

# Kindergarten 2006-2007

## “A Time To Wonder”

### Texts

#### Language Arts

“A Legacy of Literature” by Houghton Mifflin

- ❑ **“Big Books”** – (see attached sheet for specific books for each theme)
- ❑ **Alphafriends** – (inside Teacher Lesson Plans binder and Resource Packets)
- ❑ **Student Practice Book**
- ❑ **Letter, Word, and Picture Cards**
- ❑ **On My Way Practice Readers**
- ❑ **Word and Picture Books** – (Word and Picture Books are located in the Themes 1-5 Packet – on K shelf)
- ❑ **Phonics Library Books**
- ❑ **Higglety Pigglety: A Big Book of Rhymes** – (A Big Book used in the Houghton Mifflin series to enhance this curriculum)

Nursery Rhymes for Kindergarten – A Book of various nursery rhymes.

#### My Kindergarten Book of Poems

A book of various poems that students are encouraged to memorize throughout the year.

**Resource Packets** – Teacher created alphabet pages to reinforce and supplement each letter of the alphabet. (Found in Kindergarten Grade Level Drawer – GLD)

#### Mathematics

##### Math Steps by Houghton Mifflin

Math Steps Lesson Support Booklet

#### Science

##### **Mcgraw –Hill Science**

**6 Packet activity Notebook-**

- Learn About Your World
- A Home Called Earth
- Weather and Seasons
- Make Things Move
- Learn About Plants
- Learn About Animals

## **-Science Continued-**

### **Science Activity “Try It” Booklet**

#### **Let’s-Read-And-Find-Out-Science by Harper Collins**

- My Five Senses
- My Feet
- How A Seed Grows
- What’s Alive
- What Makes A Magnet?
- What is the World Made Of?
- What Will the Weather Be?

### **History Social Studies**

#### **Harcourt School Publishers – Reflections: Our World, Now and Long Ago**

- **Homework Book and Practice Book**
- **Activity Packet (AP) – Each unit has a supplemental activity packet to enhance each unit taught. Includes additional support, vocabulary and Unit Tests.**

#### **United Streaming Video – Lesson Packets in GLD**

### **Handwriting**

#### **Handwriting K - by Zaner-Bloser**

### **Kindergarten Grade Level Drawer (GLD)**

There are various materials in the Kindergarten File that can enhance the Kindergarten curriculum.

## **- INTRODUCTION -**

Kindergarten is a time for children to expand their love of learning, their general knowledge, their ability to get along with others, and their interest in reaching out to the world. While kindergarten marks an important transition from preschool to primary grades, it is important that children still be children. This year will be one of the most important milestones in your child’s life - the first year of school! A successful adjustment to kindergarten will often influence the child’s perceptions, attitudes, and performance in subsequent school years. The Kindergarten theme, “*A Time to Wonder,*” is centered on finding out about themselves and the world in which they live. This yearlong plan encompasses the California State Standards for Kindergarten but leaves room for parents who follow the grid planning flexibility while maintaining content consistency.

## - CURRICULUM -

### LANGUAGE ARTS

The Kindergarten language arts program delivers just what you need to start emerging readers on an exciting journey toward literacy. The language arts component consists of 10 different themes each lasting three weeks. Each theme revolves around a particular theme such as “Look at Us,” “We’re a Family,” and so on. The following are the resources needed for the Kindergarten yearlong curriculum plan.

**Big Book Read Aloud**” - provides daily opportunities for developing comprehension skills and reading strategies through modeled instruction. The Content Area Link in each Big Book connects the story to other curriculum areas.

**Alphafriends** – 26 delightful alphabet characters that teach phonemic awareness and phonics. Each Alphafriend brings the shape and sound of the letter to life.

**Letter, Word and Picture Cards** – A comprehensive set of Letter Cards, Word Cards and Picture Cards that provide manipulatives for word-and sentence building.

**On My Way Practice Readers** – These little books give young readers additional practice with phonics skills and high frequency words within these original stories.

**Phonics Library** – These engaging original selections for beginning and early readers, target phonics skills and known high frequency words.

**Student Practice Book** – The Practice Book contains activities for application and reinforcement of phonemic awareness, letter identification, phonics, handwriting, and comprehension skills. Formats in the Student Practice Book align with program assessments, state standards, and standardized tests.

**Word and Picture Books** – These quick stories for use at home are ideal for practicing phonics and high frequency words.

**Higglety Pigglety: A Big Book of Rhymes** – Favorite rhymes, songs, and chants help children develop oral language and phonemic awareness.

