

*Mountain Home School Charter*  
**Curriculum Catalogue**  
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“There’s no place like home . . . for learning.”

# Language Arts

## **Reading**

### **Phonics/Learn-To-Read Materials**

#### **Saxon Phonics Program**

**Grades K-2**

This complete program combines integrated reading, spelling, & writing instruction for each grade. The kit includes the Teacher Manual, Teaching Tools, & Student Materials packet & there is a good mix of activities for different learning modalities. Because the lessons are scripted, it is easy to teach.

#### **Sing, Spell, Read, & Write Program**

**Grades K-2**

This complete multi-sensory, full language arts program includes songs, assessments, workbooks, games, prizes, flash cards, & an easy-to-use, step-by-step teacher's manual approach to phonics. The set includes 17 reading books, 6 cassette tapes, 2 workbooks, 1 teacher video training tape, & more.

#### **MCP Phonics & Word Study**

**Grades K-6**

This is a series of phonetic & word study skills from letter recognition in K to dictionary skills in the upper grades.

#### **Phonics Pathways/Pyramid Reading**

**pk-6**

Subtitled "A Complete Reading Program for Beginning & Remedial Readers of All Ages" this is a basic phonics approach to teaching reading. The lessons are 15 minutes a day, clear, & require no prep time. The multi-sensory approach is usable for different learning styles. The book covers prefixes, suffixes, contractions, plural forms, compound words, homonyms & homophones, homographs, & syllabication.

#### **Explode the Code Series**

**Grades K-4**

This supplementary series for beginning readers provides a sequential, systematic approach to phonics in which students blend sounds to build vocabulary & read words, phrases, sentences, & stories. Incorporates reading, writing, matching, & copying. Get Ready for the Code (A), Get Set for the Code (B), Go for the Code (C) & then moves into Levels 1-8. A comprehension component complements this series entitled, Beyond the Code 1-4 & used beginning with Level 1 workbooks.

#### **Primary Phonics**

**Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>**

Through pictures, words, matching, organizing & coloring exercises, students learn to recognize & read in this easy to use program of six sets. Each set includes a workbook & 10 storybooks. Also available for each set are the comprehension series, Thinking About Mac and Tab, which gives practice on sequencing, recognizing story elements, & using context clues.

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

**pk-2**

Lessons are phonics-based, easy-to-follow, non-consumable & self-contained. There are no workbooks, no flashcards, nothing fancy- just one-on-one with your child 20 minutes a day. After 100 lessons your child should be reading at a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level. This method uses visual clues in the first 80 lessons, but then they are dropped. (you'll want to find more beginning reader books to supplement).

## **All About Reading**

**Grades K-2**

A K-2 learn-to-read program. Like its sister program, All About Spelling, it's a multisensory approach to reading with an emphasis on mastery learning based on review. The Teacher's Manual contains step-by-step lesson plans.

- Level K-1: Emphasis on letter recognition & sounds
- Level 1: Emphasis on letter sounds & short vowel words
- Level 2: Emphasis on silent "e" & 2-3 letter blends; decoding
- Level 3: Emphasis on phonics teaching & story reading. This level starts with a pre-test to determine if your student is at the right level.
- Level 4: This level also begins with a pre-test to determine correct placement. This level brings closure to the All About Reading program. Includes phonics & reading instruction.

## **Lexia Learning**

**Grades pk-5+**

This is an online reading/phonics *supplement* for your child's development of reading fluency and vocabulary. It is meant to be paired with a formal reading program.

## **Reading Programs**

### **Journeys ELA Program**

**Grades 1-5**

### **Collections ELA Program**

**Grades 6-8**

Both are comprehensive language arts programs containing excerpts from literature for of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Each level comes with workbooks as well as online support and resources.

### **Spotlight on Literacy Program**

**Grades 1-5**

### **Spotlight on Literature Program**

**Grades 6-8**

(discontinued; some materials available)

### **Junior Great Books Program**

**Grades K - 8**

This is a reading program using the shared inquiry method. The teacher acts as facilitator for the child. Students learn to question, debate, rethink, & analyze stories. The program integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening, & thinking.

