

# Kindergarten Language Arts



## Course Overview

### PHONICS

PhonicsWorks prepares your student to become an independent reader through systematic, multisensory instruction in phonemic awareness and decoding skills, using a kit of magnetized letter tiles and a variety of games and activities. Handwriting Without Tears provides gentle instruction to help your student print letters correctly.

### LITERATURE

Plenty of read-aloud literature kindles the imagination while building comprehension and vocabulary. The emphasis is on classic literature—fairy tales, fables, folktales, poems—including many works that embody exemplary virtues, such as “The Frog Prince,” “Beauty and the Beast,” *The Velveteen Rabbit*, and tales by Beatrix Potter.

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### PHONICS

#### Phonological Awareness

- Introduction to Basic Phonics
- Sounds for *a, t, s, m, b, f, c, h,* and *j*
- *a, t, s, m, b, f, c, h, j, l, n, p,* and *r*
- *o, d, g, k,* and *v*
- Getting Stronger with Short *a* and Short *o*
- Short *i*
- Getting Stronger with Short *a, i,* and *o*
- Short *u*
- Getting Stronger with Short *a, i, o,* and *u*

#### Building on the Basics

- Sounds for *y* and Short *e*
- Getting Stronger with Short *a, e, i, o,* and *u*
- Short Vowels
- Getting Stronger with Short Vowel Knowledge
- *sh* and *th*
- Getting Stronger with Vowels and Digraphs
- *wh* and *ch*
- Getting Stronger with Letter Sounds

#### Adding to the Basics

- *tch* and *ck*
- Getting Stronger with *sh, th, ch, wh, ck,* and *tch*
- Digraphs and Trigraphs
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- Capitalization and Punctuation
- Sounds and Sentences
- *s* and *es*
- Review 2-Letter Sounds and Short Vowels

#### Applying the Basics

- *ff, ll, ss, zz,* and *-all*
- Compound Words
- Review
- Applying Knowledge

### HANDWRITING

- Hold pencil correctly
- Write each uppercase letter correctly on wide-line paper
- Write each lowercase letter correctly on wide-line paper
- Space letters, words, and sentences correctly
- Copy short sentences correctly

### LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

#### Readiness/Poetry/Games

- Listen and respond to poetry and nursery rhymes
- Identify, classify, and categorize colors and shapes
- Recognize community helpers and their jobs
- Sequence events in a story or rhyme
- Recognize and correctly use position words

#### Read Aloud

- Listen and respond to various types of literature
- Identify favorite books and stories
- Discuss characters, actions, and conflict
- Retell stories in proper sequence using complete sentences and proper grammar
- Ask and respond to questions about the text
- Predict what will happen next in stories
- Relate stories to personal experience
- Create and dictate stories and responses to literature
- Share work with others

#### Junior Great Books

- Listen attentively for different ideas and details
- Support an opinion with reasoning and evidence, citing specific passages from the text
- Develop habits of analytical thinking: identify problems, use inference, ask pertinent questions, and draw conclusions
- Build vocabulary through exposure to rich literary language
- Understand and appreciate literature through writing, dramatization, and art activities

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## Lesson Time and Scheduling

Total lessons: 180

Lesson Time: 120 minutes. You might choose to split the lessons into smaller segments and provide breaks for your child as needed. The online lesson tracking system allows you to pick up wherever you left off in any given lesson.

## Standard Curriculum Items

Basic Phonics Kit

PhonicsWorks Instructional Video™

PhonicsWorks Readers™, Vol. 1-9

Handwriting Without Tears

*Letters and Numbers for Me*

*Junior Great Books*, Dragon Series

*Junior Great Books*, Sailing Ship Series

*The Random House Book of Fairy Tales*, adapted by Amy Ehrlich

*Rhyme Time*, by Tomie dePaola

*The Rooster Crows—A Book of American Rhymes and Jingles*, by Maud and Miska Petersham

Slate chalkboard

Printed alphabet strips

Wide double-lined paper

Student Phonics Materials—Semesters 1&2 (shipped separately)

Teachers Phonics Materials—Semesters 1&2 (shipped separately)

## Additional Curriculum Items

Some lessons require additional resources, including common household items, and books that are readily available online or in your local library:

*A Chair for My Mother* by Vera Williams (William Morrow, 1984)

*A Story, a Story* by Gail Haley (Simon & Schuster, 1977)

*Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey (1948; Penguin, 1976)

*Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina (1940; HarperTrophy reissue edition, 1987)

*Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey (1941; Penguin reprint ed., 1998)

*Mike Mulligan and the Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton (1939; Houghton Mifflin, 1977)

*Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gág (Paper Star reissue edition, 1996)

*The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter (Viking reissue edition, 1984), or these separate titles: *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*, and *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies*

*The Ox-Cart Man* by Donald Hall (Penguin, 1983)

*The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown (1942;

HarperCollins, 1977)

*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats (Penguin, 1976)

*The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams (William Morrow, 1978)

*Tikki Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel (Henry Holt, 1989)

*Tom Thumb* by Richard Jesse Watson (Harcourt Brace, 1993)

NOTE: List subject to change.