

First Grade | 2017-18

EXPLORATIONS

Welcome to Explorations!

We are excited to welcome your family to the 2017-18 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 as inspired by our books. You may choose to use Explorations as an enrichment program or to meet your 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. If you select Explorations for your student's core curriculum, simply complete 2-3 HLP assignments per subject area, per book.

First Grade Book List

In order to use Explorations as core academic material, please purchase or borrow the following books:

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore

by William Joyce

Flotsam by David Wiesner

Sandy's Circus by Tanya Lee Stone

How to Make an Apple Pie & See the World

by Marjorie Priceman

The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller

Thank You, Sarah by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola

Finn McCool and the Great Fish by Eva Bunting

America the Beautiful by Katharine Lee Bates

Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine

Papa Piccolo by Carol Talley

The Story of the Easter Robin by Dandi Daley Mackall

Circus Ship by Chris Van Dusen

Out and About by Shirley Hughes

Click [here](#) to purchase from Circle's Amazon Store.

First Grade Core Subjects

At the elementary school level, there are five core subject areas: 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.

At the First Grade level, Language Arts is comprised of phonics, reading, spelling, vocabulary, and handwriting. 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, Vocabulary & Writing Composition | Included in Explorations home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Science | Included in Explorations 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. Parent responsible for instruction and curriculum.

Language Arts: Reading Instruction/Phonics, Spelling & Handwriting Instruction | NOT provided in Explorations home lesson plans. Parent responsible for instruction and curriculum.



If you have questions about the Explorations Program, please contact Program Director Ruth Brown at ruthb@circlechristianschool.org. For curriculum assistance, call the Circle Bookstore at 407-740-8877.