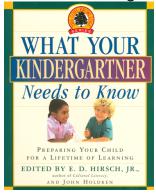


The following is a list of what your child will be learning this year in kindergarten. We will cover a variety of interesting Social Studies and Science topics, as well as some fascinating literature, art, and music.



If you would like some background information on the topics we will be learning about, as well as some suggestions for how to review the material at home with your child, I highly recommend that you purchase What Your Kindergartner Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch Jr. It was written by the founder of the Core Knowledge curriculum so it aligns perfectly with what we will be teaching. It is very user friendly and full of great tips for teachers and parents. You can find it in most book stores for about \$15 or so. ©

Kindergarten Core Knowledge Sequence

Language Arts & Literature	Math	Science	Social Studies
Print , Phonological and Phonemic Awareness, Decoding and Encoding, Oral Reading and Fluency, Reading Comprehension	Numbers and Number Sense: comparing sets, counting by 1, 2, 5, 10. Writing numbers, ordinal positions, pairs, fractions	Plants and Plant Growth: needs, basic parts, flowers and seeds, deciduous and evergreen, farming	Geography: spatial sense, geographical terms and features, the seven continents and oceans, Map skills
Poetry Mother Goose and other Traditional Poems	Patterns & Classification: sorting, classifying, extending a sequence	Animals and Their Needs: needs, offspring, pets	American History: Native American Peoples, Past and Present_
Sayings and Phrases	Computation: Adding and Subtracting, Problem Solving, Equations.	The Human Body: 5 senses, taking care of your body,	Early Exploration: The Voyage of Columbus in 1492, The Pilgrims, July 4, "Independence Day"
Fiction: Stories, Aesop's Fables, American Folk Heroes and Tall Tales, Literary Terms	Measurement (linear measurement, weight, capacity, temperature, time (hour, ½ hour)	Introduction to Magnetism everyday uses of magnets, attraction	Presidents, Past and Present
Sight Words	Geometry left/right, relative positions, basic plane figures, congruent shapes	Seasons and Weather four seasons, characteristic local weather, temperature, clouds, rainfall, storms, snow	Symbols and Figures of the US
Language Conventions: Handwriting and Spelling, Parts of Speech and Sentence Structure, Capitalization	Money: identify pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, one-dollar bill, writing money amounts	Taking Care of the Earth: conservation, energy and resources, recycling, pollution	Music: Elements of Music, Listening and Understanding, Songs