

Believershome School

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School Year 2006-2007

K4 – 2nd grade Teaching Plan

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Introduction

Believershome School was established in September, 2003 by Mark and Tami Swaim for the purpose of educating our children in a structured environment outside the public school system. The structure of education corresponds to the system of education used in the United States of America. Both Mark and Tami Swaim are lifelong educators. Mark received an MA in Education from Rutgers University in New Jersey and Tami received her BA in Education from Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque, Iowa. Both Mark and Tami believe that a quality education is important in today's world and that parents should be involved in the education of their children.

What is important to meeting the goal of a quality education in a structured environment outside the public school system? We would suggest the following:

1. An educational philosophy
2. A structured environment
3. An appropriate curriculum
4. A planned schedule
5. A system of support
6. A knowledge of local laws

Students

Joshua Tyler Swaim, Age 7 Second Grade

Zachary Taylor Swaim, Age 5.9 First Grade

Elliot Thomas Swaim, Age 4 K4

Swaim Home School Schedule: 2006-2007

**9:30-11:00/11:30 SEATWORK: Math and Language Arts
(Phonics and Writing)**

Joshua: Second Grade Math (Abeka), Phonics (Explode the Code 4,5,6), Sonlight LA2 (Language Arts)

Zachary: Begin with Number Skills K (Abeka). Move on to First Grade Math (Abeka), Phonics (Explode the Code 1,2,3), Manuscript Writing K-2 (School Zone workbook), LA: Modern Curriculum Press Phonics Level A,B

Elliot: Math k4 (Abeka Abc-123), Phonics (Manuscript) Sing,Spell,Read,Write workbook, Art Projects K4 (Abeka), Bible Activity book K4 (Abeka)

Lecture Lesson: As a part of the seatwork time I would like the boys to develop the skill of listening (concentration) and note taking during a "lecture-Hall" setting.

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Materials for Lectures Lessons: Abeka language development charts covering science, geography and social studies, CEF materials and Kingfisher/Usborne encyclopedia "Unit Study" books. For example, Usborne encyclopedia of Space and Kingfisher encyclopedia on the Ocean.

11:00/11:30-1:00 Reading and Read Alouds

Read Alouds

(Read Aloud titles cover: Science, History, Geography, Bible, Christian growth, Literature, Poetry) I will be following the Sonlight teachers guide for notes and schedules.

Read Aloud Grade 2

Sources for the Read-Alouds:

- Sonlight Core 2 Read aloud list (Introduction to World History, Part 2 Dark Ages to present)
- Story of the World History curriculum volume 2 The Middle Ages

History and Geography

- Lecture Lesson: Abeka language development curriculum
- Usborne Children's encyclopedia
- Biographies of Missionaries
- Missions Magazines (monthly)
- Abeka Bible Flash a Card missionary stories (future purchase?)
- CEF Hudson Taylor flash card story (Sunday)
- Workbook: The Complete Book of Maps & Geography
- Chapter book: Paddle-to-the-Sea, Seabird, Tree in Trial
- Wild Places (Explainers)

Sonlight Core 2 History and Geography titles:

- Gladys Aylward
- Maps and Globes
- Catching Their Talk in a Box
- Window on the World
- Peter the Great
- Audio Memory[®] Geography Songs CD Kit (evenings at bed time and quiet time along with SOTW History CDs)
- Eric the Red and Leif the Lucky
- Explorer's News
- Good Queen Bess
- Michelangelo

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- Timeline Figures
- Story of The World Vol 2 Student Pages (Activity book)

Literature and Poetry

- 2A01: A Child's Garden of Verses
- 2A04: Twenty-One Balloons, The
- 2A05: The Door in the Wall
- 2A08: Strawberry Girl
- 2A12: A Little Princess
- 2A14: Ginger Pye
- 2A16: The Little Riders
- 2A19: The Apprentice
- 2A20: The Aesop for Children
- 2A21: Red Sails to Capri
- 2A23: White Stallion of Lipizza
- 2A25: And the Word Came with Power
- 2A27: The Cricket in Times Square
- 2A28: Castle Diary
- 2A29: Kildee House
- 2A30: Tales of Robin Hood
- 2A31: The School Story
- 2A32: The Minstrel in the Tower

Holy Bible

- 2B02: The Awesome Book of Bible Facts
- 2B03: Sing the Word: God Our Provider CD (during evenings bed time and quiet time)
- Beginners Bible (K4-1st) NIRV kids (2nd Gr) Sonlight Bible reading schedule
- Primary Bible Reader (Abeka)
- Hero Tales (Biographies) Sundays