## **Reading Supplements**

### **Novel / Literature Units**

**Grades 2 & up**

Students are involved through in-depth comprehension & story analysis of a novel. A teacher's guide & student workbook are available for some. A large variety of titles are in inventory.

### **Reading & Writing Sourcebook**

**Grades 2-8**

This is a literature-based approach to help struggling learners build the strategies they need to become confident readers with an emphasis on developing stronger writing skills.

### **Five in a Row (and Beyond Five in a Row-4<sup>th</sup> gr.+)**

**Grades K-3**

This is a literature-based curriculum using unit studies to cover language arts, science, math, social studies, art, & character. A different picture book each week is the theme for learning with ideas, information, & activities to go along with each subject area. There are four different volumes to choose from.

## **Vocabulary**

### **English From the Roots Up**

**Grades 2 & up**

Learn prefixes & suffixes from Greek & Latin language by using flashcards. Over 100 Latin & Greek root words given to help build vocabulary.

### **Vocabulary for Achievement**

**Grades 3-8**

This is a systematic approach to vocabulary development that teaches students to understand & use words effectively & prepares them for standardized tests. Student consumable with teacher guide.

### **Wordly Wise 3000**

**Grades 2-8**

This is a consumable, vocabulary-building program based on frequency, grade level literature & textbooks. Word lists are accompanied by exercise sections consisting of: finding & applying meanings, using the right word, & a non-fiction narrative (that uses the vocabulary words in context) followed by questions. The books also contain crossword & hidden message puzzles. Teacher guides & tests are available.

### **Word Roots**

**Grades 2-adult**

Greek & Latin roots, prefixes, & suffixes in a workbook format. 5 levels based on child's grade level.

# Grammar

## **Daily Grams**

**Grades 2-8**

These workbooks take about 10 minutes daily for a general review of basic capitalization, punctuation, sentence combining, and grammar. Completing only one page per day makes grammar review painless and easy. Workbooks may also be used with Easy Grammar. When student has difficulty with a particular concept, the teacher can use Easy Grammar for intensive practice on that concept.

## **Easy Grammar**

**Grades 3-8**

These workbooks contain worksheets, reviews and tests to learn rules of grammar and practice skills of sentence combining, parts of speech, punctuation, and capitalization. This step-by-step approach is very structured and thorough.

## **English (Houghton Mifflin) – discontinued program**

**Grades K-8**

This is an old state-adopted series. The program alternates grammar and writing units, making this a well-rounded text. Available in a workbook format.

## **First Language Lessons (for the Well-Trained Mind)**

**Grades 1-4**

This is a classical approach to learning grammar & writing for the beginning learner. The program uses copywork, narration, memorization, dictation, & picture study.

Level 1 & 2 are contained in one book

Level 3 includes a separate teacher & student workbook

Level 4 includes a separate teacher & student workbook

## **Grammar for Writing (Sadlier)**

**Grades 6-8**

A comprehensive grammar & writing program; includes student & teacher's editions as well as online resources for extra practice. Levels Red (6<sup>th</sup>), Purple (7<sup>th</sup>), Yellow (8<sup>th</sup>)

# Writing

## **Institutes for Excellence in Writing**

**Grades 3-8**

This program contains a DVD of lessons giving even reluctant writers the confidence and building blocks to become confident writers.

## **Writing Strands**

**Grades 1-8**

This writing program includes detailed instruction, models & methods of evaluation. Level 1: K-1, Level 2: grade 2, Level 3: grades 3-5, Level 4: grades 7-8, Levels 5 & 6: 7+

## **Great Source Writing Series:**

This series of books is a top-notch program with good coverage of mechanics to help formulate ideas using the writing process. The 1-8 grade texts contain many charts, graphs, lists, & idea maps.

### **1. Write One**

**Grade 1**

Discussions that are short, simple, and to-the-point lessons make this a good starting program for very beginner writers.

### **2. Write Away**

**Grade 2**

Students begin to learn the writing process. There are also sections on personal, subject & research writing, reading & word skills, speaking & listening skills.

### **3. Write on Track**

**Grade 3**

Delving deeper into the writing process, it includes more personal writing, subject & research writing. It also includes how to write realistic stories, fantasies, & plays.

