



COMMON CORE SUPPLEMENT

Grade 1

Welcome to the Oak Meadow Common Core Supplement for Grade 1. These supplemental assignments are intended for schools and individuals who use Oak Meadow curriculum and who need to be in compliance with Common Core Standards.

Introduction

Oak Meadow provides a creative, flexible, and hands-on approach to learning that meets the intellectual and developmental needs of K–8 students. Our K–4 curriculum is aimed at helping students develop their individual character, environmental awareness, healthy physical growth, personal relationships, imagination and creativity. It also encourages critical thinking, speaking, and writing skills that allow students to make decisions and share their ideas and understanding effectively.

While our courses provide a compelling and complete learning experience, our program may not be in complete alignment with recent Common Core Standards in a few areas. After a rigorous analysis of all our courses, we have developed a series of supplements to accompany our materials for schools families and schools who utilize our curricula. These additions make our materials Common Core compliant. These Common Core additions are either stand-alone new lessons or add-ons to existing lessons. Where they fall in regard to the larger curriculum is clearly noted on each supplement lesson.

In the early years (K–4), our approach to learning is especially Waldorf-inspired and seeks to educate the child in a holistic manner that is focused around a child’s social emotional health, physicality, and emerging academic skills. We allot a significant amount of time for free exploration and artistic and hands-on endeavors. Our curriculum builds on a child’s creativity and is largely based in play and storytelling. For this reason, our activities and assignments can vary from those presented in a traditional school setting. For example, we do not encourage our families to use electronics at this level. Although many families and schools choose to integrate technology with our program, we do not include the use of computer research or keyboarding in K–4 assignments. Another area where we often do not align with a classroom-based program is in the quantity of assignments that involve group collaboration. This is due to the home-based nature of our program. For schools and groups using our curriculum, these supplements will be easily implemented as part of the lessons.

Included in this supplement are the following:

Grades K–3

- Supplemental resources
- Common Core Standards not emphasized or introduced
- Rationale, with a list of supplemental resources and/or new assignments, for each standard that is not aligned with Oak Meadow curriculum.

Some of these standards are already addressed in our curriculum, but we have included additional reinforcement activities/resources for those standards that are not addressed as regularly as they might be in a traditional classroom setting (collaborative activities, etc.). At the early elementary level, some grade-specific standards are introduced in later grades, which is an approach that parallels other Waldorf elementary school timelines.

Grade 1—ELA Standards

Supplemental Resources

Additional Common Core classroom activities accessed with Oak Meadow membership to Starwalk Kids Media:

Starwalkkids.com

Explode the Code, Book 1 ½

Hall, Nancy and Rena Price. *Explode the Code, Book 1 ½*. Cambridge, MA: Educational Publishing Service, 1985. Print.

Explode the Code, Book 2

Hall, Nancy and Rena Price. *Explode the Code, Book 2*. Cambridge, MA: Educational Publishing Service, 1994. Print.

Handwriting without Tears, Printing Power, Grade 1 (8th Edition)

Olsen, Jan. *Handwriting without Tears: Printing Power, Grade 1* (8th edition). Gathersburg, MD: Handwriting without Tears, 2013. Print.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.2

Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Not emphasized:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.2.C

Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.4

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grade 1 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.

Not emphasized:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.4.B

Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.4.C

Identify frequently occurring root words (e.g., *look*) and their inflectional forms (e.g., *looks*, *looked*, *looking*).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.3

Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

Not emphasized:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.3.C

Know final -e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.3.F

Read words with inflectional endings.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.3.G

Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

Oak Meadow does not emphasize all of these standards because of our approach to literacy learning. For all spelling, phonics/word recognition standards not directly addressed in the curriculum, we suggest supplementing with an external resource such as *Explode the Code, Book 1* and *Explode the Code, Book 1–2*, as appropriate.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.4

Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.4.A

Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.4.B

Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.4.C

Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.1.5

Know and use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.1.10

With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex for grade 1.

Oak Meadow's first grade language arts curriculum is designed without an emphasis on independent reading in grade 1. Our holistic approach to literacy skills focuses on listening skills, sensory activities, and foundation skills that will be used in the acquisition of later independent reading skills. These assignments can easily be adapted for independent readers depending on the reading level of students in a classroom. Independent reading standards are not introduced until grade 2. The Common Core activities provided with the Oak Meadow Starwalk Kids Media membership can be used to supplement our curriculum to align with these grade 1 reading standards.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.1

Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about *grade 1 topics and texts* with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.1.A

Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.1.B

Build on others' talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others through multiple exchanges.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.1.C

Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.1

Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.2

Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.3

Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.

Oak Meadow does not emphasize some of these writing standards in grade 1, although the concepts may be discussed orally in our assignments. This is due to our holistic approach to language arts and more gradual and foundation-based approach to the acquisition of writing skills. Of course, our assignments can easily be adapted to include more writing. We suggest using *Handwriting Without Tears, 1st Grade* as a supplement for activities that meet these standards. Additional activities related to these standards are included with the StarWalk Kids Media membership.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.5

With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.6

With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.7

Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions).

Grade 1—Math Standards

It is suggested that students in grades 1 use *Saxon Math, Grade 1* (classroom edition) as a supplement that addresses common core standards.