

## Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year!

Our *K-3rd Grade Core Academic Track* provides delight-filled, hands-on unit studies using the best in children's literature. We aim to launch learning in the classroom so that it can be connected and expanded at home in the areas of Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Bible, and Art. All families have access to grade-specific Home Lesson Plans (HLPs), which provide a learning guide for each book, including project ideas, discussion questions, resource hyperlinks, and assignments.

At the elementary school level, Circle requires five core subjects to be taught – Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Bible. However, Language Arts should be divided into categories in order to ensure complete coverage of the subject. Here is a summary of what our K-3rd Core Track covers (and what it does not):

**Language Arts: Reading Comprehension, Writing Composition, Grammar & Vocabulary** | Included in Home Lesson Plans; no additional curriculum needed.

**Science** | Included in Home Lesson Plans; no additional curriculum needed.

**Social Studies** | Included in Home Lesson Plans; no additional curriculum needed.

**Bible** | Included in Home Lesson Plans; no additional curriculum needed.

**Math** | NOT provided in Core Home Lesson Plans. Parents responsible for instruction and curriculum.

**Language Arts: Reading Instruction/Phonics, Handwriting & Spelling** | NOT provided in Core Home Lesson Plans. Parents responsible for instruction and curriculum.

### **K-3rd Core Track academic requirements:**

- Purchase or borrow the books for your child's grade
- Have your student regularly attend class
- Complete 1-3 HLP assignments per subject area, per week at home
- Add Math, Reading, Handwriting, and Spelling curriculum and instruction at home

### **Parent Partnership**

Through Home Lesson Plans (HLPs), our classroom teachers provide assignments to complete at home and opportunities for students to present what they are learning each week. In class, teachers launch learning and celebrate student work, but they do not grade assignments.

At home, we invite parents to use our HLP resources to guide the early elementary years of their children. Depending on a student's grade level, parents will need to round out language arts by selecting curriculum. Also, parents are responsible for selecting and teaching a math curriculum. Parents grade all student work and complete monthly reports in compliance with Circle policy.

Please see the included list of our suggested at-home curriculum.

## **Have a Great Summer!**

We look forward to seeing you at our Lower School Orientation!



# Welcome to Kindergarten!

2020-21 Kindergarten Core Book List		Suggested At-Home Curriculum Choices
	<i>How Rocket Learned to Read</i> by Tad Hills	<b>Handwriting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">A Reason for Handwriting</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Peterson Directed</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Handwriting Without Tears</a></li> </ul> <b>Reading Instruction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Reading Made Easy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">All About Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ordinary Parents Guide to Teaching Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons</a></li> </ul> <b>Phonics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Modern Curriculum Press Plaid Phonics</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Explode the Code</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Phonics Pathways</a></li> </ul> <b>Spelling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Spellwell</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">A Reason for Spelling</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Spelling Workout</a></li> </ul> <b>Math:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Saxon Math</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CTC Math</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Horizons Math</a></li> </ul>
	<i>Journey</i> by Aaron Becker	
	<i>The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps</i> by Jeanette Winter	
	<i>Miss Maple's Seeds</i> by Eliza Wheeler	
	<i>Mama Seeton's Whistle</i> by Jerry Spinelli	
	<i>Sharing the Bread</i> by Pat Zietlow Miller	
	<i>The Carpenter's Gift</i> by David Rubel	
	<i>Apples to Oregon</i> by Deborah Hopkinson	
	<i>Blue Sky, White Stars</i> by Sarvinder Naberhaus	
	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i> by Kadir Nelson	
	<i>Lion and the Mouse</i> by Jerry Pinkney	
	<i>Tale of Three Trees</i> by Angela Elwell Hunt	
	<i>Flight School</i> by Lita Judge	
	<i>Cock-A-Doodle-Do! Barnyard Hullabaloo</i> by Giles Andreae	

Books may be purchased new or used, borrowed from friends, or checked out of the library.

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# Welcome to First Grade!