### **4. Writer's Express**

**Grades 4-5**

This is a handbook for young writers. It covers the writing process, historical documents, study skills, writing riddles, speaking & listening, but emphasizes all genres of writing.

### **5. Write Source 2000**

**Grades 6-8**

"A Guide to Writing, Thinking, and Learning" is a language resource which stresses the fundamental principles of writing. The friendly, thorough, fun-to-read format contains lessons for various genres of writing, reading & thinking strategies, and tips on improving study & test skills.

## **Strategies for Writers**

**Grades K-8**

An effective, research-based program that explains the writing process & provides students with the tools for developing effective writing skills. Instruction & assessment are rubric-based so students/parents are able to assess their work. Grade K & Level A-H.

## **Just Write (EPS)**

**Grades K-4+**

This is a structured approach to creative writing. The series guides students through the writing process from initial idea to final edited & published narrative.

### **Write About Me & Write About My World**

**K-1<sup>st</sup> grade**

Covers sentence development, uses pictures for aids, & the 5 senses to describe.

### **Just Write Book 1**

**2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

Focuses on learning to write stories.

### **Just Write Book 2**

**2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

Expands upon story writing covered in Book 1.

### **Just Write Book 3**

**4<sup>th</sup>+**

Discusses 4 main writing styles: narrative, descriptive, expository, & persuasive.

## **Writing Skills**

**Grades 2-8**

This program helps develop the essential writing skills needed to write research papers & essays. Learn to write letters, expository essays, outlines, & summaries. Grammar & usage exercises are integrated into writing instruction. One Teacher Guide used for all 3 levels.

**Writing Skills Book A**    **2-4<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Writing Skills Book 1**    **5-6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Writing Skills Book 2**    **7-8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Writing Workshop (Sadlier)****Grades 6-8**

This is a component to the Grammar for Writing program; includes student & teacher editions. Levels A-C

## Spelling

**Spelling Power****Grades 2-adult**

It's all in one book. A chapter of research findings details the most effective methods of spelling instruction. Complete instruction strategies & directions for adapting to different learning styles and ages. The extensive word lists are the most frequently used & misspelled words. Program is based on phonics & spelling rules, not phonics alone. Directions for over 100 games & activities are included. Student is tested so teacher knows which list of words to begin. Student writes words for 5 minutes, practices words missed for 5 minutes, then may use them in activities. Workbooks are line-spaced differently depending on student level: primary, middle, & upper grades.

**Spelling Workout (MCP)****Grades 1-8**

This well-respected series is presented by phonetic construct in the early grades & spelling patterns in the upper grades. Levels A-H

**Spelling (Steck-Vaughn)****Grades 1-8**

This series is based on research of word difficulty & frequency. It incorporates a language arts approach to studying spelling so the student can use the word in a variety of workbook assignments.

**All About Spelling (1-8+) \*\*a great spelling program for all students!**

A multisensory approach so that no matter a student's particular learning style, a student will have success. The program follows the Orton-Gillingham approach whereby students learn phonograms, which are the sounds that a letter or letter combination make. For the teacher, the daily lessons are scripted. There are 7 levels to this program which are related to skill level, not grade level. Each level includes a Teacher's Guide & a Material Packet.

## Penmanship

**Daily Handwriting Practice****Grades 1-8**

This workbook contains 36 weeks of daily practice exercises. Half-page assignments on Mon-Thu; full page on Fridays don't overwhelm students. Available in: Traditional Manuscript & Traditional Cursive.

**D'Nealian Handwriting****Grades K-6**

This manuscript is a curvy, slanted form of writing which is supposed to make the transition into cursive handwriting easier for students.

### **Handwriting (Zaner-Bloser)**

**Grades K-8**

These practice workbooks are traditional handwriting strokes to master manuscript & cursive. Series 2M contains more block printing practice; 2C moves into cursive sooner.

### **Italic**

**Grades K-6**

This manuscript flows into cursive as the letters don't change; at Level C (2<sup>nd</sup>) they just begin to connect.

