

Questions? Just Ask...

## Supplementing for Success

What IS the difference between a curriculum and a supplement?

Characteristics of a Curriculum:

## Characteristics of a Supplement:

| - Builds year to year. | - Fixes an issue, single purpose. |
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| - Includes both teacher and student materials. | - Single item with answers. |
| - Includes assessments or opportunity for assessments. | - May have an assessment. |
| - Both detailed instruction and practice. | - Practice with minimal instruction. |
| - Includes pacing suggestions or lesson plans. | - Use as needed. |
| - Intended to be completed daily or 2-3x/ week for the school year. | - Shorter activities/duration. |
| - Often teacher/student interactive. | - Often done independently. |

## Curriculum:

The parts work together, are interdependent, and make up the whole program (teacher book, student, workbook, etc.). A missing part makes an incomplete program.


## Supplement:

It is the whole. It is self-contained and flexible.

Supplements are meant to fill in gaps and help your curriculum work better for you. They are not enough on their own.


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## Use Supplements for:

## 1. Additional practice:

Workbooks contain drills or practice exercises with no instruction.

- Examples: test prep books, math drills, focused skill books.
- Good for: students who need focus on specific skill areas.


## 2. Critical thinking:

Workbooks provide further application of solid skills, often providing more challenge.

- Examples: word problems, deductive reasoning, logic puzzles, visual literary analysis.
- Good for: students who need practice applying skills or improving precision.


## 3. Alternative instruction:

Workbooks provide a different explanation/perspective of specific concepts.

- Examples: grade level or topic-focused workbooks with some explanation and practice.
- Good for: students who struggle retaining information.


## 4. Hands-On:

Adding something tangible to communicate an abstract concept.

- Examples: math manipulatives, science kits, interactive charts, models, teddy bear counters, graphic organizers.
- Good for: young learners, struggling learners, those who need help organizing.

You can meet a variety of learning styles by adding a supplement.


Auditory: songs, memory verses/chants, listening skills, conversational games.

Visual: models, charts, graphic organizers, demonstrations, reading, images

Kinesthetic: movement, tools, manipulatives, fidgets, clay, sand letters,

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& \text { Students can make their } \\
& \text { own supplements too: } \\
& \text { note cards, games, } \\
& \text { models, charts, songs } \\
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& \text { puzzles, etc. }
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## Curriculum Assessment

The following assessment is for each of your students to help determine where adding a supplement may benefit you.

## Student Name:

$\qquad$ Age/Grade Level: $\qquad$

## Learning fendency:

- Visual/Show Me $\qquad$ \%
- Auditory/Talker \%
- Hands On/Mover $\qquad$ \%

What are you using for MATH this year? $\qquad$
How well does this program fit this student? Circle the best response:

- Beautifully: really suits him/her
- Pretty well: he/she does ok with it
- It is: too much | too fast-paced | too easy | too slow | too much writing | other

What could I add to make this math fit this student better?

- Additional practice? What area specifically?
- Critical thinking? Should I add something for word problems?
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- Hands-on add-ons? What does my student struggle with grasping?
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- Parallel instruction? Is my program explaining concepts clearly?
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What math games or supplements I could add for application and practice?
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## Curiculum Assessment

## What are you using for ELA (English/Language Arts) this year?

Are you satisfied with your child's learning in the following areas?
(Circle the best response):

- Phonics
yes | mostly | somewhat | no
- Reading
- Reading Comprehension
- Handwriting
- Grammar
- Composition
- Spelling
- Vocabulary
yes | mostly | somewhat | no
yes | mostly | somewhat | no
yes | mostly | somewhat | no
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How well does this program fit this student?

- Beautifully, really suits him/her
- Pretty well, he/she does ok with it
- It is too much work/not challenging enough

What could I add to make this ELA fit this student better?

- Additional practice? More spelling/vocabulary/grammar?
- Critical thinking? Deeper literary analysis?
- Hands-on add-ons? Story telling games? Reading guides?
- Parallel instruction? Literature guides? Latin/Greek Word Roots?
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## Curriculum Assessment

What are you using for Science this year?
How well does this program fit this student?

- Beautifully • Pretty well - It is too much/not enough content

What could I add to make this science fit this student better?

