

Grade by Grade Planning Sheet

Subject	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
READING - literacy (e.g. phonics & sight words, spelling patterns) - comprehension	Let Me Read Step 3	Let Me Read Step 4	Reading Sticks Step 5	Reading Sticks Step 6
What to read?	With our PSLC program, you can choose your own readers, books, etc. or have some guidance for this. We offer some old-fashioned school reader reprints (e.g. Off to School, The World of Dick and Jane) as well as a variety of wholesome literature. We plan to post a list of supplementary literature bundles in the Spring of 2017 in which some books are grouped together according to expected level of skill/interest. Please see our catalogue for titles we sell for ideas. 😊			
Examples of readers:	Off to School, Come Along With Me, It's Story Time	Stories Old and New	Stories of Fun and Adventure	Up and Away
MATH	Math Sticks 1	Math Sticks 2	n/a	n/a
WRITING (composition)	Creative Writing for Primaries (all 3 grade-levels and years in one resource)			Writing Stories, Letters, Reports, Essays, and Speeches (for Grades 4-8+) - TBA
WRITING (grammar)	Grammar Units A to D – most are not published yet; these are multi-grade resources for elementary levels on groups of grammar skills as follows: Unit A: Capitalization and Presentation, Unit B: Parts of Speech & Subjects and Predicates, Unit C: Punctuation & Kinds of Sentences, Unit D: Types of Words (Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms, Contractions, Compounds). Note: These books do not cover the topic of “word origins” (e.g. Latin, Greek roots). In the meantime, we have a few copies left of the consumable and out-of-print WriteSource workbooks which cover similar skills.			
WRITING (penmanship)	Printing Lessons for Primaries (both grades 1 & 2 in one resource)		Handwriting Lessons (for Grade 3) – (intro. to cursive)	Handwriting Lessons (for Grade 4)
1st edition PSLC SCIENCE Note: Only pdf format on disc or books of “printer’s seconds” are available. We also have a few of the units left in the Foundational series which are smaller chunks of these books.	Science, Health, and Technology Level A	Science, Health, and Technology Level B	Science, Health, and Technology Level C	Multi-grade Science series – TBA Please see the attached chart for topic suggestions to build your own studies around in the meantime.

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2nd edition PSLC SCIENCE (multi-graded of K-3 in each book; reprints of 1 st edition K-3 curriculum with some updated graphics and minor changes)	Choose 4 science unit books each grade. (These books are currently being rearranged from the above 1 st edition curriculum. We hope to print at least some of these new editions during 2017 but in the meantime, please consider the disc format of the 1 st edition PSLC science books.)			
HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY	First Grade Social Studies	Our Big World and People	Pioneer Life in Upper Canada and Canadian Communities	
MAPPING SKILLS (Apple Press)		Canada Map Book 1	Canada Map Book 2 and Let's Explore Canada	
ART	"Art for Grades 1-8 with Pencil Points" (8 years of art based on levelled skills)			
French & Extras	French – Mission ABC			Mission Monde 1
		Birds Color By Number	Nature Book to Colour	The Gospel Train
	Songs, Poetry, and Riddles for Primary Grades + (e.g. teaching how to write poetry with children)			
"Nice to add" (See our discontinued section or regular catalogue)	books about manners, character education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference Tools written at this level of reading such as the <u>Collins Junior Dictionary</u> a writing handbook (rules of grammar, helps with writing style) such as <u>Write Away</u> or <u>Write on Track</u>, an easy-to-read atlas such as <u>My World: An Elementary Atlas</u> (Canadian/ Nelson, special order). • Phonics "<u>Reading Rod Readers Set 2</u>" • Videos about world missions geared at a child's level of understanding (grade 2) Grade 3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical novels about pioneers in Upper and Lower Canada; pioneer toys to play with from a pioneer village • Colouring books depicting various types of communities (e.g. farm, fishing) • Information books about various provinces & territories to read 		

The above chart gives a suggestion for homeschool families wanting to follow or exceed the Ministry of Ontario's topics and skills. The kindergarten year(s) are not included in this chart but it is assumed that by the time a child reaches grade 1, they know how to read basic sentences aloud, can add and subtract with digits 1-5, count well to 30 with the concept of being able to sort like things into groups of 2s, 5s, and 10s, and have a basic understanding on printing all upper and lower letters of the alphabet.

