS 4A AND B**

**Semester A:** The 4th grade Language Arts curriculum integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the study of vocabulary and grammar in a way that engages today's learners and supports them in building a broad and diverse set of literacy skills. Students study classic literature as well as more contemporary forms, including media and multimedia products. Students will read two novels during the course of each semester. Writing assignments in semester A focus on narrative and persuasive modes and emphasize the use of reasoning and details to support opinions. Each writing assignment spans several lessons and guides students through a writing process that begins with prewriting and ends by emphasizing one or more aspects of conventions of standard written English. Students also learn how to participate in collaborative discussion and peer review sessions. In each lesson, engaging and relevant models and step-by-step instruction guide students toward mastery and appreciation of 21st century communication in all its forms and functions.

Semester B: Like semester A, semester B provides an integrated curriculum. Whereas the first semester focuses on skills needed to read fiction and other literary prose, semester B teaches specific skills for reading poetry, drama, informational text. In the second semester of the course, students learn how informational text differs from literary text and how different forms of information text differ from each other. Writing assignments emphasize expository writing and guide students through research projects. Near the end of the semester, students learn how to present information orally using multimedia.

# **LANGUAGE ARTS 5A AND B**

**Semester A:** The 5th grade Language Arts curriculum integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the study of vocabulary and grammar in a way that engages today's learners and supports them in building a broad and diverse set of literacy skills. Students study classic literature as well as more contemporary forms, including media and multimedia products. Writing assignments in semester A focus on narrative and persuasive modes and emphasize the use of reasoning and details to support opinions. Each writing assignment spans several lessons and guides students through a writing process that begins with prewriting and ends by emphasizing one or more

aspects of conventions of standard written English. Students also learn how to participate in collaborative discussion and peer review sessions. In each lesson, engaging and relevant models and step-by-step instruction guide students toward mastery and appreciation of 21st century communication in all its forms and functions.

Semester B: Like semester A, semester B provides an integrated curriculum. Whereas the first semester focuses on skills needed for literary text, semester B focuses on skills for reading and analyzing informational text. In the second semester of the course, students learn how various forms of information text differ. Writing assignments emphasize expository writing and guide students through research projects. Near the end of the semester, students learn how to present information orally using multimedia.



# **Mathematics**

# MATH KA AND B

**Semester A:** During the first semester students will learn foundational math facts. They will learn to count to twelve, how to compare sizes, ordinal numbers putting items in order, what a number line is and its uses, basic measurements such as inches and feet, and how to tell time on digital and analog clocks. Students will have many opportunities to practice these new concepts by interacting with online confirmation exercises and filling out worksheets off line. A special emphasis this semester is for students to have fun with numbers, finding success with concepts such as bigger and smaller and being comfortable in an online environment.

**Semester B:** Students learn to count to twenty. They work with comparing objects using the terms tall, longer, and shorter as well as comparing two objects using the terms lighter and heavier. They will continue their exploration of basic geometric shapes such as cones and spheres. The will

work with the concept of first, middle, and last. Arranging and sorting receive special emphasis this semester. Students will also work on writing numbers with three, four, and five given special attention. Students will learn the concepts of left and right. Coins are also a focus as students will count pennies, nickels and dimes. Finally, the number seven is studied using the colors of the rainbow. Projects include making paper fingers and thumbs and creating designs with them. They will also make the numbers 1-10 out of dough.

# MATH 1A AND B

**Semester A**: During the first semester students will build fluency with basic math facts. They will learn to count to 100, basic addition and subtraction facts, and how to add double-digit numbers. Students will be introduced to such new concepts as word problems, Venn diagrams, and basic geometric concepts. There is an emphasis on learning practical skills such as reading thermometers, looking at maps, and understanding the value of coins. Students will have multiple opportunities to practice new skills and knowledge through using integrated online practice problems.

Semester B: During the second semester, students will begin counting by twos, fives, and tens. They will learn both vertical addition and subtraction. Students are introduced to multiplication and division and the signs used in those operations. They will also study even and odd numbers. Students continue their exploration of geometric shapes through drawing and apply what they learn about shapes by sorting various figures in Venn diagrams. They will also use a balance beam to understand the concept of weight -lighter versus heavier. As in semester A, students will have multiple opportunities to practice new skills and knowledge through using integrated online practice problems.