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	<b><i>The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore</i></b> by William Joyce	<b>Handwriting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">A Reason for Handwriting</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Peterson Directed</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Handwriting Without Tears</a></li> </ul> <b>Reading Instruction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Reading Made Easy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">All About Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ordinary Parents Guide to Teaching Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons</a></li> </ul> <b>Phonics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Modern Curriculum Press Plaid Phonics</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Explode the Code</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Phonics Pathways</a></li> </ul> <b>Spelling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Spellwell</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">A Reason for Spelling</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Spelling Workout</a></li> </ul> <b>Math:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Saxon Math</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CTC Math</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Horizons Math</a></li> </ul>
	<b><i>Flotsam</i></b> by David Wiesner	
	<b><i>Sandy's Circus</i></b> by Tanya Lee Stone	
	<b><i>How to Make an Apple Pie &amp; See the World</i></b> by Marjorie Priceman	
	<b><i>The Scrambled States of America</i></b> by Laurie Keller	
	<b><i>Thank You, Sarah</i></b> by Laurie Halse Anderson	
	<b><i>The Legend of the Poinsettia</i></b> by Tomie dePaola	
	<b><i>Finn McCool and the Great Fish</i></b> by Eva Bunting	
	<b><i>America the Beautiful</i></b> Illustrated by Chris Gall	
	<b><i>Henry's Freedom Box</i></b> by Ellen Levine	
	<b><i>Papa Piccolo</i></b> by Carol Talley*	
	<b><i>The Story of the Easter Robin</i></b> by Dandi Daley Mackall*	
	<b><i>Circus Ship</i></b> by Chris Van Dusen	
	<b><i>Out and About</i></b> by Shirley Hughes	

\*Limited availability for purchasing. Recordings of these books will be made available on the eLC for your use.

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	<i>Max's Words</i> by Kate Banks	<p><b>Handwriting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">A Reason for Handwriting</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Peterson Directed</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Handwriting Without Tears</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Reading Instruction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Reading Made Easy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">All About Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ordinary Parents Guide to Teaching Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Phonics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Modern Curriculum Press Plaid Phonics</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Explode the Code</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Phonics Pathways</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Spelling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Spellwell</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">A Reason for Spelling</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Spelling Workout</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Math:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Saxon Math</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CTC Math</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Horizons Math</a></li> </ul>
	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i> by Jerry Pinkney	
	<i>Camille and the Sunflowers</i> by Laurence Anholt	
	<i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> by Andrea Beaty	
	<i>Children's Activity Atlas</i> by Jenny Slater	
	<i>Three Young Pilgrims</i> by Cheryl Harness	
	<i>The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree</i> by Gloria Houston	
	<i>Paul Bunyan</i> by Steven Kellogg	
	<i>Matchbox Diary</i> by Paul Fleischman	
	<i>Follow the Drinking Gourd</i> by Jeanette Winter	
	<i>Roxaboxen</i> by Alice McLerran	
	<i>Rechenka's Eggs</i> by Patricia Polacco	
	<i>Aesop's Fables</i> Illustrated by Charles Santore	
	<i>Carnival of Animals</i> by Jack Prelutsky	

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	<b><i>The Right Word: Roget &amp; His Thesaurus</i></b> by Jen Bryant	<b>Handwriting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">A Reason for Handwriting</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Peterson Directed</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Handwriting Without Tears</a></li> </ul> <b>Reading Instruction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Reading Made Easy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">All About Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ordinary Parents Guide to Teaching Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons</a></li> </ul> <b>Phonics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Modern Curriculum Press Plaid Phonics</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Explode the Code</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Phonics Pathways</a></li> </ul> <b>Spelling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Spellwell</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">A Reason for Spelling</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Spelling Workout</a></li> </ul> <b>Math:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Saxon Math</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CTC Math</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Horizons Math</a></li> </ul>
	<b><i>The Raft</i></b> by Jim LaMarche	
	<b><i>Manfish</i></b> by Jennifer Berne	
	<b><i>Boxes for Katje</i></b> by Candace Fleming	
	<b><i>The 50 States: Explore the U.S.A.</i></b> by Gabrielle Balkan	
	<b><i>Squanto &amp; the Miracle of Thanksgiving</i></b> by Eric Metaxas	
	<b><i>The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey</i></b> by Susan Wojciechowski	
	<b><i>John Henry</i></b> by Julius Lester	
	<b><i>Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library</i></b> by Barb Rosenstock	
	<b><i>Testing the Ice</i></b> by Sharon Robinson	
	<b><i>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi</i></b> Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney	
	<b><i>Mrs. Katz and Tush</i></b> by Patricia Polacco	
	<b><i>Song of the Water Boatman</i></b> by Joyce Sidman	
	<b><i>Poem-Mobiles</i></b> by J. Patrick Lewis	

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