There is no special pricing on curriculum packages at this time. Customers simply choose which individual resources they wish to purchase and the item prices are added up. (We used to have a "Kindergarten Bundle" but that has been discontinued as a result of making second editions.)

Please keep in mind that some of our curriculum is in the process of being reprinted as a second edition and that it will take some time to do so since we are a small home-based business and busy homeschool family ourselves. If a resource is not yet available in second edition but is "sold out" in the first edition printed book version, we may be able to offer a printable

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disc format of the curriculum in the meantime. Also, we have some excellent resources in our discontinued section that just might be perfect for your needs if something is not yet “in printed book” stage.

(For large families who need to have multi-grade resources more than smaller families, please consider looking at the free planner downloadable from our website; it may especially help you when you combine the levels for history/geography and science topics.)

2014 Grade-by-Grade Planning Chart for Science Topics

(summary is based on the Ontario Ministry of Education topics):

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Life Science	Living Things (needs & characteristics)	Animals	Plants	Habitats & Communities	Human Organ Systems	Diversity of Living Things
Earth/Space	Daily & Seasonal Changes (cycles)	Weather, Air & Water Energy	Soils	Rocks & Minerals	Conservation of Matter & Energy	Space (planets, moon, etc.)
Structures & Mechanisms	Materials, Objects, Everyday Structures	Simple Machines	Strong & Stable Structures	Pulleys & Gears	Forces Acting on Structures & Mechanisms	Flight Technology & Air
Matter & Energy	Energy in Our Lives	Liquids & Solids	Forces causing Movement (e.g. magnetism, static electricity)	Light & Sound	Changes in Matter	Electricity & Electrical Devices
	Grade 7			Grade 8		
Life Science	Ecosystems			Cells		
Earth/Space	Heat (e.g. geological, weather, radiation)			Water Systems (e.g. oceans, local water quality, weather)		
Structures/Mechanisms	Designing/Building/Testing of Structural Forms, Forces			Systems in Action (e.g. mechanical advantage, factory automation, efficiency, Work = force x distance, etc.)		
Matter & Energy	Pure Substances & Mixtures (Chemistry)			Fluid Properties and Mechanics (e.g. buoyancy, density, viscosity, hydraulics, pneumatics, flow-rates, blood, chemical spills)		

2014 Grade-by-Grade Planning Chart for History & Geography Topics

(summary is based on the Ontario Ministry of Education topics):

JK/SK	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
<u>Beginner Social Studies</u> (communities, family, character education)	<u>First Grade Social Studies</u> (more about my community, family, character education)	<u>Our Big World and People</u> (world geography - land and people; celebrations in Canada)	<u>Pioneers in Upper Canada: Canadian Communities</u> (e.g. urban, rural, fishing, mining, forestry, Northern)	<u>The Story of the Middle Ages: Our Country, Canada</u> (provinces, territories, regions)	<u>Ancient Civilizations: Canadian Government</u>	<u>The Early Peoples in Canada:</u> (First Nations and European Explorers) <u>Canada's relations</u> (e.g. trade/economics, U.S.A. geography)

Grade 7 & 8 review Canadian history with more details, essentially up to the beginning of the 1900's.

Grade 7 Canadian geography focuses on more detailed physical geography (advanced mapping skills, world natural disasters, types of regions, landforms, rivers, drainage basins, global climate issues/debates, world agricultural patterns, natural resources).

Grade 8 Canadian geography focuses on more detailed human geography (communities, map and advanced graphing skills, population pattern, development patterns (human rights, life expectancy, world living conditions, etc.), world and Canadian economic issues (free market, types of industry, world trade issues, etc.), migration patterns, multiculturalism).