## MATH 2A AND B

Semester A: During the first semester, students will build fluency with basic math facts and add and subtract within 100 to solve word problems using strategic methods. Students will also manipulate numbers to 1000 using knowledge of hundreds, tens, and ones. Lastly, students with demonstrate arrays with repeated addition.

**Semester B:** During the second semester, students will use place value to add and subtract within 1000. They will use place value to estimate and solve word problems to demonstrate skills. Students will measure and compare length and represent it on a number line. They will work with money and time to compare value. Students will collect data and represented on graphs to discuss it. Lastly, they will recognize common two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes by specific characteristics.

# MATH 3A AND BA

Semester A: During the first semester, students will build flexibility with numbers as they master addition and subtraction facts as well as multiplication and division facts. Students will understand relationships between addition and subtraction, multiplication and addition and multiplication and division as they learn to borrow, carry, and regroup in order to find sums and differences of two whole numbers up to 10,000. Students will also comprehend the place

value of base-10 numbers up to 1,000,000 in order to find patterns and make estimations. Lastly, they will implement a four-step approach to solving problems and express numbers differently including translating them into Roman numerals or expressing them as ordinal numbers.

**Semester B:** During the second semester, students will explore concepts of measurement including linear measurement, weight, volume, temperature, and time. They will also recognize, compare, and convert fractions. Students will write amounts of money and make change using as few coins as possible. Lastly, students will examine lines, polygons, and solid figures as they are introduced to basic concepts of geometry.

### MATH 4A AND B

**Semester A:** Grade 4 math uses a varied amount of instructional material to reinforce and teach new math skills to the 4th grade learners. Instruction includes creative videos, mathematical storytelling, practical math applications and repetition to reinforce skills throughout the course. Three areas are focused on and students will finish the course with a strong knowledge in these content areas. The first is developing an understanding and fluency with multi-digit multiplication and developing the understanding of dividing to find quotients involving multi-digit dividends. The second is developing an understanding of fraction equivalence, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators, and multiplication of fractions with whole numbers. The third will be addressed in semester B.

**Semester B:** Semester B of grade 4 math has learners continuing to work with fractions. They will learn to multiply fractions and convert them to decimals. Students will also begin to learn to equivalent measurements of length, weight, mass, and capacity. They will also learn helpful skills in understanding time, distance, and money Students will develop an understanding that geometric figures can be analyzed and classified based on their properties, such as

having parallel sides, perpendicular sides, angle measures, and symmetry. Lessons on rectangles, line plots, angles, figure drawing, polygons, and symmetry will be taught. Semester B continues to use varied forms of instruction that allow students to learn these skills in a practical manner.

# MATH 5A AND B

Semester A: Grade 5 math uses a varied amount of instructional material to reinforce and teach new math skills to the 4th grade learners. Instruction includes creative videos, mathematical storytelling, practical math applications and repetition to reinforce skills throughout the course. Three areas are focused on and students will finish the course with a strong knowledge in these content areas. The first is developing an understanding and fluency with multi-digit multiplication and developing the understanding of dividing to find quotients involving multi-digit dividends. The second

is developing an understanding of fraction equivalence, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators. and multiplication of fractions with whole numbers. The third will be addressed in semester B.

**Semester B:** Semester B begins with students continuing to work with fractions. The first lesson focuses on ratios and challenges students to solve word problems using fractions and ratios in practical life situations. Learners continue to strengthen their math skills by studying mixed and fraction products, and fraction application, models, and division. The third critical area that students will focus on in Grade 5 Math is volume. Students will receive lessons in measurement of length, weight, and volume. They will end the course with a focus on geometry. Varied types of instruction are used to enhance their learning, including video and real-life applications, activities, and creative projects.

# Science

# **SCIENCE KA AND B**

**Semester A:** In Kindergarten Science, students in this course will use their senses to explore their world. Students experience nature walks, gardening, and imitative games by exploring varying concepts. Students will explore the changes of fall through stories and observations learning about changing leaves and squirrels. Using their senses, students will observe the nature around them. Concepts like camouflage and weather conditions will also be discussed. Students will have the opportunity to grow plants, make a terrarium, and observe the behavior of magnets.

