



The Literacy Express Comprehensive Preschool Curriculum

Title of Curriculum

Our curriculum includes the following materials:

Core Materials

Teacher Guide
Teacher Training and Planning Guide
Guide for Directors and Mentors
Lesson Plan and Scheduling Forms
10 Thematic Unit Instructional Guides with selected activity masters
Off to Kindergarten Instructional Guide
Parent ABC's – masters for letters and informational handouts
Curriculum-Linked Assessment Forms

Oral Language Materials

Over 60 Unit-Linked Trade Books for Dialogic and Shared Reading
2 *Off to Kindergarten* Trade Books for Dialogic and Shared Reading
Trade Books for Counting and Math Concepts
Suggestions for Additional Books within each Unit Guide
Thematic Unit Vocabulary Word Picture Card Sets

Print Knowledge and Phonological Awareness Materials

Thematic Unit Alphabet Books
Magnetic Capital Letter Set
Magnetic Lower Case Letter Set
26 Letter Alphabet Teaching Tubs
26 Letter Picture Card Sets
26 Alphabet Bean Bags
Once there was a Bullfrog Compound Word Book and Picture Cards
Compound Word Puzzle Card Kit
Rhyming Word Pocket Chart Activity Kit
Beginning Sounds Pocket Chart Activity Kit
10 Rhyming Word Teaching Tubs
50 plus Compound, Syllable, and Onset-rime Picture Cards

Basic Concept and Mathematics Materials

Magnetic Numbers Set

Geometric Shapes Sorters

Number Cards

Color-Shape Sorter Cards

Color Sorter Cards

Match and Learn Patterning Board

Number Sequencing Puzzles

How Long is it: Measurement Center

Counting Matchup Puzzles

Unit Blocks

Magnetic Shapes

Life Cycle Puzzles

Accessories

Pocket Chart with Stand

Magnetic White Board with Markers and Eraser

Magnetic Lap Board

Our Professional Development Plan:

Purchase of the Literacy Express Curriculum Kit for a classroom entitles the classroom to 2 seats at the Literacy Express Initial Professional Development Workshop. These will be scheduled regionally in collaboration with the Early Learning Coalitions in areas where classrooms select this curriculum and the schedule of workshop dates will be sent to every classroom that purchases the curriculum. The minimum group size for these trainings will be 20 participants, except in specially negotiated circumstances. Classrooms can send additional instructional or administrative staff to attend the training at a per person fee, pending availability of a slot when requested in advance. Sites or groups of sites that purchase 10 or more of the classroom kits at one time may be eligible for a discount on professional development and some materials.

The one-day initial training comes as part of the comprehensive Curriculum Package. Other elements of the professional development include the following print materials included in the classroom kit: Teacher Manual, Teacher Training and Planning Guide, Guide for Directors and Mentors.

This initial face-to face training is designed to complement the text materials and to provide teachers with a comprehensive overview of the curriculum components, including all materials and aspects of implementation. Teachers will leave the training with expertise in how to successfully conduct the daily small group literacy activities. Teachers will be provided with clear examples, models, and guidance as to how to appropriately implement the larger group activities within the curriculum, including the math, basic concepts, skill extensions, and centers activities. A section-by-section description of all elements of this training is provided below:

1-Day Initial Training:

Overview of Curriculum and Unit Walkthrough

This module provides an overview of the main components of the curriculum. Then participants are given a detailed look at an actual Literacy Express Unit Guide to discover the structure, format, and contents of each unit guide.

Scheduling, Planning, and Room Arrangement

Participants are given guidance and allowed time to work with trainer assistance on the logistics of their classroom such as determining their classroom schedule, planning for a unit's instruction, and thinking through the process of the physical arrangement of their classroom. Numerous scheduling models and suggestions for organization of schedules and rooms are provided.

Training & Practice in Dialogic Reading

Participants are shown the specifics of all aspects and levels of Dialogic Reading, which is a specific method of shared book reading that is used in Literacy Express. The participants are provided with the steps to utilize the Dialogic Reading technique, are shown expert models of these steps, and are given time to practice the steps with feedback from the trainers.

Phonological Awareness Small Group Instruction: Demonstration and Practice

Participants are provided with information regarding early literacy, in particular, addressing the phonological awareness skills that are emphasized in Literacy Express, and the rationale for how the activities are developmentally sequenced. Actual curriculum phonological awareness activities are demonstrated for the participants, with particular attention toward correct pronunciations, explicit modeling, and how to provide scaffolding for children at all levels of ability.

Print Knowledge Small Group Instruction: Demonstration and Practice

Participants are provided with information regarding early literacy, in particular, addressing the print knowledge. The rationale for the scope and sequence of these activities is provided. Actual curriculum print knowledge activities are demonstrated for the participants, with specific focus on explicit modeling, use of the array of materials, and on how to provide scaffolding to all children.

Mathematics and Basic Concepts

Participants are provided with information regarding early Math development, appropriate Math (informal Math vs. formal Math) activities, and basic concept development in preschool-age children. The scope and sequence of the Math and Basic Concepts activities are discussed, as are ways in which the curriculum supports the integration of these skill areas throughout the curriculum. Informal Math and Basic Concept activities are demonstrated for the participants.

Curriculum Linked Assessment

Curriculum Linked Assessment (CLA) materials are provided to assess children's skills and new knowledge in vocabulary, print knowledge, and phonological awareness. Administration of CLA's, use of the progress monitoring forms, and how to utilize the information gathered from these assessments are covered in this module.

Online special-access additional PowerPoint training materials will be provided to each classroom as a part of the purchased kit. These include further elaborations, and implementation suggestions for the key small group literacy activities, as well as for selected

other curriculum activities. In addition, classrooms are entitled to a 2-hour online webinar Booster Training session focused on activities related to the latter half of the implementation calendar and to supporting individualized implementation needs for varying sites. These webinars are available to groups meeting the minimum initial training group size and can be discounted for larger groups as appropriate.

Classrooms, school districts, and Coalitions are invited to collaborate in inviting the Literacy Express Professional Development Team to provide additional professional development modules for a fee.

These modular selections are as follows and can be selected separately for customized 1, 2, or 3 day trainings:

Supplemental Training on Implementing the Small Group Literacy Activities
Background Knowledge on Emergent Literacy and Math
In-Depth Training on Language and Vocabulary Development and Support
Classroom Management and Transitions to Support Social-Emotional Development
Supplemental Training on the Centers, Skill Extensions, and Basic Concepts Elements
of the Literacy Express Curriculum
In-Depth Training on Integrating Families into the Literacy Express Classroom
In-depth Training on working with English Language Learners in the Literacy Express
Classroom

Total price: \$2600.00, plus shipping and handling. Includes curriculum materials and professional development outlined above.

Price listed is for informational purposes only. Publisher retains the right to adjust price at any time.

Contact information for inquiries and purchase:

Contact Dr. Beth Phillips at the following email address:

phillips_literacyexpress@live.com