

Course and Purpose	Level	Content
<p><b>Reading Readiness</b></p> <p>Provides students with the critical prerequisite skills needed to develop early literacy, conceptual, and critical thinking abilities</p>	PreK K	<p>Reading Readiness builds a solid foundation of early literacy skills by developing students' abilities in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Letter Identification</i> develops the ability to recognize the uppercase and lowercase forms of each letter of the alphabet, its letter name, and an associated picture</li> <li>• <i>Print Awareness</i> focuses on recognizing the similarities and differences in letters, words, and pictures</li> <li>• <i>Phonemic Awareness</i> uses nursery rhymes, rhyming, identification of initial, medial, and final phonemes, and whole words</li> <li>• <i>Vocabulary Building</i> improves the student's ability to understand oral language, which in turn improves word knowledge and concept development</li> <li>• <i>Comprehension Skill Development</i> uses both literal and interpretive comprehension activities associated with understanding spoken language</li> </ul>
<p><b>First Adventures Bookshelf</b></p> <p>Expands the listening, speaking, reading and writing development of early learners with interactive stories</p>	PreK K 1 2	<p>First Adventures Bookshelf is a collection of primary-level books by 22 well-known children's authors such as Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault. The course includes reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities. Students can listen only and then read; or they can read first. Interactive comprehension exercises and activities follow each reading selection. Students respond to the selections through a computer-based Notebook, or they can record and play back their verbal responses. The program automatically creates an individualized word list that can be printed.</p>
<p><b>Discover English</b></p> <p>Develops vital early literacy and language skills including phonemic and print awareness and early real-world academic knowledge.</p>	PreK K 1	<p>Discover English builds early literacy abilities and English language proficiency through listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities. Interdisciplinary content and in-depth diagnostic reporting help teachers guide the conceptual, early reading, and oral language development children need for success in school. The course includes classic children's literature, poems, stories, chants, folksongs, multicultural folktales, and real-life situations. Cross-disciplinary and thematic approaches are developed in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home • Family • Plants • School • Shopping • Animals • Self • Healthy Habits • Math</li> </ul>
<p><b>Initial Reading</b></p> <p>Builds sight vocabulary, decoding, and reading comprehension skills through word, sentence, and passage reading practice and assessment.</p>	K 1 2	<p>Initial Reading develops early reading skills in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Letter Identification</i> strengthens letter recognition and discrimination skills</li> <li>• <i>Phonemic Awareness and Phonics</i> improves decoding and word recognition</li> <li>• <i>Sight Words</i> increases the sight word vocabulary of children with 1,800 words from high-frequency lists.</li> <li>• <i>Word Comprehension</i> develops knowledge of meanings and relationships of words</li> <li>• <i>Sentence Comprehension</i> focuses on understanding sentences</li> <li>• <i>Passage Comprehension</i> develops thinking skills and interpretive comprehension</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reading Adventures Primary</b></p> <p>Develops decoding and reading comprehension abilities so students become strong, independent readers. Develops early writing fluency with a literature response journal and creative writing activities using Story Painter.</p>	K 1 2	<p>Reading Adventures Primary includes seventy easily decodable readers that supply the context for tutorial work in phonics, word study, and reading comprehension. The course contains 32 authentic literature titles, such as <i>Quick as a Cricket</i>, <i>Miranda's Day to Dance</i>, <i>Whose Mouse Are You?</i>, <i>Nature Spy</i>, <i>In the Attic</i>, <i>How My Family Lives in America</i>, <i>The Relatives Came</i>, and <i>China's Bravest Girl</i>. Strands include <i>Find a Sound</i> (Phonics), <i>Word Wonders</i> (Word Study), and <i>Choose a Book</i> (Comprehension and Vocabulary).</p>
<p><b>Story Painter</b></p> <p>Supports the skill development of emerging writers with drawing and writing tools. (Also in Spanish.)</p>	PreK K 1 2	<p>Story Painter provides age-appropriate drawing and writing tools to encourage emergent writing success. The course supports independent work, motivates students, and allows students to complete specific writing assignments for assessment.</p>