**Semester B:** Students in this course will continue using their senses to explore their world. Students experience nature walks, gardening, and imitative games by exploring varying concepts. Students will explore the winter season by learning about animal tracks and the night sky. The properties of matter will also be introduced. To learn about spring, students will make leaf rubbings, grow a variety of plants and search for worms to study. The semester

concludes with lessons and activities focused on bees. constellations, and birds.

# **SCIENCE 1A AND B**

**Semester A:** In First Grade Science, students will complete projects that are designed to allow for exploration and discovery. Students observe their surroundings and through observations of the natural world conduct inquiries into topics related to their healthy development. Students will learn about the phases of the moon and the seasons. Students will also explore a variety of topics about animals including, animal tracks, hibernation, and animal adaptations.

**Semester B:** Students in this course will complete projects that are designed to allow for exploration and discovery. Students observe their surroundings and through observations of the natural world conduct inquiries into topics related to their healthy development. Students

will learn the steps of scientific inquiry through scientific experiments. Students will continue to explore the natural world learning about ponds and forests.

# **SCIENCE 2A AND B**

Semester A: Second Grade Science introduces students to the process of observation and how important it is to the study of science. Learners will identify their five senses and why they are critical to observation. Students will use these observation skills throughout the course as they examine many different types of animals and their environments. Students begin by observing ants in their own environments and continue onto learning the different types of birds. Students will come to understand plant and animal rhythms and will perform small experiments with plants. Stories will be used to teach the students about nature and interactions that humans have with nature. They will continue to learn about animals and their characteristics habitats and needs. Students will learn through video, audio stories, hands-on participation and observation with nature. The teachers will conduct live assessments for the topics covered throughout the week's lessons. Grade 2 Science provides students with the opportunity to expand their minds and see for themselves the way that animals and nature are a part of their everyday lives.

Semester B: Semester B of Second Grade Science begins with the students learning the characteristics of the Weaver bird and Swiftlet bird. Learners will come to understand the different groupings of animals including vertebrates, invertebrates, warm- and cold-blooded animals, carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. Learners will be asked to recall the five senses that they discussed at the beginning of the course and compare them to the senses of animals. They will also learn how animals communicate and the relationship between animals and humans. The course ends with the students taking a closer look at the characteristics of reptiles, insects, birds of prey, and fish. At the close of the course students will have a deeper understanding and appreciation of animals and their habitats.

# **SCIENCE 3A AND B**

**Semester A:** Third grade science introduces students to

experimentation as they journey through the earth and its many miracles. They will begin by learning about the earth, the sun, and the moon. By participating in simple experiments, students will explore the water cycle, gravity, the weather and its patterns, various types of terrain, and the role of plants in the production of oxygen and their importance to human survival. Learners will expand their knowledge through video, pictures, short readings, projects, and hands-on experiments. Learners will understand that experiments require the use of instruments, observation, recording, and drawing evidence based conclusions. Grade 3 science provides students with the opportunity to expand their minds and see for themselves the way that science is a part of their everyday lives.

**Semester B:** Semester B of third grade science begins with the students writing a poem about the seasonal cycles. The learners continue with root formation, the interdependence of plants and humans, biomes of land and sea, extreme weather, rocks, vertebrates and invertebrates, as well as extinction. All these lessons are taught using video, projects, and experimentation. Semester B asks learners to look a bit deeper into things they encounter such as the ocean and weather.

# **MAIN SCIENCE 4A AND B**

**Semester A:** Grade 4 Science includes the three main domains of science which are physical, life, and earth and space science. Learners will use various kinds of experimenting, including field studies, systematic observations, models, and controlled experiences. The course begins with the explanation of the scientific method which the students continue to use and build upon throughout the course. The big picture of the earth is examined as students review the life on planet earth, salt and fresh water, and fast and slow changes that occur on the planet. Students go beyond planet earth, though, as they study galaxies, the solar system, and other planets. Students examine the ways that forces and motion can be measured and the concept that a single kind of matter can exist as a solid, liquid, or gas. Grade 4 science uses many modes of instruction including video presentations, enrichment activities, and hands-on experimentation.

Semester B: Semester B of Grade 4 Science focuses on the relationship between heat, light, sound and electrical energy, and the way they can be transferred between each other.

