



2018-19 Curriculum Book List

We are excited to welcome your family to the 2018-19 Explorations program! Our goal is to create 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.

Families may choose to use Explorations as an enrichment program or to meet their student’s core academic requirements. 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. Click [here](#) for sample HLPs.

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. If you choose Explorations to meet your student’s academic core requirements, here is a summary of what our program 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 Explorations Home Lesson Plans. Parents responsible for instruction and curriculum.

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

Explorations can be used to cover a K-3rd grade student’s core academic requirements, if you do all of the following:

- Purchase or borrow the books for your child’s grade
- Have your student regularly attend class
- Complete 2-3 HLP assignments per subject area, per book at home
- Add Math, Reading, Handwriting, and Spelling curriculum and instruction at home

If you choose not to use Explorations to cover core academic subjects as outlined above, you’ll need to select grade-appropriate curriculum for each subject.

Here are the 2018-19 Explorations Book Lists!

Kindergarten Book List

Book & Author	
	<i>How Rocket Learned to Read</i> by Tad Hills
	<i>Journey</i> by Aaron Becker
	<i>The Watcher: Jane Goodall’s Life with the Chimps</i> by Jeanette Winter
	<i>Miss Rumphius</i> by Barbara Cooney
	<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

First Grade Book List

Book & Author	
	<i>The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore</i> by William Joyce
	<i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner
	<i>Sandy's Circus</i> by Tanya Lee Stone
	<i>How to Make an Apple Pie & See the World</i> by Marjorie Priceman
	<i>The Scrambled States of America</i> by Laurie Keller
	<i>Thank You, Sarah</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson
	<i>The Legend of the Poinsettia</i> by Tomie dePaola
	<i>Finn McCool and the Great Fish</i> by Eva Bunting
	<i>America the Beautiful</i> by Katharine Lee Bates
	<i>Henry's Freedom Box</i> by Ellen Levine
	<i>Papa Piccolo</i> by Carol Talley
	<i>The Story of the Easter Robin</i> by Dandi Daley Mackall
	<i>Circus Ship</i> by Chris Van Dusen
	<i>Out and About</i> by Shirley Hughes

Second Grade Book List

Book & Author	
	<i>Max's Words</i> by Kate Banks
	<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

Third Grade Book List

Book & Author	
	<i>The Right Word: Roget & His Thesaurus</i> by Jen Bryant
	<i>The Raft</i> by Jim LaMarche
	<i>Manfish</i> by Jennifer Berne
	<i>Boxes for Katje</i> by Candace Fleming
	<i>The 50 States: Explore the U.S.A.</i> by Gabrielle Balkan
	<i>Squanto & the Miracle of Thanksgiving</i> by Eric Metaxas
	<i>The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey</i> by Susan Wojciechowski
	<i>John Henry</i> by Julius Lester
	<i>Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library</i> by Barb Rosenstock
	<i>Testing the Ice</i> by Sharon Robinson
	<i>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi</i> Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
	<i>Mrs. Katz and Tush</i> by Patricia Polacco
	<i>Song of the Water Boatman</i> by Joyce Sidman
	<i>Poem-Mobiles</i> by J. Patrick Lewis

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

When purchasing online, please consider using [Amazon Smile](#) and selecting "Circle Christian School, Inc" to support.

For assistance in selecting curriculum for your student, call the Circle Bookstore at 407-740-8877.