- Additional practice? What area specifically?
- Critical thinking? Should I add something?
- Hands-on add-ons? Should we do more labs?
- Parallel instruction? Should I add a science encyclopedia?

What are you using for History/Geography/Social Studies this year?

How well does this program fit this student?

- Beautifully - Pretty well - It is too much/not enough content

What could I add to make history/geography/social studies fit this student better?

- Additional practice? More geography in a history course (for example).
- Critical thinking? Compare time periods or historic figures.
- Hands-on add-ons? Build a model or diorama.
- Parallel instruction? Explore an area of interest.
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## (Topics/grade levels in parentheses)

## Additional Practice:

- Math Mosaics (add/sub/mult/div/graph) \$13
- Minutes to Mastery (1-6) \$15
- Everyday Mathematics Intervention Activities (K-5) \$13
- 180 Days of Math (K-6) \$16
- Math 4 Today (K-5) \$7.50
- Math Quick Starts (topical, 4-12) \$7
- Meet the Math Facts (PK-6) \$5-12.50
- Math Facts That Stick (1-7) \$12


## Critical Thinking:

- Beast Academy Puzzles (2-4) \$10
- Mathological Liar Game (2-6) \$16
- 40 Fabulous Math Mysteries Kids Can’t Resist (4-8) \$12
- STEM Perplexors (4-6) \$13
- Comic Strip Math (3-6) \$11
- Math Analogies (K-9) \$12
- Daily Higher Order Thinking (4 core subjects, 1-6) \$16
- First Sudoku Book (3-7) \$3.50


## Alternative Instruction:

- Math Mammoth Review (1-7) \$14-21
- Key To ... Series (alg/geom/frac/meas/perc/deci) \$6, bundles vary
- Spectrum Math 2015 (K-8) \$8
- Nicole the Math Lady Tutorials (for Saxon Math, 4-12) \$59
- Basic Not Boring (mid-sch math/pre-alg/fract\&deci) (6-8) \$8-23
- Humongous Books of Math Problems (basic\&pre-alg/alg/geom/calc) \$16
- Mastering Essential Math Skills (3-12) \$18-44


## Hands-On Options:

- Fraction Tower Equivalency Cubes (1-8) \$16.50
- Math Noodlers Games (2-5) \$25
- Math Wrap-Ups (add/sub/mult/div/fract) \$9.50
- Three Corner Flash Cards (add/sub and mult/div) \$11.50
- Budget Game (4-12) \$22
- Geometric Solids (PK-12) \$5-15
- Pizza Fraction Fun Game (1-5) \$18



## ELA Supplements

## (Topics/grade levels in parentheses)

Additional Practice:

- Daily Grams/Easy Grammar Ultimate (3-12) \$13-30
- Draw•Write•Now (K-4) \$13
- Word Families Pocket Flash Cards (PK-2) \$4
- Grammar Minutes (1-6) \$13
- Spectrum Reading 2015 (K-8) \$8
- Wordly Wise 3000 4th Ed. (2-12) \$7-70
- Cursive Writing Practice: Wacky Facts (K-5) \$8
- Reading Informational Text (7-12) \$11-30


## Critical Thinking:

- Two-Minute Mysteries (6-8) \$6
- Jane Ervin Reading Comprehension in Various Subject Matter (2-12) \$15/set
- Novel-Ties Literature Study Guides (2-12) \$15
- Reading Detective (3-12) \$26
- Ridgewood Analogies (4-8) \$8
- Reasoning \& Reading (3-8) \$16
- Brain Aerobics (4-8) \$7


## Alternative Instruction:

- Bob Books Workbooks (PK-2) \$9
- Explode the Code (PK-3) \$9
- Easy Grammar (1-7) \$6-31
- Cursive Logic (1-12) \$29-35
- Jensen's Punctuation (6-12) \$20
- Aunt Ruth Grammar (4-12) \$11-18
- Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation (7-12) \$14
- Megawords (1-8) \$12-26
- Infographic Guide to Grammar (9-12) \$13


## Hands-On Options:

- Speak \& Spell (2-6) \$33
- Toobaloo (PK-12) \$6
- Vowel Owls Sorting Set (K-2) \$25
- Rory’s Story Cubes (1-12) \$9-14
- Zingo! Sight Words Game (PK-1) \$24
- Syllabuilders Game (2-12) \$23
- Silly Sentences Game (PK-3) \$10
- Word Tiles Tub (K-3) \$13
- Part of Speech Flips (1-7) \$10.50


