

Primary Elementary Class Planning Sheet

Washington State law requires that homeschooling curriculum must include occupational education, science, math, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of an appreciation of art and music.

Subjects	Preschool/ Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade
Reading				
Writing (spelling, English language/ grammar)				
Math				
Science				
Social Studies/ History				
Language (Foreign)				
Health/ Physical Education				
Appreciation of art and music				
Occupational Education				

Items to keep in mind when planning for Primary Elementary school years

The Primary School years are usually 1st through 3rd grade. All students will progress in their academic, physical, social, and life skill learning at different rates and with different strengths or weaknesses.

In classical education traditions, the primary school years are the years students are absorbing information at a massive rate. Exposure to a variety of experiences and the chance to experiment through play and touch are very important at these grade levels.

Focus on teaching reading, writing (spelling) and mathematical skills. These three subjects are the foundation for all other learning. Math facts are usually memorized in 3rd grade.

Use Social Studies (History) and Science as subjects to help practice reading, writing and math. Young students will soak up the information they are interested in and anything they miss will be re-introduced in higher grade levels.

Early exposure to foreign languages helps students develop the cognitive understanding needed for more than one language. Classes that keep foreign languages fun for primary elementary students can be built upon in later grades.

Physical activity is important for primary students. Movement and development of their gross and fine motor skills significantly contributes to many portions of their development. Incorporating movement into academic learning will help young students develop long-term remembrance of concepts. Health learning is basic hygiene and knowing their bodies.

Developing an appreciation of art and music can be met by taking art or craft classes, dance, drama, singing classes or learning simple percussion instruments or recorders. Keep these classes simple and fun; exposure will grow your student, their interests and these subjects are known to have cognitive benefits that cross academic subject disciplines.

Science opposite Social Studies (History) and Art/Music opposite Physical Education (Health) share time slots in public schools. For these subjects, consider either rotating subjects each year or picking enrichment classes with little to no responsibilities at home. This will help in conserving time. Follow your student's interests while also balancing exposure to all studies.

Occupational Education is a High School term but you can start with little things now. Take time to teach your child house chores, organization and taking care of themselves and their belongings (time to pick up the toys!).

The information in this form and the classes offered at Connection are not a guarantee on the part of Homeschool Connections to match school districts learning requirements at these grade levels.