

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Reading	The curriculum used for reading in grades K-3 is Reading Mastery Signature Edition (RMSE).						
Novels (K-3)	Students may have the opportunity to read novels throughout school year while still in Reading Mastery. The decision to do a novel is dependent on instructional data.						
	- <i>Wagon Wheels</i>	- <i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i>	- <i>Boxcar Children</i> - <i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> - <i>The Enormous Egg</i>	- <i>Sarah, Plain, & Tall</i> - <i>Charlotte's Web</i> - <i>Trumpet of the Swan</i>			
Literature (4-6)					- <i>The Secret Garden</i> - <i>Otto of the Silver Hand</i> - <i>Archimedes and the Door of Science</i> - <i>Around the World in 80 Days</i> - <i>The Jungle Book</i>	- <i>Tom Sawyer</i> - <i>John and William Bartram</i> - <i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i> - <i>Rifles for Watie</i> - <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	- <i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> - <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> - <i>The Endless Steppe</i> - <i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i> - <i>The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood</i>
Spelling	Spelling is embedded into the reading/literature block.						
Writing	- Taught 4 th Quarter in FDK - One word - One sentence - Three sentences	<i>Writing with Ease 1</i>	<i>Writing with Ease 2</i>	<i>Writing with Ease 3</i>	<i>Writing with Ease 4</i>	<i>Writing with Skill 1</i>	<i>Writing with Skill 2</i>
Grammar	All grades use Shurley Grammar as the core grammar program.						
Language Arts	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature
Latin					Latin is taught in Upper Elementary; by the end of sixth grade, students complete Latin I.		
Math	Saxon Math is the core math program for grades K-6.						
World History		- Mesopotamia - Ancient Egypt - History of World Religions: Judaism, Christianity, & Islam - Mexico	- Early Asian Civilizations: India & China - Modern Civilizations & Cultures: Japan - Ancient Greece	- Ancient Rome - The Vikings - Canada	- Europe in the Middle Ages - Spread of Islam & "Holy Wars" - Early and Medieval African Kingdoms - China: Dynasties & Conquerors	- Meso-American Civilizations: Maya, Inca, Aztec, & Spanish Conquerors - European Exploration, Trade, and the Clash of Cultures: Portugal, Spain, England & France, Holland - Renaissance and the Reformation - England in the Golden Age to the Glorious Revolution - Russia: Early Growth & Expansion - Feudal Japan	- Judaism & Christianity - Ancient Greece - Ancient Rome - The Enlightenment - The French Revolution - Romanticism - Industrialism, Capitalism, Socialism - Latin American Independence Movements

American History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Native American People - Columbus - Pilgrims - Independence Day - Presidents: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and current president - Symbols & Figures: American flag, Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, The White House 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hunters & Nomads - Maya, Inca, & Aztecs - Columbus - English Settlers - The American Revolution - Daniel Boone & The Louisiana Purchase - Symbols & Figures: Liberty Bell, current president, American Flag, & Bald Eagle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Constitution - The War of 1812 - Westward Expansion - The Civil War - Immigration and Citizenship - Civil Rights - Symbols & Figures: past & present versions of the US Flag, Statue of Liberty, Lincoln Memorial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early Americans - Native Americans - Early Spanish Exploration & Settlement - Exploration & Settlement of the American Southwest - Search for the Northwest Passage - The Thirteen Colonies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The American Revolution - The Constitution - Early Presidents - Reformers - Symbols & Figures: White House, Capitol Building, <i>Spirit of '76</i>, Great Seal of The United States - Colorado History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Westward Expansion Before the Civil War - Westward Expansion After the Civil War - The Civil War - Native Americans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immigration - Industrialization & Urbanization - Reform
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps & globes - Seven continents - Four oceans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps & globes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps & globes - North America - South America 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps & globes - World Rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps & globes - World Mountains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps & globes - World Lakes - US Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps & globes - World Desserts
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plants & growth - Animals & Their Needs - Five Senses - Taking Care of Your Body - Magnetism - Seasons & Weather - Taking Care of the Earth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Habitats - Oceans & Undersea Life - Environmental Change & Habitat Destruction - Classification of Animals - Introduction of Body Systems - Matter - Properties of Matter: Measurement - Electricity - Astronomy - The Earth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seasonal Cycles - Life Cycles - The Water Cycle - Insects - Human cells - Digestive & Excretory Systems - Nutrition - Magnetism - Simple Machines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animal Classification - Muscular System - Skeletal System - Nervous System - Vision - Hearing - Light & Optics - Sound - Ecology - Astronomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circulatory System - Respiratory System - Chemistry - Electricity - Geology - Meteorology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classifying Living Things - Cells: Structures & Processes - Plant Structures & Processes - Life Cycle & Reproduction - Puberty - Endocrine System - Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plate Tectonics - Oceans - Astronomy - Energy, Heat, & Energy Transfer - Circulatory System & Lymphatic System - Immune System
Biographies/Heroes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - George Washington Carver - Jane Goodall - Wilbur & Orville Wright - John Chapman - Martin Luther King Jr. - Rosa Parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rachel Carson - Thomas Edison - Edward Jenner - Louis Pasteur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anton van Leeuwenhoek - Elijah McCoy - Florence Nightingale - Daniel Hale Williams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alexander Graham Bell - Copernicus - Mae Jamison - John Muir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benjamin Banneker - Elizabeth Blackwell - Charles Drew - Michael Faraday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Galileo - Percy Lavon Julian - Ernest Just - Carl Linnaeus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marie Curie - Lewis Howard Latimer - Isaac Newton - Alfred Wegener
Special Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bear Creek Nature Center - Bemis School of Art - Delta Dental Guest Speaker - Firemen Visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Egyptian Festival - Science Cohort Activity - 911 Guest Speaker - Philharmonic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pioneer Day - Denver Museum of Nature & Science - CSU Water Cycle Guest Speaker - Philharmonic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roman Feast - Fountain Nature Center - Astronomy Event - Cow Eye Dissection - Philharmonic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medieval Feast - Demonstration of Cow's Heart & Lung - History Colorado Center - Cave of the Winds - Philharmonic - Dale Carnegie Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil War Reenactment - Botanical Gardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ameritowne - Challenger Learning Center
Character	We explicitly teach and practice character in our classrooms using key components of the Sanford Harmony program interwoven with a year-long character calendar that focuses on a specific virtue each week. The same character traits are taught at all grade levels. Some of these virtues are The Vanguard School's Keys to Success: citizenship, respect, integrity, self-discipline, and excellence.						