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Reading	The curriculum used for reading in grades K-3 is Reading Mastery Signature Edition (RMSE). Students will progress through programs RMSE K-3.						
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>The 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 Scarlett Pimpernel</i> - <i>The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood</i>
Spelling	Spelling is embedded into the reading block. K-3 uses the embedded spelling that is part of the RMSE program. The literature curriculum developed also has the spelling embedded using words from the novels.						
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 Shirley Grammar as the core grammar program.						
Language Arts	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry - Literature	- Sayings - Poetry	- Sayings - Poetry	- Sayings - Poetry
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 - Three World Religions - The Culture of Mexico	- Ancient India - Ancient China - The Culture of Japan - Ancient Greece	- Ancient Rome - The Vikings	- Medieval Europe - Early Islamic Civilizations and African Kingdoms - Dynasties of China	- Maya, Aztec, and Inca Civilizations - The Age of Exploration - From the Renaissance to England's Golden Age (includes The Reformation) - Czars and Shoguns: Early Russia and Feudal Japan	- Ancient Greece and Rome - The Enlightenment, The French Revolution, and Romanticism - The Industrial Revolution: Changes and Challenges - Independence for Latin America

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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"> - Early Civilizations of the Americas - Early Explorers and Settlers - From Colonies to Independence - Exploring the West 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making the Constitution - The War of 1812 - Americans Move West - The Civil War - Immigration and Citizenship - Civil Rights Leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Earliest Americans - Exploration of North America - The Thirteen Colonies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The American Revolution - The United States Constitution - Early Presidents and Social Reformers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Westward Expansion Before the Civil War - The Civil War - Native Americans and Westward Expansion: Cultures and Conflicts 	<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"> - Continents, Countries, and Maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geography of the Americas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring Maps and World Mountains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Lakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Deserts
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 - Dental Guest Speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Egyptian Festival - Science Cohort Activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pioneer Day - Denver Museum of Nature & Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roman Feast - Fountain Nature Center - Space Center Visit - Cow Eye Dissection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medieval Feast - Heart/Lung Demonstration - Cave of the Winds - Volcanic Eruption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil War Demonstration - Botanical Gardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ameritowne - Challenger Learning Center
Character	We explicitly teach and practice virtuous character in our classrooms using key components of Sanford Harmony 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.						