Learners distinguish between natural objects and objects made by humans as they examine technology and the role it plays in science. Students also look at life cycles of animals, plants, and humans and how they interact with each other.

The course ends by looking at the ways that humans interact with the environment. Students will use research skills, watch videos, and get their hands dirty as they complete projects that require them to dig through dirt and trash in order to learn broader lessons that have to do with helping the environment.

importance of good nutrition to all living organisms. The course concludes with a look into the scientific process and the importance of investigations and conclusions in the study of science. Instruction will include real life application, hands-on projects and assessments, and video and short research projects.

# **SCIENCE 5A AND B**

**Semester A:** Grade 5 Science continues to build on the science skills that have been obtained in years previous. There will be an emphasis on earth and space science, life science, and physical science. Students will begin the course by focusing on earth and space science by looking at the solar system and planets. Students will come to an understanding of the concept of the earth as a sphere and the earth's place in the solar system. The course continues with a focus on physical science and the different tools that can measure force, time, and distance. They will also grow in their understanding of how light and sound travel and interact with each other as well as the different types of energy. The semester concludes with a look into life science and the ways that organisms are interconnected. Instruction will include real life application, hands-on projects and assessments, and video and short research projects.

Semester B: Semester B puts great emphasis on life science and begins by focusing on the many ecosystems of the earth and the way that all parts of ecosystems depend on each other. Students will learn the different types of ecosystems that exist. They will learn that ecosystems change and how the changes affect their ability to support their populations. Learners will examine plants; that they have different structures and how those structures allow them to respond to different needs.

Students will also grow in their understanding of the



# SOCIAL STUDIES KA AND B

Semester A: This course introduces students to their place in the community and the responsibilities of being a member of society. Great figures of U.S. history such as Pocahontas, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln are a focus of learning in this semester. Students will also learn about everyday heroes, the responsibilities of pet ownership, the importance of rules, table manners, and eating well. A skill that students will practice throughout the semester is retelling stories. Students may do this by recording audio, retelling the stories orally, or writing their observations. They will learn how to use details and basics of narratives. Projects will help students think about what pets need and defining emotions.

**Semester B:** In the second semester students are introduced to map reading skills. They will be taught to read maps of the U.S. and the world. From learning about location to how water is represented to floor plans, students are introduced to map skills that will last a lifetime. Students will also learn about symbols of the U.S. such as the American flag and the eagle. From there students learn about holidays with a focus on Thanksqiving. Another focus is on currency. They will be introduced to what money is, how money can be spent, the power of buying locally, and the difference between wants and needs. Projects will include a piece on distinguishing facts from fiction.

# **SOCIAL STUDIES 1A AND B**

**Semester A:** In this semester, students begin to explore fundamentals of social studies including map skills, cardinal directions, and will examine maps of the U.S. and the globe. Students will also be introduced to important figures from American history such as Pocahontas, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Clara Barton. A skill that students will practice throughout the semester is retelling stories. Students may do this by recording audio, retelling the stories orally, or writing their observations. They will learn how to use details and basics of narratives. Students will also make maps of their homes, neighborhoods, as well as a personal timeline.

**Semester B:** The second semester has a focus on introductory economics. They will study bartering, goods and services, jobs in the community, and how the marketplace works. Another focus is on positive character traits such as honesty, what the aspects of personal responsibility are, and how to help and respect others. Historic figures such as Clara Barton and characters from fiction and folklore are used as models for teaching positive traits. Students will continue practicing their five finger retelling skill with assignments on Martin Alonso (a sailor with Columbus) and George Washington. Projects will help students think about thoughtful words, showing respect, and being honest. Learners will write, draw, and perform in these projects.

# **SOCIAL STUDIES 2A AND B**

Semester A: In second grade, students will begin to explore the fundamentals of social studies including culture, geography, and economics. Students will explore the Ancient Cultures of China, Africa, and the Celts. Students will explore these cultures through ancient folk tales and fables. Learners will create a photo book that describes the significant events in their own life. They will also examine the importance of geography and direction. Students will learn how to locate boundaries while using a world map. Students will identify the places that were discussed in the previous lessons including Africa, China, and the British Isles. They will develop a rudimentary understanding of map symbols as they locate continents, the equator, and oceans. Students will also learn to identify on a road map where they live, rivers, mountain ranges, and lakes near their homes. Learners will follow a step-by-step approach for successfully completing each lesson, which includes storytelling, repetition, projects, arts and crafts, and videos.

