

Leone Family Homeschooling Curriculum Overview

This is a very cursory overview of the primary books we are using and intend to use in our homeschooling journey. The list will inevitably change over time. It is also the bare bones of our homeschool curriculum and does not list all the many supplementary materials, literature assignments, flashcards, etc.

Religion

Seton religion materials – K-12th grade
Baltimore Catechism
Various Bible history resources
Fr. Laux apologetics series

Math

A Beka – K-4th grade
Switch to Saxon or Teaching Textbooks – 5th-12th grade
For our dyslexic: We are trying Shiller Math

Phonics/Reading

Alphaphonics or Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons (depending on child)
Sound Beginnings – 1st & 2nd grade
MCP Plaid Phonics workbooks – K-6 *or* Explode the Code (depending on child)
Early readers: Bob Books, Little Angel, A Beka, SSR&W
Continual review of phonograms through at least 5th grade
For our dyslexic: We are trying Preventing Academic Failure, Orton-Gillingham –based reading and phonics materials

Oral Reading

National Catholic readers
American Cardinal readers
Various supplements from CHC

Grammar

A Beka – 1st-12th grade
1st-2nd grade — First Language Lessons

Composition & Rhetoric*

Writing Strands 2 & 3 – grade 3
Wordsmith Apprentice – grade 4
Writing Strands 4 & 5 – grade 5
Wordsmith – grade 6
Writing Strands 6 & 7 – grade 7
Wordsmith Craftsman – grade 8
Writing Strands: Exposition – grade 9-10
Rhetoric resources, various – grades 11-2

**We have also enjoyed the Classical Writing series, but time limitations have caused us to set this program aside for now.*

Spelling

The Phonetic Zoo: Excellence in Spelling – Levels A-C - Institute for Excellence in Writing
Megawords

Vocabulary

Wordly Wise series

Vocabulary from Classical Roots series

Latin

Prima Latina – 3rd grade

Latina Christiana or Lively Latin for 4th-6th grades

Henle Latin 7th-12th

Greek

Elementary Greek – begin in 4th grade; take at a slow pace

Basic Greek in 30 Minutes a Day

Handwriting

Draw Write Now handwriting exercises

Seton handwriting series – Kindergarten-6th grade

History

Grades 1 & 2: Story of the World I-IV and A Beka American history materials

Grade 3: MODG + Kolbe (How Our Nation Began, + supplements, + Greenleaf Guide to Ancient Egypt)

Grade 4: MODG + Kolbe (Pioneers & Patriots [1st half], Evangelization of the New World, Catholic Faith Comes to the Americas, supplements, Greenleaf Guide to Ancient Greece)

Grade 5: MODG + Kolbe (Pioneers & Patriots [2nd half], supplements, Greenleaf Guide to Ancient Greece)

Grade 6: Old World & America + supplements (may supplement heavily with Greenleaf)

Grade 7: Christ the King, Lord of History, Catholic History Through Biography

Grade 8: Christ & the Americas + biographies and historical fiction (or March of Democracy plus World's Great Speeches)

Wisconsin History: Our State, Our Story

Science

K-2nd: Easy as 1, 2, 3 Science Curriculum resource + many science books from library.

The Everyday Science Sourcebook

3rd-6th: The Colors Science Curriculum, by Beginnings Publishing

Alternate: Lyrical Life Science with texts and workbooks.

7th-12th: Apologia

7th – Apologia General Science

8th – Apologia Physical Science

9th – Apologia Biology

10th – Apologia Chemistry

11th – Apologia Physics

12th – Apologia Human Body or Apologia Advanced Physics or Chemistry (depending on interest)

7th-12th alternate: Beginnings Publishing science materials

Critical Thinking & Logic

- 1st-6th: Dandy Lion products
 - Critical Thinking Press products
 - Mind Benders
 - Supplemental Bright Minds software
- 7th: Mind Benders
 - The Fallacy Detective
 - The Thinking Toolbox
- 8th: Traditional Logic I (Memoria Press)
- 9th: Traditional Logic II (Memoria Press)
- 10th: Material Logic I (Memoria Press)
- 11th: Material Logic II? (Memoria Press)
- 12th: Classic Rhetoric with Aristotle (Memoria Press)

Poetry

- MODG recommendations
- The Harp & Laurel Wreath
- Famous Poems Old & New
- Great Speeches – high school

Geography

- Geo drill (states, continents, oceans, capital cities) – K-2nd grade
- Around the World in 180 Days – 3rd-6th (supplemented with geo drill and My State Notebook)
- Runkle Geography – 7th-8th grade (supplemented with geo drill)
- Ultimate Geography & Timeline Guide (using MODG lesson plans) – 9th & 10th grade

Cartography

- National Geographic *Map Essentials* – K-6th grade

Music

- How to Introduce Your Child to Classical Music in 52 Easy Lessons
- Music Masters
- The Gift of Music
- Classic Kids CDs
- Private music lessons (piano, violin, voice...)

Art

- Artistic Pursuits, all levels
- Drawing books & DVDs
- Sister Wendy art appreciation materials
- CHC art appreciation materials
- Seton art appreciation books
- What Your ___ Grader Needs to Know – art history section
- HFH Art classes

Literature

- Our curriculum is heavily literature-based. Too many books to list here.
- Beginning in 7th grade, we use Kolbe Academy's Literature curriculum.

Home Ec

St. Martha's Apron Strings - <http://wildflowersandmarbles.blogspot.com>

St. George's Squires - <http://wildflowersandmarbles.blogspot.com>

Projects inspired by Pilgrims of the Holy Family and Luke's List

Home Comforts

Little Women home ec program

Tea & Cake with the Saints

Government/Civics

Elementary: Government 101

Middle through High School: Uncle Eric books

High School: Declaration Statesmanship

High School: MODG American Government and Economics

All: Luke's List government and consumer economics sections.

Liturgical Year Supplements

Catholic Mosaic

Catholic Traditions in Cooking

Religious Customs in the Family

The Big Book of Catholic Customs & Traditions

Festivals, Family, & Food