

Kindergarten 2011-12

“A Time To Wonder”

Texts

Language Arts

“A Legacy of Literature” by Houghton Mifflin

- ❑ “**Big Books**” – (see attached sheet for specific books for each theme)
- ❑ **Alphafriends** – (inside Teacher Lesson Plans binder and Resource Packets)
- ❑ **Student Practice Book**
- ❑ **Letter, Word, and Picture Cards**
- ❑ **On My Way Practice Readers**
- ❑ **Word and Picture Books** – (Word and Picture Books are located in the Themes 1-5 Packet – on K shelf)
- ❑ **Phonics Library Books**
- ❑ **Higglety Pigglety: A Big Book of Rhymes** – (A Big Book used in the Houghton Mifflin series to enhance this curriculum)

Nursery Rhymes for Kindergarten – A book of various nursery rhymes (Used primarily in the first two weeks of school)

My Kindergarten Book of Poems

A book of various poems that students are encouraged to memorize throughout the year.

Resource Packets – Teacher created alphabet pages to reinforce and supplement each letter of the alphabet (Found in Kindergarten Grade Level Drawer)

Mathematics

Macmillan McGraw-Hill

- Resource Masters Packet
- Practice Book

Science

Houghton Mifflin/California Science

- Textbook
- Study Guide
- Assessment Resource
- Activity Packets
- Teachers Guide (online)

-Science Continued-

Let's-Read-And-Find-Out-Science by Harper Collins

- My Five Senses
- How A Seed Grows
- What's Alive
- What Makes A Magnet?
- What is the World Made Of?
- What Will the Weather Be?

History Social Studies

Harcourt School Publishers – Reflections: Our World, Now and Long Ago

- Practice Book
- **Activity Packet (AP)** – Each unit has a supplemental activity packet to enhance each unit taught. This packet includes additional support, vocabulary and Unit Tests.

Handwriting

Handwriting K - by Zaner-Bloser

Kindergarten Grade Level Drawer (GLD)

There are various materials in the kindergarten file that can enhance the kindergarten curriculum.

- INTRODUCTION -

Kindergarten is a time for children to expand their love of learning, their general knowledge, their ability to get along with others, and their interest in reaching out to the world. While kindergarten marks an important transition from preschool to primary grades, it is important that children still be children. This year will be one of the most important milestones in your child's life - the first year of school! A successful adjustment to kindergarten will often influence the child's perceptions, attitudes, and performance in subsequent school years. The Kindergarten theme, "*A Time to Wonder*," is centered on finding out about themselves and the world in which they live. This yearlong plan encompasses the California State Standards for kindergarten but leaves room for parents who follow the grid planning flexibility while maintaining content consistency.

- CURRICULUM -

LANGUAGE ARTS

The kindergarten language arts program delivers just what you need to start emerging readers on an exciting journey toward literacy. The language arts component consists of 10 different themes each lasting three weeks. Each theme revolves around a particular theme such as “Look at Us,” “We’re a Family,” and so on. The following are the resources needed for the kindergarten yearlong curriculum plan.

“Big Book Read Aloud” - provides daily opportunities for developing comprehension skills and reading strategies through modeled instruction. The Content Area Link in each Big Book connects the story to other curriculum areas.

Alphafriends – 26 delightful alphabet characters that teach phonemic awareness and phonics. Each Alphafriend brings the shape and sound of the letter to life.

Letter, Word and Picture Cards – A comprehensive set of Letter Cards, Word Cards and Picture Cards that provide manipulatives for word-and sentence building.

On My Way Practice Readers – These little books give young readers additional practice with phonics skills and high frequency words within these original stories.

Phonics Library – These engaging original selections for beginning and early readers, target phonics skills and known high frequency words.

Student Practice Book – The Practice Book contains activities for application and reinforcement of phonemic awareness, letter identification, phonics, handwriting, and comprehension skills. Formats in the Student Practice Book align with program assessments, state standards, and standardized tests.

Word and Picture Books – These quick stories for use at home are ideal for practicing phonics and high frequency words. These are only used in Themes 2-4.