Science

- Ranger Rick, Nature's Friend and various Science magazines
- Nature notebook (Kansas Wildlife federation)
- The Complete Book of Animals (with comprehension questions)
- Biology: How the Body works (Readers Digest) with experiments
- The Usborne Book of Science Activities volume 3
- Handbook to Nature Study, Nature notebook journal
- Magic School bus books
- Usborne children's illustrated encyclopedia

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- Core Knowledge series K-2
- Science experiments books
- James Herriot's Treasury for Children : Warm and Joyful Tales by the Author of All Creatures Great and Small SLK
- The Magic School Bus : (all titles)
- Nature Parables (Downloaded Mrs Gatty)
- Various books about Space
- Usborne Activities for all year round (seasons)

Social studies:

- Houghton Milton textbook and Abeka 1-2 grade textbook

Read Aloud Grades K-1 (Sonlight and Ambleside)

Sources for the Read-Alouds:

- Sonlight and Ambleside

List of Books:

- Preparing Your Child for a Lifetime of Learning (Core Knowledge Series) K-2nd grade
- A Child's Garden Of Verses (Poetry) Ambleside year 1
- The Secret Garden
- Heidi (Children's Classics) SL1
- Pilgrims Progress
- Chronicles of Narnia complete set
- Little House on the Praire (complete set)...may use the Praire Primer curriculum with these.
- Beatrix Potter The Complete collection
- Curious George the complete collection
- Treasury of Children's Poems
- Book of Virtues
- Book of Faith
- Book of Family and Home
- 25 Thorton Burguess chapter books
- 6 Anne of Green Gables
- Treasure Island
- Moby Dick (read by grandma, last visit)
- Much Ado about Nothing (Shakespeare)...don't know how that will go over.
- Charlottes Web
- Pooh Cornor SLK
- Aesop's Fables Ambleside year 1
- Robin Hood

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- Literature book collections by Houghton Mifflin publishers (set of 5)
- The Family Under the Bridge (history)
- Twenty and Ten (history)
- The Light at Tern Rock
- James and the Giant Peach
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Miracles on Maple Hill
- The hundred Dresses
- Mr. Popper's Penguins SL1
- Dolphin Adventure
- The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle
- The Story of Doctor Dolittle SLK
- The Boxcar Children Books 1-4
- Seabird (geography) Ambleside Year 3
- Minn of Mississippi Ambleside
- Pagoo Ambleside
- Tree in the Trail Ambleside Year 2
- The Trumpeter of Krakow (Polish history)

(Read Aloud titles cover: Science, History, Geography, Bible, Christian growth, Literature, Poetry)

Read Aloud Grade K5 & 1st Grade Ancient Civilizations

Sources for the Read-Alouds:

- Story of the World Text and Activity Book (with Student Pages), Usbornes Encyclopedia of World History
- Sonlight Core 1 titles (without following the IG schedule)

History and Geography

- Lecture Lesson: Abeka language development curriculum
- Usborne Children's encyclopedia
- Biographies of Missionaries (Gladys Auckland, The Word Came with Power, Hero Tales, Hudson Taylor, Missionary Stories with the Millers)
- Missions Magazines (monthly)
- Abeka Bible Flash a Card missionary stories (future purchase?)
- CEF Hudson Taylor flash card story (Sunday)

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- Workbook: The Complete Book of Maps & Geography
- Chapter book: Paddle-to-the-Sea, Seabird, Tree in Trial
- Wild Places (Explainers)

History Grade Three

- Abeka grades 1, 2,3 US history text books
- All About America textbook (high school level)
- Helen Keller (Young Yearling Book) (Already read)
- Albert Einstein : Young Thinker (Childhood Of Famous Americans)
- Thomas Edison : Young Inventor (Childhood Of Famous Americans)
- History Pockets, Life in Plymouth, Grades 1-3 (History Pockets)
- History Pockets, Native Americans, Grade 1-3c (History Pockets)
- History Pockets, Ancient Civilizations, Grade 1-3 (History Pockets)
- If You Lived In Colonial Times (If You.)
- If You Traveled West In A Covered Wagon (If You.) (Started)
- LANDMARK HIST AMERICAN PEOPLE (sonlight core 3 title)
- American Adventures I (SL core 3)
- Story of the USA 1 Explorers and Settlers(SL core 3)
- Story of the USA 2 Young Nation(SL core 3)

