

Lower School Curriculum Guide (Explorers - Class 4)

	Explorer I	Explorer II	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Language Arts	Neuhaus: <i>Reading Readiness and Language and Literacy for Young Learners, Bob books Level A, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness</i>	Neuhaus: <i>Reading Readiness and Language Enrichment, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Primary Phonics, Bob books Levels 1-2</i>	Neuhaus: <i>Language Enrichment and Scientific Spelling, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Sadlier-Oxford: Vocabulary Workshop Level Purple</i>	Neuhaus: <i>Language Enrichment and Scientific Spelling, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Sadlier-Oxford: Vocabulary Workshop Level Purple</i>	Neuhaus: <i>Language Enrichment and Scientific Spelling, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary Workshop Level Green</i>	Neuhaus: <i>Scientific Spelling; Vocabulary Workshop</i>
Grammar			Neuhaus: <i>Multisensory Grammar</i>	Neuhaus: <i>Multisensory Grammar</i>	<i>Grammar Workshop, Level Green</i>	<i>Grammar Workshop, Level Orange</i>
Literature	Living picture books - emphasis on traditional fairytales	Living picture books - emphasis on <i>Frog and Toad</i> books and books by Laura Numeroff, Dr. Seuss, Jan Brett, and Jerry Pinkney	Beatrix Potter books, <i>Billy and Blaze</i> series, <i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i> , Thornton Burgess books	Grade-level classic literature including <i>Winnie the Pooh, Stuart Little</i> , and <i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>	Grade-level classic literature including <i>Charlotte's Web, Old Yeller, The Magician's Nephew</i> and <i>Johnny Texas</i>	Grade-level classic literature including <i>Caddie Woodlawn, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> , and <i>The Sign of the Beaver</i>
History			U. S. history: Colonial times (1500s - 1700s)	U. S. history: Explorers and Pioneers Days (1800s)	Texas history	U.S. history: Early exploration up through present day
Geography	Continent studies	Continent studies				
Mathematics	Developing Roots: PreK	Developing Roots: Kindergarten	think! Mathematics Grade 1; Carol Chester math drills (second half of the year)	think! Mathematics Grade 2; Carol Chester math drills	Purposeful Design Math: Third Grade; Carol Chester math drills	Purposeful Design Math: Fourth Grade; Carol Chester math drills
Nature Studies	Exploration and appreciation of God's creation using all five senses: living vs. nonliving things, four seasons, introduction to vertebrates, nature walks	Exploration and appreciation of God's creation using all five senses: living vs. nonliving things, four seasons, introduction to vertebrates, nature walks	Plant kingdom (using <i>Discovering What God Has Made</i> and <i>Exploring What God Has Made</i> by Karen Smith)	Fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, weather (using <i>Discovering What God Has Made</i> and <i>Exploring What God Has Made</i> by Karen Smith)	Mammals and invertebrates (using <i>Discovering What God Has Made</i> and <i>Exploring What God Has Made</i> by Karen Smith)	Vertebrates, natural phenomena, and phenology (study of the seasons)
Art	Artist: Monet	Artists: Edward Hicks, Grandma Moses, van Gogh	Artists: Giotto, Michelangelo, Cezanne	Artists: da Vinci, Audubon	Artists: Jacques Louis David, Theodore Gericault, Jean Francois Millet, Gustave Corbet, Edward Manet, Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, Auguste Renoir	American artists and famous American works of art
Music	Songs in class with classroom teacher	Saint-Saens' <i>Carnival of the Animals</i> , Prokofiev's <i>Peter and the Wolf</i> , Tchaikovsky's <i>The Nutcracker</i>	Handel and Vivaldi	Haydn and Bach	Mozart and Beethoven	Schubert and Mendelssohn
P. E.	Locomotor and non-locomotor skills; improve flexibility and cardiomuscular and respiratory endurance; understand safe participation in physical activities	Locomotor and non-locomotor skills; improve flexibility and cardiomuscular and respiratory endurance; understand safe participation in physical activities	Locomotor and non-locomotor skills; improve flexibility and cardiomuscular and respiratory endurance; understand safe participation in physical activities	Locomotor and non-locomotor skills; improve flexibility and cardiomuscular and respiratory endurance; understand safe participation in physical activities	Sport-specific motor skills and physical fitness	Sport-specific motor skills and physical fitness