

A Grade by Grade Planning Sheet

Subject	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
READING - literacy (e.g. phonics & sight words, spelling patterns) - comprehension (As of spring 2018, these have not yet been officially published.)	Let Me Read Step 3	Let Me Read Step 4	Reading Sticks Step 5	Reading Sticks Step 6
What to read? Examples of readers:	With our PSLC program, you can choose your own readers, books, etc. or have some guidance for this. We offer some old-fashioned school readers as well as a variety of wholesome literature in bundles online. Each grade level has a suggested literature bundle which titles may or may not match with themes in the reading curriculum. But seeing those titles can give you an idea of the level of reading expected to be used for each grade with our curriculum.			
	<u>Off to School, Come Along With Me, It's Story Time</u>	<u>Stories Old and New</u>	<u>Stories of Fun and Adventure</u>	<u>Up and Away</u>
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 as of spring 2018; 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 in a single book per grade level.			
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)
1 st edition PSLC SCIENCE Note: A few printed copies of Level A and Level C (not B) remain in clearance until gone.	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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<p>2nd edition PSLC SCIENCE (multi-graded of K-3 in each book; reprints of 1st edition K-3 curriculum with some updated graphics and minor changes)</p>	<p>Choose 4 science unit books each grade. (These books are currently being rearranged from the above 1st edition curriculum. They have been given new titles such as <u>Look Up and All Around</u> and <u>Grrr, Wiggle, Chirp, Splash!</u>)</p>		
<p>HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY</p>	<p>First Grade Social Studies (1st ed.) or My First Social Studies (which will be an updated combination of Beginner Social Studies and First Grade Social Studies)</p>	<p>Our Big World and People – 2nd edition</p>	<p>Pioneer Life in Upper Canada (2nd edition) and Canadian Communities (That's 2 titles in total)</p>
<p>MAPPING SKILLS (Apple Press)</p>		<p>Canada Map Book 1</p>	<p>Canada Map Book 2 and Let's Explore Canada</p>
<p>ART</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“Art for Grades 1-8 with Pencil Points” (8 years of art based on levelled skills)</p>		
<p>French & “Extras”</p>	<p>French – Mission ABC (optional but <u>not</u> a prerequisite to grade 4)</p>		<p>Mission Monde 1</p>
<p>The Kindergarten Years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Songs, Poetry, and Riddles for Primary Grades + (e.g. teaching how to write poetry with children)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginner Math – just a few of the 1st edition printed copies left • Beginner Reading Program is all sold out. It has been replaced by Let Me Read Step 1 (JK), Let Me Read Step 2 (SK), and Let Me Read Step 3 (grade 1, above). • Beginner Printing – just a few of the printed copies left. It is being updated into an expanded e-book with additional art activities. • Beginner Social Studies (printed book) – while quantities last. It is being updated into a single book that shares its content with the grade 1 level. The new book will be titled “My First Social Studies”. • Beginner Creative Writing and Art – sold out. Parts of this title will be reprinted as part of other titles, including the “Tell Me” modelled writing cards. • Beginner Science, Health, and Technology 1st edition – while quantities last as a printed book. • Beginner Science, Health, and Technology 2nd edition – available as an e-book only at the present time. This title was updated and published in 2017. 		

The above chart gives a suggestion for homeschool families wanting to follow or exceed the Ministry of Ontario's topics and skills. But for our standards of reading and math (which may be higher than public education), 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.

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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. 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 “Four Year Rotation” Planner instead; it may especially help you when you combine the levels for history/geography and science topics. I began homeschooling with the “grade by grade” planning system but somewhere around when my 4th or 5th child entered grade 1, I found that the grade by grade system was not as useful anymore. I have since changed to the rotation/multi-grade system and really find that helpful. (At the time of writing this, we have 6 children being homeschooled K-10), plus one is starting university and one who is a toddler.)

Our 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).