## **Math**

### **Math in Focus (Singapore)**

**Grades K-8**

This 2014 series follows CA math standards. There is also online components.

### **Edgenuity Math Program (online)**

**\*NEW\***

**Grades 6-8**

This program does the instruction and assessment for your student and is aligned to California's standards.

### **Teaching Textbooks**

**Grades 3-High School**

This math program provides direct instruction to students via a CD. Teacher Keys accompany the program. The Pre-Algebra, Algebra, & Geometry levels provide corrections & scores to the student.

### **Math-U-See Program**

**Grades K-8**

This is a manipulative-based program that is very teacher involved for the student who needs to "see" & "do." The basic structure of the program is to work on a particular concept with a manipulative & watch a video on the first day & then complete problems the rest of the week.

Primer	Focus: Have fun with math
Alpha	Focus: Single digit addition & subtraction
Beta	Focus: Multiple digit addition & subtraction
Gamma	Focus: Multiplication
Delta	Focus: Division
Epsilon	Focus: Fractions
Zeta	Focus: Decimals & Percents
Pre-Algebra	
Algebra	
Geometry	

Starter & Completer Set of Blocks will be ordered with Primer-Gamma books;  
Manipulative Blocks will be ordered with Delta, Zeta, & Pre-Algebra & Algebra books;  
Fraction Overlays will be ordered with Epsilon books; and  
Algebra/Decimal Inserts will be ordered with Zeta, Pre-Algebra & Algebra books.



### **Saxon Math Program**

**Grades K-Alg**

Favored by homeschoolers for being easy to use, the incremental series has lots of review so that students really remember what they learn. The downside is that grade levels do not correspond to California's state standards, so you'll need to use a grade ahead. Contains lots of review, therefore some students may get bored. A manipulative bag is checked out with grades K-2

### **Key To\_\_\_Series \*This is supplemental only**

**Grades 3-8**

Students can work through this series without being confined to an age/grade program. The workbooks are kid-friendly. Topics include: algebra, geometry, decimals, fractions, measurement, metric measurement, & percents. A great choice for "mathphobic" students.

**To be used in areas of weakness.**

## **Science**

### **Harcourt Science Program**

**Grades 1-5**

A state-adoption series of general science books with workbooks.

### **Holt Science Program**

**Grades 6-8**

A state-adoption series contains 3 books covering Earth, Life, & Physical. Student resources accompany this series.

### **Great Science Adventures**

**Grades K-8**

For students who learn best by doing. A real hands-on approach to learning science. Every book has 24 lessons which take 2-3 days to complete. Some teacher prep time needed & possible extension or supplemental work needed for jr. high level students.

Topics include:

Insects & Arachnids	Light & Sound	Space	Plants
Technology	Vertebrates	Landforms	Human Body
Ocean	Atoms, Molecules		

### **Focus on Elementary Science (K-4)**

Designed to introduce the wonders of science to children. The student text combines simply written & interesting text with colorful graphics that add fun & visual interest. Lab activities included in each chapter are home-friendly. Each set encompasses one topic. Packages in this series: astronomy, biology, chemistry, & physics.

### **Focus on Middle School Science (5-8)**

By the same author as Focus on Elementary Science, Rebecca Keller, Ph.D., contain the same high-interest elements as the elementary level, but more thorough in content. Each set encompasses one topic. Packages in this series: astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, and geology.

# Social Studies

## MacMillan/McGraw's California Vistas Program

This is a state-adopted program.

**Grades 1-5**

## Prentice Hall Social Studies Program

This is a state-adopted program.

**Grades 6-8**

## A History of Us (Joy Hakim) Series

**Grades 4-8**

This is a series of 10 books that tell about United States history in a storybook format that is lively & engaging. A teacher guide for each book is available. These include a summary of each chapter, vocabulary words, discussion topics & writing assignments.