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## science Supplements

## (Topics/grade levels in parentheses)

## Additional Practice:

- Kaplan Anatomy Coloring Book 9th Ed. (9-AD) \$21
- Giant Science Resource Book (1-6) \$20
- 180 Days of Science (K-6) \$16
- Evan-Moor Daily Science (1-6) \$20
- DK Workbooks: Science (PK-3) \$5
- Dover Science \& Nature Coloring Books (PK-12) \$4
- Human Body Big Book (high interest/low vocab) (5-8) \$20
- Graphic Science: Max Axiom, Super Scientist series (3-9) \$7
- Guided Science Readers Sets (PK-2) \$18


## Critical Thinking:

- Science Detective (3-6) \$20
- Bell/Newton/Galileo/Ford/Tesla for Kids (3-8) \$15
- STEM Missions (3-5) \$6.50
- Developing Critical Thinking Through Science (1-6) \$25
- Just Like Us! Series (PK-3) \$6
- Daily Mind Builders - Science (5-12) \$17
- Inquire \& Investigate Science Series (7-10) \$13


## Alternative Instruction:

- Barron's Painless Chemistry/Biology (6-9) \$12.50
- Light Speed Biology Bundle DVD (9-AD) \$39
- Read and Understand Science (1-6) \$14
- Earth/Dinosaurs/Insects/Solar System By the Numbers: Infographics (2-5) \$5
- DK Visual Encyclopedias (ocean/dino/space/body/geog) \$14-21
- Everything You Need to Ace Science (6-8) \$13


## Hands-On Options:

- Interactive Notebooks: Science (K-8) \$7
- Ooze Labs (1-12) \$4-36
- Science Graphic Organizers (1-6) \$13
- 4-D Anatomy Models (K-12) \$18-30
- Solar System Floor Puzzle (PK-5) \$15
- Chemistry Fluxx Game (3-AD) \$17
- Interactive Human Body (3-8) \$23
- Just Add__ Science Kits (3-12) \$19-31



## Social Studies Supplements

## (Topics/grade levels in parentheses)

## Additional Practice:

- Draw \& Write Through History series (3-8) \$10
- Interactive Notebook: U.S. Govt (5-8) \$7
- ArtK12 Draw the World series (3-8) \$18.50
- Sticker Encyclopedia Around the U.S/World (K-3) \$10
- The Coin Counting Book (K-4) \$6
- 180 Days of Social Studies (K-6) \$17
- Mapping the Continents Series (3-6) \$8


## Critical Thinking:

- History Detective (U.S./World) (6-12) \$37-40
- Mysteries in History series (5-8) \$19
- Inquire \& Investigate series (7-9) \$13
- Pick Your Own Path on the Oregon Trail (3-7) \$10
- You Wouldn't Want to... series (3-6) \$7.50
- Causes and Effects History series (3-6) \$7
- You Choose: History series (3-7) \$6


## Alternative Instruction:

- Amazing World Atlas: Bringing the World to Life (3-12) \$14
- Civics: Democracy Rules! Basher (5-10) \$7.50
- History: From the Dawn of Civilization to the Present Day (7-AD) \$35
- Fifty Famous Stories Retold (1-8) \$10
- Kingfisher History Encyclopedia (4-10) \$24
- The Medieval World: An Illustrated Atlas (9-AD) \$28
- American History: Visual Encyclopedia (3-12) \$14


## Hands-On Options:

- Famous Figures of... Times series (K-8) \$14
- Build It Build Yourself series (3-7) \$12-17
- Historical Paper Money sets (5-12) \$2.50
- Historical Document \& Quill sets (2-12) \$4-9
- GeoPuzzles \$17-80
- Prof Noggin's Card Games (1-12) \$10
- Illustrated Map of the U.S./World Puzzles (PK-3) \$12
- GeoSafari® Jr. Talking Globe (PK-7) \$130
- Guess That President Game (3-12) \$12
- Historical Costumes for Kids (PK-6) \$5-30



[^0]:    *Prices subject to change. Check our website for current amounts.