**Semester B:** The second semester begins by introducing learners to economics and the role that money plays in every civilization. They will take a closer look at the economy of the Celtic people. Students learn the difference between natural, human, and capital resources. Learners will begin to understand the exchange of money for goods and services. They will gain a basic understanding of what scarcity is and

why it is good that we do not always get everything that we want. Students will understand these concepts by drawing upon their understanding of the desires/wishes in their own lives. Students will also learn about desirable human qualities using fables such as "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." Learners will look at individuals who have made a difference in the greater community. Students will learn about Rosa Parks and Susan B. Anthony through short stories. The end of the course asks learners to examine the diversity of the community they live in. They will be asked to recognize the different types of people around them. Students should gain an appreciation for the differences around them and how having respect for others and being honest will contribute to society. Learners will follow a step-by-step approach for successfully completing each lesson, which includes storytelling, repetition, projects, arts and crafts, and videos.

### **SOCIAL STUDIES 3A AND B**

**Semester A:** In third grade, social studies students will begin to explore the fundamentals of social studies including geography, civics, and economics. Learners will begin by looking at the beginning of civilization and examining the ancient Hebrew civilization, the Phoenicians, and the Kush tribe of ancient Africa. They will then move on to examining the Native American tribes of the Cherokee, Sioux, and Hopi. Students will also look at the first explorers of the Americas and learn about the beginning of the United States. In the first semester students will learn important geographical factors which have impacted ancient civilizations, Native American tribes and the development of the United States. Students will increase their skills by creating maps and looking at the landscapes. They will take a close look at their own personal heritage by mapping their ancestry. Learners will follow a step-by-step approach for successfully completing each lesson, which includes storytelling, repetition, projects, arts and crafts, and videos.

Semester B: The second semester begins with introducing learners to economics and the role that money plays in every civilization. Students learn the difference between natural, human, and capital resources. They also examine

the production of goods, trade, specialization, and interdependence, and come to understand the importance that each individual play in a society's economy. Learners are introduced to Civics by discussing the governmental structure of the Ancient Hebrews and Phoenicians. The purpose and importance of laws and how they are enacted as well as the establishment of government are shown through stories of the Ancient Phoenicians and Native Americans. The course ends by discussing the purpose and nature of government as it relates to the United States.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES 4A AND B**

**Semester A:** In grade 4 Social Studies, learners will use their understanding of social studies skills to explore their local states and communities. They will begin the course by learning the topography of their area. Students will do this by creating a detailed landscape model. This project will be hands-on and require students to do research of their communities. Learners will also research local animals and gain an understanding of local Native American ground in their part of the country. This course walks students through the research and report writing steps that will be vital to their continuation of social studies. They will continue to focus on their individual states as they do projects based on local geography, state capitols, as well as nearby natural wonders and landforms. The semester concludes with an introduction to Colonial history. The course uses video, enrichment activities, and project-based learning to enhance the student's social studies skills.

**Semester B:** Semester B of grade 4 Social Studies picks up where semester A left off by looking further into frontier life of the early American settlers. Students examine the difficulties that early settlers faced when reaching America. They apply knowledge of historical thinking, chronology, turning points, individuals, and themes of local and Unites States history in order to understand how history has shaped the present and will shape the future. They will continue the focus of local history by doing research projects on settlers from their states and on how their state became a part of the Union. The transition from the Pony Express to

the Transcontinental Railroad is a major theme that shows how quickly the United States developed. Students end by creating a time capsule that demonstrates what was important to early settlers from their states.

# **SOCIAL STUDIES 5A AND B**

**Semester A:** Grade 5 Social Studies combines the study of United States History through the Civil War with a geographical exploration of the Unites States and what it has to offer. Students will use their understanding of social studies skills and concepts as they study the development of the United States. The first semester begins with early settlements of North America and allows learners to take an in-depth look into what life was like for colonists and Native Americans. Students will come to understand the causes of the Revolutionary War and the people that played a significant role in it. The semester ends with students examining the new nation and what life was like for European immigrants and those on the frontier.