Higglety Pigglety: A Big Book of Rhymes – Favorite rhymes, songs, and chants help children develop oral language and phonemic awareness.

Nursery Rhymes for Kindergarten – This book is a supplement to the Houghton Mifflin series and is used to start the beginning stages of reading. Repetition and rhyming words are one of the foundational skills needed to start an emerging reader.

My Kindergarten Book of Poems - Your child will be encouraged to memorize most of the poems in this book. Poetry is a perfect vehicle for teaching children about the workings of language and the workings of the world around them. Poetry is by nature meant to read aloud, and as such is a powerful tool for building children's phonemic awareness-that is, their ability to pick out and manipulate the sounds in spoken words. As you share the poems in this book with your child, point out word families, syllables, beginning and ending consonants, long and short vowels and other aspects of language. Beyond introducing the workings of language, poetry opens up children's imaginations and hearts, helping them look at their familiar world in a new way.

Resource Packets – Teacher reproduced materials that supplement and reinforce the letter of the week. These are located in the Kindergarten Grade Level Drawer. (GLD)

Literature Units – There are five times throughout the year that you will deviate from the textbook and instead read a literature book and complete activities to check for mastery and understanding.

TRADEBOOKS

Aside from the “Big Book Read Alouds,” your child should read, or be read to, for minimum of 20 minutes daily. Each theme has suggested tradebooks that will connect, enhance and enrich the core curriculum theme being presented. These books are not required reading, however, it is very important that you supplement the core curriculum. VOCS has made a conscientious effort to procure tradebooks listed on the grids for our library.

HANDWRITING

VOCS offers **Zaner-Blosser Handwriting Book** or **D’Nealian**

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies –In order to meet state standards for Social Studies we are using a social studies curriculum from Harcourt Publishing. The Harcourt series is called **Reflections: Our World, Now and Long Ago** and comes with a hardbound textbook and a Homework and Practice Book. The Homework and Practice Book workbook purpose is to provide students with the concepts, knowledge, and skills they will need to become informed and effective participants in the 21st century. In addition there are Activity Packets (**AP**) available to supplement each unit. Each packet includes additional support, vocabulary and Unit Tests. These can be found in the Kindergarten **GLD**.

MATH

Our school-wide recommended curriculum for Math is California Mathematics published by Macmillan McGraw Hill.

The kindergarten curriculum contains two Practice Books (Volume 1 and Volume 2) which are designed to provide students a balanced approach to mathematics learning by offering them the opportunity to investigate concepts and build their conceptual understanding. Also included is a Resource Master booklet that provides opportunity to review, learn, and practice basic computational and procedural skills.

If you feel your student needs additional support, see your Resource Teacher for availability of a Teacher's Edition.

SCIENCE

Houghton Mifflin/California Science – The kindergarten curriculum contains: Textbook, Study Guide, and Assessment Resource Packet. The Teacher Guide is available on Valley Oaks Web Site.

To supplement Houghton Mifflin Science, we've added the following six books to enhance the science curriculum as well as motivate and engage your student. There are also activity packets to go along with each book.

- ❑ How a Seed Grows
- ❑ What's Alive?
- ❑ What Makes a Magnet?
- ❑ What is the World Made of?
- ❑ What Will the Weather Be?
- ❑ My Five Senses

ENRICHMENT

VOCS offers a variety of enrichment classes throughout the year appropriate for the various grade levels. Many field trips are also planned, and you'll want to watch The Acorn (VOCS newsletter) for the activities that may interest you and your student. Also, refer to Kindergarten Suggestions in the VOCS Parent/Student Handbook and implement your own field trips and projects.

MULTIMEDIA

Be sure to ask your Resource Teacher about videos, tapes, CDs, and software that may be applicable to your course of study. In addition there are numerous websites that offer educational challenges for your student.

Additional Resources

www.ceea.org – A great source for lesson plans and academic support in all subjects

www.pbskids.org – This site offers educational philosophies, educator guides, and at-home activities that relate to PBS children's programming. You will find fun activities for your children, health information, book lists, and lots of other resources, all based on familiar characters (Arthur, Sesame Street, etc...)

www.eduplace.com - Another great site for lesson plans and support.