

Week	Dates	Theme	Kindergarten*	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	Writing
Lower School Orientation Week   July 30-August 3, 2018   Explorations Orientation TBA							
	8/6-8/10	Begin Home Instruction   Extension Days [No campus classes]					
1	8/13-8/17	I'm an Author & Illustrator	<i>How Rocket Learned to Read</i> by Tad Hills	<i>The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore</i> by William Joyce	<i>Max's Words</i> by Kate Banks	<i>The Right Word: Roget &amp; His Thesaurus</i> by Jen Bryant	Narrative Writing
2	8/20-8/24						
3	8/27-8/31	Water Adventures	<i>Journey</i> by Aaron Becker	<i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i> Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney	<i>The Raft</i> by Jim LaMarche	
4	9/3 & 9/4	Labor Day   No Monday or Tuesday Classes					
5	9/10-9/14	Water Adventures	<i>Journey</i> by Aaron Becker	<i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i> Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney	<i>The Raft</i> by Jim LaMarche	Narrative Writing
6	9/17-9/21	Biography	<i>The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps</i> by Jeanette Winter	<i>Sandy's Circus</i> by Tanya Lee Stone	<i>Camille and the Sunflowers</i> by Laurence Anholt	<i>Manfish</i> by Jennifer Berne	
7	9/24-9/28						
8	10/1-10/5	Explorations Presents					
	10/8-10/12	Fall Extension Week   No campus classes   Home Instruction					
9	10/15-10/19	How To...	<i>Miss Rumphius</i> by Barbara Cooney	<i>How to Make an Apple Pie &amp; See the World</i> by Marjorie Priceman	<i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> by Andrea Beaty	<i>Boxes for Katje</i> by Candace Fleming	Informative/ Explanatory Writing
10	10/22-10/26						
11	10/29-11/2	GPS Please!	<i>Mama Seeton's Whistle</i> by Jerry Spinelli	<i>The Scrambled States of America</i> by Laurie Keller	<i>Children's Activity Atlas</i> by Jenny Slater	<i>The 50 States: Explore the USA</i> by Gabrielle Balkan	
12	11/5-11/9						
13	11/12-11/16	Holiday	<i>Sharing the Bread</i> by Pat Zietlow Miller	<i>Thank You, Sarah</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson	<i>Three Young Pilgrims</i> by Cheryl Harness	<i>Squanto &amp; the Miracle of Thanksgiving</i> by Eric Metaxas	
14	11/19-11/20						
15	11/26-11/30		<i>Carpenter's Gift</i> by David Rubel	<i>The Legend of the Poinsettia</i> by Tomie dePaola	<i>The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree</i> by Gloria Houston	<i>The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey</i> by Susan Wojciechowski	
16	12/3-12/7	Explorations Presents					
	12/10-12/14	Extension Week   No campus classes   Home Instruction   Christmas Break   12/17/18-1/4/19					

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17	1/7-1/11	Tall Tales	<i>Apples to Oregon</i> by Deborah Hopkinson	<i>Finn McCool and the Great Fish</i> by Eva Bunting	<i>Paul Bunyan</i> by Steven Kellogg	<i>John Henry</i> by Julius Lester	Descriptive Writing
18	1/14-1/18						
19	1/21-1/25	Our America	<i>Blue Sky White Stars</i> by Sarvinder Naberhaus	<i>America the Beautiful</i> by Katharine Lee Bates	<i>Matchbox Diary</i> by Paul Fleischman	<i>Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library</i> by Barb Rosenstock	
20	1/28-2/1						
21	2/4-2/8	Black History	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i> Illustrated by Kadir Nelson	<i>Henry's Freedom Box</i> by Ellen Levine	<i>Follow the Drinking Gourd</i> by Jeanette Winter	<i>Testing the Ice</i> by Sharon Robinson	
22	2/11-2/15						
23	2/18-2/22	Just for Fun	<i>Lion and the Mouse</i> by Jerry Pinkney	<i>Papa Piccolo</i> by Carol Talley	<i>Roxaboxen</i> by Alice McLerran	<i>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi</i> Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney	Opinion Writing
24	2/25-3/1						
25	3/4-3/8	Easter	<i>Tale of Three Trees</i> by Angela Elwell Hunt	<i>The Story of the Easter Robin</i> by Dandi Daley Mackall	<i>Rechenka's Eggs</i> by Patricia Polacco	<i>Mrs. Katz and Tush</i> by Patricia Polacco	
26	3/11-3/15	Explorations Presents					
	3/18-3/22	Spring Extension Week   No campus classes   Home Instruction					
27	3/25-3/29	Animals	<i>Flight School</i> by Lita Judge	<i>Circus Ship</i> by Chris Van Dusen	<i>Aesop's Fables</i> Illustrated by Charles Santore	<i>Song of the Water Boatman</i> by Joyce Sidman	Poetry
28	4/1-4/5						
29	4/8-4/12	Poetry	<i>Cock-a-Doodle-Do!</i> <i>Barnyard Hullabaloo</i> by Giles Andreae	<i>Out and About</i> by Shirley Hughes	<i>Carnival of Animals</i> by Jack Prelutsky	<i>Poem-Mobiles</i> by J. Patrick Lewis	
30	4/15-4/19						
31	4/22-4/26	Explorations Presents					
	4/29-5/10	Extension Weeks   Parent Supplement   NWEA Testing   Parents select days for students to complete NWEA testing as required by CCS					

Explorations books can be reused from past years, purchased new or used, borrowed from past Explorations families, or checked out at the library. Please note that titles may change due to availability. When purchasing online, please consider using [Amazon Smile](#) and selecting "Circle Christian School Inc" to support!