Students will learn using video, journaling, and varied types of creative instruction.

**Semester B:** Semester B begins with an exploration of the west and what life was like for those looking to find gold. Learners will then look at slavery and what lead to the Civil War. The course then takes a departure from American history and takes a more in-depth look into cultures, people, and the geography of the United States from past to present. Learners will have the opportunity to explore the country region by region and come to appreciate all that it has to offer. Students will conclude the course by planning and describing a trip they would like to take to a place within the 50 United States. Students will take a hands-on approach as they get to know the geography, climate and culture of their country. Video, creative projects involving technology, journaling, and varied assessments will be used throughout the course.

# **Art, Music, and Technology**

# ARTS AND CRAFTS GRADE KA AND B

**Semester A:** This course provides a foundation for students' inherent artistic imagination and creativity by sharing the basics of art and making art. Students are introduced to lines, circles, recognizing and using shapes, creating a collage, and concepts such as symmetry. Young artists will also explore a variety of media such as pastels, watercolors, crayons, tempera, and pencil drawing. An emphasis in this course is on creating works of art. In this semester, students will work with clay, draw with pastels, make fingerprint flowers, draw barns and animals using shapes, and recognizing lines using the student's name.

Semester B: Students will apply what they have learned to make more detailed works of art. Projects this semester include making a bird feeder, pig puppets, paper flowers, potpourri, a heart collage, a wind chime, and flower presses.

# ARTS AND CRAFTS GRADE 1A AND B

**Semester A:** This course provides a foundation for students inherent artistic imagination and creativity by sharing the basics of art and making art. Students are introduced to primary colors, the color wheel, shapes such as lines and circles, and concepts such as symmetry. Young artists will also explore a variety of media such as pastels, watercolors, crayons, tempera, and pencil drawing. A emphasis on this course is on creating works of art. In this semester students will create a watercolor tree, use a printing block, produce a weather painting, and produce a watercolor painting.

**Semester B:** In this semester students will be creating colorful calendars, stenciling, fashioning intricate flower drawings, revisiting symmetrical objects, and mixing colors. This course will provide students with opportunities to experience many different forms of arts and to express their imagination while learning valuable skills.

# **ARTS AND CRAFTS GRADE 2A AND B**

Semester A: This course provides an opportunity for selfdiscipline through instruction and cooperation while providing the student with an opportunity for self-expression by using imaginative thinking for creative solutions. Students will begin the course by creating a color wheel and understanding the difference between primary, secondary, and complimentary colors. Students will use watercolors to create a value chart and begin to understand symmetry in art. At the end of the semester, students will work with clay and create a Memorial Clay.

Semester B: In semester B of Arts and Crafts, students will continue to explore their creativity while also learning ways that art can be functional and add to objects and materials that we use on an everyday basis. Students will begin the semester by creating a 12-month calendar. The students will focus on a new month each week. They will also be able to pick a different clay project each week from The Book of Nature Crafts and/or Clay Fun. Once students have completed the calendar project, they will begin to work on form drawing and make a seasonal chart using objects familiar with each of the four seasons. The course concludes with students working with wet crayons and wet paper.

# ART DEVELOPMENT LEVEL 1 (GRADE 3) AND 2 (GRADE 4)

Art provides an opportunity for children to develop the use of their senses directly and encourages the student to further develop what they already know as a source of knowledge and creativity. It is important for the student to make a connection between the verbal and visual; logic and emotions; imagination and reality. Art offers the student an opportunity to express feelings and emotions in their drawings and with color. The fine art program promotes self-esteem and self-awareness as it enhances personal fulfillment. Children have a wonderful imagination that,

if encouraged, will be needed thoughout their life. This program provides an opportunity for self-discipline through instruction and cooperation while providing the student with an opportunity for self-expression by using imaginative thinking for creative solutions. Again, this is a necessity in lifetime experiences. The student will see the artistic expressions and inventions from cultures around the world that are part of the history of mankind and development. Repetition, important for young children, is evident in these lessons. Repetition is provided at different age levels while using various tools and mediums. Home, family and friends, pets, and toys are the young student's world. The student will begin with their personal world as they think they know it and discover so much more about it. These lessons provide a deeper awareness of the world immediately around them, and eventually their journey will grow from there. Our goal is to provide each student an opportunity for personal growth for themselves and the world in which we live.