Vol. 1	First Americans	Vol. 6	War, Terrible War
Vol. 2	Making 13 Colonies	Vol. 7	Reconstruction & Reform
Vol. 3	From Colonies to Country	Vol. 8	Age of Extremes
Vol. 4	The New Nation	Vol. 9	War, Peace & All That Jazz
Vol. 5	Liberty for All?	Vol. 10	All the People

## Story of the World Series

**Grades 1-6**

Presented in a story format, these volumes cover chronological history in a classical approach. Each chapter covers a particular time period. The activity book contains review questions, supplemental reading suggestions, map activities, & projects for history, art, & science. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> gr. & up usually need additional resources for more in-depth coverage of topics. Audio tapes also available.

Vol. 1	Ancient Times	Vol. 3	Early Modern Times
Vol. 2	Middle Ages	Vol. 4	Modern Age

## The Constitution \*supplemental

**Grade 8**

To be checked out for a semester only, this book helps 8<sup>th</sup> graders become more aware of our country's principles of freedom in this remarkable document.

## We the People \*supplemental

**Grade 8**

This Constitution unit study book is available for a semester check-out.

# Foreign Language Courses

## Power Glide 2-8<sup>th</sup> - \*discontinued but multiple copies still available

The Spanish, French, German, & Latin courses are set up on an adventure theme where the student is an undercover agent with a mission. Uses a CD with workbook. By the end of this course, students should know common phrases, some complete sentences, numbers, colors, body parts, & more.

## **Rosetta Stone 5<sup>th</sup> +**

This computer program combines multimedia technology with a total immersion approach. It includes excellent exercises in listening comprehension, speaking, reading & writing, & vocabulary. It's available in a multitude of languages. It can also be ordered as an on-line program.

## **Resource Materials**

The following are typically used to assist students who struggle with "on grade level" curriculum in various subject areas.

### **Reading/Language Arts**

#### **Susan Barton's Reading and Spelling System**

An Orton-Gillingham influenced, multisensory phonics program. We carry Levels 1-8. This is a proven program for students (or adults) who need intense reading & spelling instruction who may be dyslexic or have other reading challenges.

#### **SRA Reading Laboratory**

A multilevel self-operating method of learning. These are to be checked out one Power Builder color section at a time. It also comes with a Student Record Book & Strategies for Reading & Writing.

2b begins at RL 2.4

3b begins at RL 5.0

#### **Read Naturally**

A reading fluency program which helps students read at a faster rate, thereby also improving their comprehension.

#### **Learning Ally**

Digitally recorded books

#### **Keys to Excellence Comprehension Series (Steck-Vaughn)**

Levels B-H (grades 2-8)

#### **Reading Comprehension Series (Steck-Vaughn)**

Levels A-F (grades 1-6; RL 1-6)

#### **Language Exercises (Steck-Vaughn)**

Levels A-H & Review (grades 1-8; RL 1-8)

#### **Handwriting Without Tears**

### **Math**

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

#### **Touch Math**

General Math Kit K

Addition Kit

Multiplication/Division

General Math Kit 1<sup>st</sup>

Sequence Counting/Multiplication Kit 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fractions/Decimals

## **Mastering Computational Skills (Scott Foresman)**

Self-help workbooks for grades 3-8

## **Spectrum Math Series**

**Grades 1-8**

**\*May be used as supplemental** for students who need more practice with previously learned concepts or for students who have difficulty with math concepts.

## **Science**

### **Focus on Science (Steck-Vaughn)**

Levels A-F (grades 1-6; RL 1-5)

### **Reading About Science**

Students read a lesson about a high interest science topic & then complete a comprehension page for review. Each leveled workbook includes a unit on life, earth-space, physical & environmental science. A (RL 2.5) to G (RL 6.0)

### **Wonders of Science (Steck-Vaughn)**

These books are for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students with limited reading ability; RL 1-3. Includes: Land Animals, Matter, Motion & Machines, The Human Body, The Earth & Beyond, Water Life, Plant Life

## **Geography/Social Studies (from Steck-Vaughn)**

### **America's Story**

Books 1 and 2 (grades 5-10; RL 2-3)

### **Steck-Vaughn Social Studies**

Levels A-F (grades 1-6; RL 1-4)

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

Levels A-F (grades 1-6; RL 1-6)

### **World Geography & You**

Books 1 and 2 (grades 6-12; RL 3-4)

### **World History & You**

Books 1 and 2 (grades 6-12; RL 4)