Literature and Poetry: K5,1st Grade

- Preparing Your Child for a Lifetime of Learning (Core Knowledge Series) K-2nd grade-(If life is too busy for separate books-all inclusive collection)
- A Child's Garden Of Verses (Poetry) Ambleside year 1
- Pilgrims Progress
- Treasury of Children's Poems
- 25 Thorton Burguess chapter books
- Treasure Island
- Moby Dick (read by grandma to Josh last visit)
- Pooh Cornor SLK
- Aesop's Fables Ambleside year 1
- Literature book collections by Houghton Milton publishers (set of 5)
- Mr.Popper's Penguins SL1
- Dolphin Adventure
- The Story of Doctor Dolittle SLK

Grade three read alouds Literature and Poetry:

- The Secret Garden (started)
- Heidi (Children's Classics) SL1

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- Little House on the Praire (complete set)...may use the Praire Primer curriculum with these.
- Little Princess
- Much Ado about Nothing (Shakespeare)
- Charlottes Web
- James and the Giant Peach
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Miracles on Maple Hill
- The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle (started)
- The Boxcar Children Books 1-4 (read 1&2)
- Seabird (geography) Ambleside Year 3 (almost finished)
- Minn of Mississippi Ambleside
- Pagoo Ambleside
- Tree in the Trail Ambleside Year 2 (finished/use as reference for US history)
- The Trumpeter of Krakow (Polish history)

Holy Bible

- Sing the word A-Z (K4&K5), The New Commandment (Grade 3)Sing the Word: God Our Provider CD-grade one (during evenings bed time and quiet time)
- Beginners Bible (K4&K5) NIRV kids (1st & 3rd graders) Primary Bible Reader (Abeka)-Josh to read on his own
- Hero Tales (Biographies) Sundays

Abeka Bible Materials

- LITTLE DROP OF WATER
- PRAYER REQUEST BOOKLET
- CHARACTER DEVEL VISUALS
- BIBLE DOC DRILL
- BIBLE FRIENDS ACT BK
- LARGE ABC BIBLE MEMORY CARDS (memory verses)
- Hymns to learn: Trust and Obey and Standing on the Promises (Abeka song cards)

Science K5 & 1st grade

- Ranger Rick, Nature's Friend and various Science magazines
- The Complete Book of Animals (with comprehension questions) K4-1st graders
- BERENSTAIN BEARS' BIG BOOK OF Nature
- Magic School bus books (all titles have been covered-reread)
- James Herriot's Treasury for Children : Warm and Joyful Tales by the Author of All Creatures Great and Small SLK
- Usborne Activities for all year round (seasons) Projects to choose from

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- “One Small Square: Woods” , “Cactus Desert (One Small Square)” , “Swamp” , “Arctic Tundra” , “Seashore” , “Cave” , “Backyard” , “African Savanna” , “Pond” , “Coral Reef” , “Tropical Rain Forest”(by Donald M. Silver from the Winterpromises curriculum)
- “Butterfly Battle (The Magic School Bus Chapter Book #16)
- “Food Chain Frenzy (The Magic School Bus Chapter Book #17) (new title for the boys)
- “Fishy Field Trip (Magic School Bus #18)” (new title for the boys)
- “Magic School Bus - Bugs, Bugs, Bugs” DVD

Science 3rd Grade

- Biology: How the Body works (Readers Digest) with experiments-3rd grader
- The Usborne Book of Science Activities volume 3-3rd Grader
- Handbook to Nature Study, Nature notebook journal (all students spring-summer)
- Usborne children's illustrated encyclopedia (resource)
- Nature Parables (Downloaded Mrs Gatty)-3rd grader
- Various books about Space-all students as unit study as the boys show interest
- FISH WITH A POLE CD (defending the creationist view)
- COLONEL CORN CD (ditto)
- CD series Defending Creationism (Set of 4)

Social studies: (I often opt to skip SS. I take a very ‘unschooling’ approach to SS topics)

- Houghton Milton textbook and Abeka 1-2 grade textbook (resources available to us)

Teaching Reading

Narration: Reading Comprehension assessment tool

www.amblesideonline.org/DJBNarration.shtml

www.homeschoolhighlights.com/02_narration/print.html

Narration should have more emphasis than workbooks and worksheets. Workbooks are used for introducing new math and phonics skills as well as serve as a reference point for our children if they have to one day take a standardized test. At age six Joshua should be able to draw picture narrations in journals for stories read to him. Another form of narration at this age is drama. Sometime Josh will be given a choice as to which narration form he could use. From time to time Josh should also narrate bits of a chapter or a whole chapter orally. Questions should be used to aid him in his oral narration at this age.

