



Kindergarten-Grade Core Course Descriptions

Guided Reading	Humanities
<p>K-2 Guided Reading Courses are comprised of three major areas of study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guided Reading - Guided reading will support students with decoding and comprehension skills as they listen to and read stories and check their comprehension. The guided reading library contains hundreds of readers for levels Pre-A to assist students with confidence in reading. As a teaching tool, students will engage with the text in homogeneous subgroups with teachers. ● Phonics: Foundations—Students will receive instruction in critical foundational skills, emphasizing phonemic awareness, phonics, high-frequency word study, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, handwriting, and spelling. Foundations is combined with a core/literature-based language arts program for an integrated comprehension approach to reading and spelling. ● Writing - Students will interact with writing support using poetry, modeling of writing and text structure to produce writing. 	<p>Year-Long Writing Focus: Genre-based Writing <i>A full list of the Anchor Texts can be found on the Supply List</i></p> <p>Unit 1: Being a Good Friend & Citizen In this unit, students will learn about being a good friend: overcoming differences and challenges, treating others how you want to be treated, and keeping old traditions with new friends. They will also understand that being a good friend and being a good citizen have similar qualities.</p> <p>Unit 2: Symbols, History & Traditions: America's Story Students describe how a calendar represents the days of the week and months of the year, and locate important days or events; differentiate between dates, and place events on a timeline in order; discuss how people lived in earlier times, and recognize how their lives would be different if they lived at that time. Students examine how certain American symbols represent specific values to Americans and explore the inquiry arc question: What makes America special?</p> <p>Unit 3: Around the World: Similarities and Differences In this unit, students will learn that two people from different parts of the world share different experiences and can still communicate.</p> <p>Unit 4: You can be a hero: Citizenship Students interpret how to be a good citizen by reading stories illustrating good morals and principles, such as respect and honesty.</p>
Mathematics	Science
<p>SPORK BUTTERFLY A is our primary instructional resource. It is a math and science integration, "Learning Math through Science." Students will gain knowledge of foundational mathematics by focusing on five key areas: operational thinking, number sense, measurement and data, geometry, and mathematical practice. They will also develop strong mathematical practices and learn to reason abstractly and quantitatively.</p>	<p>SPORK BUTTERFLY A is our main resource for teaching science through a math-integrated approach. Built on the idea of "Learning Math through Science," the curriculum focuses on hands-on exploration and inquiry. Students engage in meaningful investigations that build both science understanding and math fluency. Each unit brings science to life through real-world, interactive learning. Topics we explore throughout the year: Living Things & Classification, Habitats & Earth Systems, Physical Science, Weather & Space, and Human Body.</p>



Kindergarten School Supply List - School Year 2025-26

Items to bring to school	Items to keep at home	Class Specific Items
<input type="checkbox"/> Book bag/backpack of your choice <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket folder for homework (Provided) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Pencil Pouch packed with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils • Glue sticks • Safety Scissors • 2 highlighters • Erasers • Crayons/markers • Dry erase markers • Index cards <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Hand Sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Face Masks <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Changes of clothes ([please label with name) to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top & bottom • Undergarments <input type="checkbox"/> Ziplock baggies (2 of each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quart & Gallon 	<input type="checkbox"/> Packages of #2 Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of loose-leaf paper <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Old worksheets <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of colored pencils/markers <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities Anchor Texts***	<p><u>PE/HEALTH</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Shoes
	<p><u>Humanities Anchor Texts</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Unit 1 - How to Lose All Your Friends (Nancy Carlson); A Weekend with Wendell (Kevin Henkes); Stellaluna (Janell Canyon); Chester's Way (Kevin Henkes); Messy Bessy's School Desk (Patricia and Frederick McKissack) <input type="checkbox"/> Unit 2 - School Days: Then and Now (Bobbie Kalman); Measuring Time: The Calendar (Julia Vogel) - available for free on EPIC <input type="checkbox"/> Unit 3 - One World, One Day (Barbara Kerley); Throw your Tooth on the Roof (Selby Beeler); What are Houses Like in Africa? (Gina Cline and Robbie Byerly); This is the Way We Go to School: A Book About Children Around the World (Edith Baer); How My Family Lives in America (Susan Kuklin); Dear Juno (Soyung Pak) <input type="checkbox"/> Unit 4 - Tacky the Penguin (Helen Lester); Night Shift Daddy (Eileen Spinelli); The Lion and the Mouse (Aesop fable)	<p><u>ELA</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Composition Books <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder
		<p><u>HUMANITIES</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Composition Book <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder
		<p><u>SCIENCE/MATH integration</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Pocket Folder <input type="checkbox"/> 2-sided metric and standard to 1/4 inch ruler <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Composition Book
		<p><u>ELECTIVE CLASS(ES)</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Pocket Folder

***Class sets of the Anchor Texts are provided; however, students are encouraged to purchase their own copy.