**Nursery Rhymes for Kindergarten** – This book is a supplement to the Houghton Mifflin series and is used to start the beginning stages of reading. Repetition and rhyming words are one of the foundational skills needed to start an emerging reader.

**My Kindergarten Book of Poems -** Your child will be encouraged to memorize most of the poems in this book. Poetry is a perfect vehicle for teaching children about the workings of language and the workings of the world around them. Poetry is by nature meant to read aloud, and as such is a powerful tool for building children’s phonemic awareness-that is, their ability to pick out and manipulate the sounds in spoken words. As you share the poems in this book with you child point out word families, syllables, beginning and ending consonants, long and short vowels and other aspects of language. Beyond introducing the workings of language, poetry opens up children’s imaginations and hearts, helping them look at their familiar world in a new way.

**Resource Packets** – Teacher reproduced material that supplement the letter of the week. A lot of great ideas and reproducible materials that reinforce each letter and sound. These are located in the Kindergarten Grade Level Drawer. (GLD)

## **TRADEBOOKS**

Aside from the “Big Book Read Alouds,” your child should read, or be read to, for minimum of 20 minutes daily. Each theme has suggested tradebooks that will connect, enhance and enrich the core curriculum theme being presented. These books are not required reading, however, it is very important that you supplement the core curriculum. VOCS has made a conscientious effort to procure tradebooks listed on the grids for our library. Core Literature books have been purchased in large quantities and are marked by an asterisk on the grid.

## HANDWRITING

VOCS offers Zaner-Bloser Handwriting K and D'Nealian Handwriting

## SOCIAL STUDIES

**Social Studies** –In order to meet State Standards for Social Studies, we are using a new social studies curriculum from Harcourt Publishing. We are excited about having this new curriculum and hope you will be too. The Harcourt series is called **Reflections: Our World, Now and Long Ago** and comes with a hardbound text book and a Homework and Practice Book. The Homework and Practice Book workbook purpose is to provide students with the concepts, knowledge, and skills they will need to become informed and effective participants in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In addition there are Activity Packets (**AP**) available to supplement each unit. Each packet includes additional support, vocabulary and Unit Tests. These can be found in the Kindergarten **GLD**.

**United Streaming Video** – This is a Video-On-Demand website that VOCS is incorporating into each grade level “Grid” for the 2006-2007 school year. The website has many features to enhance your child’s learning experience. Lesson packets to support each video is located in the K GLD

[www.unitedstreaming.com](http://www.unitedstreaming.com)

## MATH

Our school-wide recommended curriculum for Math is **Math Steps**, a curriculum that is closely correlated to the State Standards. The chapters in the book cover Geometry, Number Sense, Addition and Subtraction Facts, Place Value, Time and Money, and Fractions and Measurement. Your child will complete approximately four lessons per week. There is a **Math Steps Lesson Support Booklet** available for the Cumulative Review sections of each unit. We hope you will take advantage of our extensive collection of math manipulatives to help your child master the concepts introduced.

## **SCIENCE**

**McGraw Hill Science** – is the text we recommend for Science. In addition there is a “Try It” booklet that will incorporate easy-to-do-hands-on activities for your little Scientist. To supplement these six activity notebooks there are seven books recommended to enhance the science curriculum as well as motivate and engage your student.

- ❑ My Five Senses
- ❑ My Feet How a Seed Grows
- ❑ What’s Alive?
- ❑ What Makes a Magnet?
- ❑ What is the World Made of?
- ❑ What Will the Weather Be?

## **ENRICHMENT**

VOCS offers a variety of enrichment classes throughout the year appropriate for the various grade levels. Many field trips are also planned, and you’ll want to watch The Acorn (VOCS Newsletter) for the activities that may interest you and your student. Also, refer to Kindergarten Suggestions in the VOCS Parent/Student Handbook and implement your own field trips and projects at your discretion.

## **MULTIMEDIA**

Be sure to ask your Resource Teacher about videos, tapes, CD’s, and software that may be applicable to your course of study. In addition there are numerous websites that offer educational challenges for your student. Be sure to check out the “Cool Internet Sites” binder in the Parent Place

### **Additional Resources**

[www.ceea.org](http://www.ceea.org) – A great source for lesson plans and academic support in all subjects.

[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org) – This site offers educational philosophies, educator guides, and at-home activities that relate to PBS children’s programming. You will find fun activities for your children, health information, book lists, and lots of other resources, all based on familiar characters (Arthur, Sesame Street, etc...)

[www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) - Another great site for lesson plans and support

