

Supplementing for Success



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What IS the difference between a curriculum and a supplement?

Characteristics of a Curriculum:

- Builds year to year.
- Includes both teacher and student materials.
- Includes assessments or opportunity for assessments.
- Both detailed instruction and practice.
- Includes pacing suggestions or lesson plans.
- Intended to be completed daily or 2-3x/week for the school year.
- Often teacher/student interactive.

Characteristics of a Supplement:

- Fixes an issue, single purpose.
- Single item with answers.
- May have an assessment.
- Practice with minimal instruction.
- Use as needed.
- Shorter activities/duration.
- 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,

Students can make their own supplements too: note cards, games, models, charts, songs or jingles, word puzzles, etc.

Curriculum Assessment

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

Student Name: _____ **Age/Grade Level:** _____

Learning tendency:

- Visual/Show Me _____%
- Auditory/Talker _____%
- Hands On/Mover _____%



What are you using for MATH this year? _____

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?

- Hands-on add-ons? What does my student struggle with grasping?

- Parallel instruction? Is my program explaining concepts clearly?

What math games or supplements I could add for application and practice?

Curriculum 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 | yes mostly somewhat no |
| • Reading Comprehension | yes mostly somewhat no |
| • Handwriting | yes mostly somewhat no |
| • Grammar | yes mostly somewhat no |
| • Composition | yes mostly somewhat no |
| • Spelling | yes mostly somewhat no |
| • Vocabulary | yes mostly somewhat no |

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?

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.



Math Supplements

(Topics/grade levels in parentheses)

Additional Practice:

- Math Mosaics (add/sub/mult/div/graph) \$13
- Math Wipe-Clean Workbooks (PK-6) \$4.50
- Everyday Mathematics Intervention Activities (K-5) \$13
- 180 Days of Math (K-8) \$16
- Math Quick Starts (topical, 4-12) \$7
- Meet the Math Facts (PK-6) \$5-13
- Math Facts That Stick (1-7) \$13
- Speed Wheel Drills (3-12) \$18.50

Critical Thinking:

- Beast Academy Puzzles (1-7) \$10
- Mathological Liar Game (2-6) \$16
- 40 Fabulous Math Mysteries Kids Can't Resist (4-8) \$12
- STEM Perplexors (4-7) \$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 (1-8) \$14-21
- Key To ... Series (alg/geom/frac/meas/perc/deci) \$6, bundles vary
- Spectrum Math 2024 (K-8) \$10
- Nicole the Math Lady Tutorials (for Saxon Math, 4-12) \$59
- Basic Not Boring (pre-alg/fractions & decimals) (6-8) \$8-23
- Humongous Books of Math Problems (basic&pre-alg/alg/geom/calc) \$16
- Mastering Essential Math Skills (4-12) \$18-35

Hands-On Options:

- Fraction Tower Equivalency Cubes (1-8) \$17
- 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) \$12
- Budget Game (4-12) \$22
- Geometric Solids (PK-12) \$6-18
- Pizza Fraction Fun Game (1-5) \$18
- Bubble Boards (K-7) \$22



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ELA Supplements

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Additional Practice:

- Daily Grams/Easy Grammar Ultimate (3-12) \$13-30
- Draw•Write•Now (K-4) \$13
- Grammar Minutes (1-6) \$14
- Spectrum Reading 2015 (K-8) \$8
- Wordly Wise 3000 4th Ed. (2-12) \$7-91
- Cursive Writing Practice: Wacky Facts (K-5) \$8
- Reading Informational Text (7-12) \$11-30
- Handwriting Fun! Activity Books (K-6) \$7

Critical Thinking:

- Two-Minute Mysteries (6-8) \$6
- Jane Ervin Reading Comprehension in Various Subject Matter (2-12) \$16/set
- Novel-Ties Literature Study Guides (2-12) \$15
- Reading Detective (3-12) \$26
- Reasoning & Reading (3-8) \$18
- Brain Aerobics (4-8) \$7
- Think Analogies (3-12) \$13

Alternative Instruction:

- Bob Books Workbooks (PK-2) \$9
- Explode the Code (PK-3) \$10
- Easy Grammar (1-7) \$6-30
- Cursive Logic (1-12) \$30-35
- Jensen's Punctuation (6-12) \$21
- Aunt Ruth Grammar (4-12) \$11-18
- Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation (7-12) \$14
- Megawords (4-12) \$18-30
- Infographic Guide to Grammar (9-12) \$13

Hands-On Options:

- Speak & Spell (2-6) \$30
- Toobaloo (PK-12) \$6
- Vowel Owls Sorting Set (K-2) \$25
- Rory's Story Cubes (1-12) \$11-13
- 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) \$11

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Science Supplements

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Additional Practice:

- Kaplan Anatomy Coloring Book 10th 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) \$5
- 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
- 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:

- Light Speed Biology Bundle DVD (9-AD) \$40
- 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) \$14-21
- Everything You Need to Ace Science (6-8) \$13
- Handbook of Nature Study (PK-8) \$27

Hands-On Options:

- Interactive Notebooks: Science (1-8) \$7
- Ooze Labs (1-12) \$22-36
- Science Graphic Organizers (3-6) \$13
- 4-D Anatomy Models (K-12) \$20-440
- Solar System Floor Puzzle (PK-5) \$15
- Chemistry Fluxx Game (3-AD) \$20
- Just Add__ Science Kits (3-12) \$19-31
- Julia Rothman Sticker Books (PK-2) \$10



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Social Studies Supplements

(Topics/grade levels in parentheses)

Additional Practice:

- Draw & Write Through History series (3-8) \$10
- Interactive Notebook: U.S. Government (5-8) \$7
- ArtK12 Draw the World series (3-8) \$19
- Sticker Encyclopedia Around the U.S./World (K-3) \$10
- The Coin Counting Book (K-4) \$6
- 180 Days of Social Studies (PK-6) \$15
- 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 (5-9) \$13
- Pick Your Own Path on the Oregon Trail (3-7) \$11
- Causes and Effects History series (3-6) \$7
- You Choose: History series (3-7) \$6
- If You Were a Kid... series (2-4) \$6

Alternative Instruction:

- Amazing World Atlas: Bringing the World to Life (3-12) \$14
- Civics: Democracy Rules! Basher (5-10) \$7.50
- History: The Definitive Visual Guide (Smithsonian) (7-12) \$42
- Fifty Famous Stories Retold (1-8) \$12
- The Medieval World: An Illustrated Atlas (9-12) \$28
- American History: Visual Encyclopedia (3-12) \$14

Hands-On Options:

- Famous Figures of... Times series (K-8) \$14
- You Can Build Yourself series (4-7) \$12-17
- Historical Paper Money sets (5-12) \$2.50
- Historical Document & Quill sets (2-12) \$4-9
- GeoPuzzles (Ages 4+) \$17
- 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
- Explore the USA Game (K-5) \$22



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