<p><b>Spelling Skills</b></p> <p>To develop spelling skills by combining practice, tutoring and games</p>	2-8	<p>Spelling Skills helps achieve mastery using a list of 3,200 words selected from: lists of frequently misspelled words, words frequently encountered in reading and writing, spelling activity workbooks, spelling portions of standardized achievement tests, vocabulary lists from other SuccessMaker courses</p> <p>Words are arranged in groups to help students make generalizations about rules and develop strategies for learning new words.</p>

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<p><b>Reader’s Workshop</b></p> <p>Builds vocabulary and comprehension, progressively accelerating the development of reading abilities required in standardized tests. Develops strong reading foundations.</p>	2 3 4 5	<p>Reader’s Workshop builds skill systematically using high interest reading passages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Word Analysis</b> develops skills in decoding words</li> <li>• <b>Word Meaning</b> builds vocabulary skills by introducing approximately 350 target vocabulary words at each grade level and providing extensive practice for each</li> <li>• <i>Literal Comprehension</i> provides practice at locating information that is explicitly stated in a brief selection</li> <li>• <i>Interpretive Comprehension</i> develops higher-level comprehension skills, including drawing inferences and making conclusions about a short passage</li> <li>• <i>Reference Skills</i> prepares students for finding specific information in a variety of reference materials</li> <li>• <i>Passage Comprehension &amp; Thematic Lessons</i> include integrated reading passages</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reading Adventures</b></p> <p>To develop integrated reading and writing skills through a balanced approach, using multicultural literature</p>	3 4 5 6	<p>Reading Adventures includes more than 100 award-winning, multicultural titles (including two selections per grade level in Spanish) from some of the most well-known children’s authors, such as Arnold Lobel, Eloise Greenfield, and Beverly Cleary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided strategy lessons with strategy support during reading build the student’s independent reading skills</li> <li>• Writing activities are integrated before, during, and after the reading selection.</li> <li>• Built-in instructional models can be selected or customized so the teacher can create a reading program tailored to individual, group or class reading needs. Lesson components available include Words to know, Build Background, Learn a Strategy, Make a Prediction or Set a Purpose, Reading Passage, What I Think, A Closer Look, Portfolio Writing, and Library Bookshelf.</li> <li>• Tools include the Glossary, Story Map, Sequencer, Reading Response Notebook, and Student Writing Portfolio.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Writer’s Studio</b></p> <p>To support student success in each step of the writing process by providing resources and guidance (Prewrite, Draft, Revise, Proofread and Publish)</p>	3/4 5/6 7/8	<p>Writer’s Studio provides more than 125 writing assignments per level based on ideas, topics, starters, videos, and books.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructs all major writing types, including the research report, information essay, play or skit, poem, friendly or business letter, tall tale, and historical or personal essay..</li> <li>• Project Planner supports ongoing organization and development of writing projects.</li> <li>• Cluster Map, Story Map, and Sequencer encourage writing organization.</li> <li>• Checklists guide students through drafting, revising, and proofreading their work in progress.</li> <li>• Students receive detailed publishing ideas for producing or performing their finished work.</li> <li>• Student work is saved in a personal Electronic Portfolio Browser, that teachers can access to review work, attach comments, and archive work.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reading Investigations</b></p> <p>To develop comprehension and thinking skills through reading and writing activities based on authentic fiction and nonfiction selections</p>	6 7 8	<p>Reading Investigations guides students through 182 award-winning fiction and nonfiction content-area selections from literature, science, and social studies. Reading strategies, thinking skills, comprehension, and vocabulary are developed. The course is organized into 35 thematic lesson sets, with 19 strategy lessons and 567 vocabulary words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easily customizable units focus on literature, science, or social studies</li> <li>• Automatic text highlighting helps student understand the correct answer after an incorrect response</li> <li>• Writing Notebook appears before, during, and after reading, providing audio prompts for student writing and comprehension</li> <li>• Summing Up lets the student respond to the selection with creative or expository writing</li> <li>• One Step Further extends learning to related topics, research projects and creative works</li> </ul>