# **ART DEVELOPMENT LEVEL 3 AND 4 (GRADE 5)**

The student is guided and encouraged to express feelings and emotions in their drawings and with color while promoting self-esteem and self-awareness in personal fulfillment. The imagination in children is encouraged in art. However, it will assist them in their other studies as well. This program provides an opportunity for self-discipline through instruction and cooperation while providing the student with an opportunity for self-expression by using imaginative thinking for creative solutions. The student is introduced to some of the artistic expressions and techniques from cultures around the world. The student will use some of these elements themselves in their own artwork. Repetition, important for children, is provided at different age levels while using various tools and mediums. Home, family, traditions, friends, pets, and toys are the young student's world. The student will explore what they know of their world. These lessons provide a deeper awareness of the world immediately around them where their journey is just beginning. Our goal is to provide each student an opportunity for personal growth for themselves and the world in which they live.

# **KEYBOARDING**

The keyboarding course is appropriate for elementary and middle school students. The curriculum introduces new keys by rows where students first learn the middle row, then the top row and the bottom row of the keyboard. Students are introduced to the keys through lessons and then given the opportunity to practice in typing games. The content is designed with a strong focus on sight and high frequency words. This course assumes no keyboarding experience and will guide them through the keyboard.

## **RECORDERS LEVEL 1**

This course combines music and performing arts. Students will experience and learn new songs and perform them using their bodies. In addition, the student will begin learning how to play the recorder.

# **SCRATCH CODING**

Scratch is a program, developed by MIT, that teaches student the basics on how computers think. This program will introduce students to real coding programs and allow them to drag and drop coding blocks creating a fully functional program. The simple user interface and tutorials allow students to quickly create and run their code to see its results. This course assumes no prior computer coding knowledge and includes self-graded multiple-choice tests and quizzes.

# **Physical Education and Health**

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION KA AND B

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary PE K helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include exercise safety, making healthy choices, nutrition, the benefits, components and principles of fitness, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1A AND B

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary PE 1 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include exercise safety, making healthy choices, nutrition, the benefits, components and principles of fitness, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork. In addition, students learn age-appropriate

motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION 2A AND B

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary PE 2 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include warmup and cool down, water safety, goal setting, nutrition, muscle strength and flexibility. In addition, students learn ageappropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION 3A AND B

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary PE 3 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include warm-up and cool down, water safety, goal setting, nutrition, muscle strength and flexibility. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION 4A AND B

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary PE 4 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include warm-up and cool down, water safety, goal setting, nutrition, muscle strength and flexibility. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION 5A AND B

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary PE 5 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of health and fitness. Students focus on health-related fitness and learn how to become more fit and healthy. Topics of study include warm-up and cool down, water safety, goal setting, nutrition, muscle strength and flexibility. In addition, students learn age-appropriate motor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills. Students are required to participate in regular physical activity.

# **HEALTH KA AND B**

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary Health K helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, healthy behaviors, nutrition, communication, disease prevention, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork.

# **HEALTH 1A AND B**

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary Health 1 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, healthy behaviors, nutrition, communication, disease prevention, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork.

# **HEALTH 2A AND B**

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary Health 2 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, healthy behaviors, nutrition, communication, disease prevention, basic anatomy and physiology, and values of cooperation and teamwork.

## **HEALTH 3A AND B**

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary Health 2 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, healthy behaviors, nutrition, disease prevention, conflict resolution, basic anatomy and physiology, and the values of respect and cooperation.

# **HEALTH 4A AND B**

Semesters A and B: Elementary Health 4 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, reducing illness, avoiding bullying, nutrition, healthy friendships, emergency situations, and the human body.

# **HEALTH 5A AND B**

**Semesters A and B:** Elementary Health 5 helps young learners establish a basic understanding of the aspects of health. Students focus on the various aspects of their health and how they can make healthy choices. Topics of study include personal safety, reducing illness, avoiding bullying, nutrition, healthy friendships, emergency situations, and the human body. Semester B covers the reproductive system, puberty, and STDs.

