

# K4-Kindergarten | 2017-18

## EXPLORATIONS

### Welcome to K4-K Explorations!

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. We provide K4-K Home Lesson Plans (HLPs) as a learning guide for each book. HLPs include project ideas, discussion questions, resource links, and assignments. K4 families, your children are welcomed into Circle as provisional students, which means there are no required assignments, grades, or record keeping. Kindergarten families, you may choose to use Explorations as an enrichment program or to meet your student's core academic requirements. If you select Explorations for your core curriculum, simply complete 2-3 HLP assignments per subject area, per book.

### K4-Kindergarten Book List

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

*Rocket Writes a Story* by Tad Hills  
*Journey* by Aaron Becker  
*The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps*  
by Jeanette Winter  
*Miss Maple's Seeds* by Eliza Wheeler  
*All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon  
*Sharing the Bread* by Pat Zietlow Miller  
*The Carpenter's Gift* by David Rubel  
*Apples to Oregon* by Deborah Hopkinson  
*A Fine Dessert* by Emily Jenkins  
*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* by Kadir Nelson  
*Lion and the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney  
*Tale of Three Trees* by Angela Elwell Hunt  
*Flight School* by Lita Judge  
*Cock-A-Doodle-Do! Barnyard Hullabaloo*  
by Giles Andreae

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

### Kindergarten 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 Kindergarten level, Language Arts is simply comprised of phonics/reading 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 Instruction** | 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 & Handwriting Instruction** | NOT provided in Explorations home lesson plans. Parent responsible for instruction and curriculum.

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