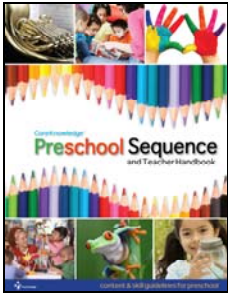**What is the Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence?**

The **Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence** is a preschool curriculum based on the latest research in early childhood education. The curriculum presents explicitly sequenced content and skill guidelines and developmentally appropriate practices for the education of young children. Only by specifying the competencies and knowledge that all children should share can we guarantee equal access to those competencies and knowledge. The specificity of the skills that comprise each learning goal helps teachers to create, implement, and assess instructional activities that meet the needs of individual children. Oral language support is also a hallmark of the *Preschool Sequence* and provides a strong foundation for formal written literacy skills.

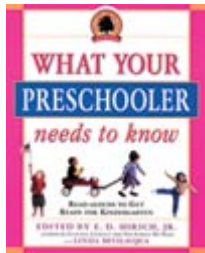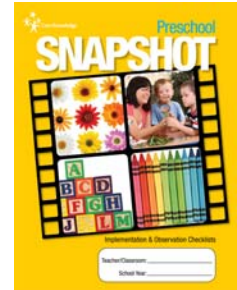**The Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence and Teacher Handbook includes:**

- Chapters addressing each of the following content areas and developmental domains:

Getting Started & Adapting the Sequence for Children who have Special Needs	Oral Language	Scientific Reasoning
	Nursery Rhymes, Poems, Fingerplays, and Songs	Visual Art
Scaffolding Learning	Storybook Reading & Storytelling	Music
Assessment & Planning		Parental Communication and Involvement
Movement & Coordination	Emergent Literacy in Reading & Writing	English Language Learners
Autonomy & Social Skills	Mathematical Reasoning	Core Knowledge for Toddlers
Work Habits	Orientation in Time	
	Orientation in Space	

- *Best Practices* for each developmental domain.

- *Explicitly stated learning goals* for each developmental domain.
    - Learning goals are further defined by one or more *individual skills* that have been defined for two levels of learner. The specificity of these skills and the inclusion of level I and level II skills support teachers as they address the individual needs of children three- to five-years-old.

- *Language of Instruction* for each developmental domain. These are the terms that knowledgeable and competent individuals generally use to talk about the particular subject area. These terms allow teachers to use and model language to help children develop vocabulary skills.

- *Cross-Curricular Connections* that demonstrate how skills and content from each developmental domain can be presented and reinforced in conjunction with skills and content from other developmental domains.

- The most important ideas for each developmental domain are presented in a quick-reference **At a Glance** box.

- Specific *Oral Language Skills* presented within each developmental domain.

- Background knowledge and *teaching ideas* that support *What Teachers Need to Know* to ensure that classroom activities and experiences meet the needs of individual children and address the content, goals, and skills necessary for children's success.

- *Scaffolding Strategies* specific to each developmental domain.

- *Assessment Strategies* for each developmental domain, highlighting what to look for and when to look.
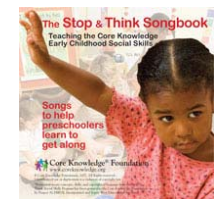
- *Resource Lists* for both children and teachers.

The **Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence** starter kit:

The Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence and Teacher Handbook is a comprehensive teacher handbook supporting implementation of the developmentally appropriate and research based Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence. The **Preschool Snapshot: Implementation and Observation Checklists** support effective implementation of the Preschool Sequence.

The parent publications **What Your Preschooler Needs to Know: Read-Alouds to Get Ready for Kindergarten** and the accompanying **activity books** are beautifully illustrated resources that provide parents with the opportunity to support their children's learning efforts in alignment with classroom activities.

The **Core Knowledge Stop and Think Social Skills Posters** and the **Stop and Think Songbook CD** support implementation of the *Stop and Think* social skills program. This program teaches interpersonal, problem-solving, and conflict resolution skills.

The **Core Knowledge Preschool *and* Kindergarten** music CD includes some of the world's greatest musical compositions, including quintessentially American masterworks of blues, jazz, and musical theater, and are offered in convenient sets for use by teachers and students.

Preschool Classroom Pictorial Schedule Cards are a set of 19 colorful cards, depicting daily activities in the preschool schedule that have been designed especially for use by Core Knowledge preschool programs.

A correlation between the Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence and the Work Sampling Assessment tool is available upon request for those who purchase the Preschool Sequence.

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