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Reading is when the student reads to the teacher. *Read Aloud* sessions are when the teacher reads to the students.

Reading is covered during the first fifteen minutes of each Read Aloud session

There are two Read Aloud sessions

- **Second Grade Sonlight Core 2 program (one hour)**
- **K4 and First Grade Sonlight Core K and 1 titles (30 minutes)**

Reading Lessons: Joshua Grade 2

Time allotted for review and assessment: 5 minutes

Skills to be introduced

- More complex phonics rules
- Build up sight word vocabulary (rule breakers)
- Special sounds
- Grammar introduction
- Reading for longer duration

Time allotted for actual reading in a book: 10 minutes

Books to be used: Sonlight Grade 2 Regular Readers with reading schedule and study guide.

- 2R02: Frog and Toad are Friends
- 2R03: Frog and Toad Together
- 2R04: Owl at Home
- 2R09: Hill of Fire
- 2R11: Pompeii . . . Buried Alive!
- 2R12: Titanic: Lost and Found
- 2R14: Wagon Wheels
- 2R15: The Big Balloon Race
- 2R16: Mouse Tales
- 2R17: The Beginner's Bible
- 2R18: Daniel's Duck
- 2R19: Nate the Great
- 2R20: The Fire Cat
- 2R21: Greg's Microscope
- 2R22: Frog and Toad All Year
- 2R23: Amelia Bedelia
- 2R24: Surprises
- 2R27: The Sword in the Tree

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In addition to the Sonlight Grade 2 Readers:

- Abeka First Grade set of advanced readers
- High frequency words chart
- Easy readers in the Step Into Reading Program

Reading Lessons: Zachary Grade 1

Time allotted for review and assessment: 10 minutes

Skills to be introduced

- More Basic phonics rules
- Long vowel words-magic e
- Word families/letter blends
- Introduction of a few rule breakers
- Basics of punctuation

Time allotted for actual reading in a book or flashcards: 5 minutes

Books to be used

- Abeka Blend ladder book
- Abeka Booklets set of 10
- Sonlight "I Can Read It" series with flashcards
- Abeka phonics flashcards
- Bob Books Box set A
- Blends/special sounds flashcards

Reading Lessons: Elliot Grade K4

Time allotted for review and assessment: 10 minutes

Skills to be introduced

- Basic phonics rules (sounding out)
- Blending consonant with vowel
- Short vowel-one syllable words

Time allotted for actual reading in a book or flashcards: 5 minutes

Books to be used

- Abeka Blend ladder book
- Abeka Booklets set of 10
- Abeka phonics flashcards

Note: I use the "Teaching Children to Read with Children's Books" and "Phonics A-Z" reading assessment pages. I also use Dr.Fry and Abeka phonics flashcards and charts.

Teaching reading also occurs during computer time with CD-ROMs like: (Reader Rabbit, and Jumpstart)

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Electives (Taught in the Afternoon and Evenings)

Foreign language: Polish (with dad)

- Polish Games
- Conversation practice: Polish friends (play dates)
- Teach polish phonetics (first grade)
- Rosetta Stone (Computer curriculum)

Extra reading and math practice

- Reader Rabbit CD Rom

Art and Music

- Book: "Drawing with Children"
- Classical Kids CDs and Classics for Kids www.classicsforkids.com
- Gather all toy instruments in Living Room and have 'band practice'

Extra-curricular Bible and History

- Audio CDs SOTW and Bible in Living Word
- Sonlight Bible CDs

Physical Education (mom and dad)

- Walk
- Bike Ride
- Motor Car place (bike path)
- Indoor swimming pool

Self initiated Art projects

- Leave the art supplies accessible to the students all day in the classroom

Life Skills: Manners, Helps, Hygiene, Behavior

- Godly character training books
- Daily chore chart accountability, allowance
- Godly attitudes chart series (Sundays)
- Personal Hygiene

Habits to develop:

- Attention
- Obedience
- Manners

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- Truthfulness
- Thoroughness
- Punctuality
- Taking turns
- Doing our best
- Prayer
- Gratitude

Finances and Business: Evening Chores

- Boys are responsible for cleaning the classroom after their art projects and their bedrooms (clothes off floor, toys away, desks organized)
- A chore chart will keep track as to the boy's progress
- Dad will put money in their banks

Philosophy and Goals

List of Attainments for a child of six

"A Formidable List of Attainments for a Child of Six", a reprint of a curriculum outline from a Charlotte Mason school in the 1890's (taken from Summer 93 Parents Review by Karen Andreola

(Words in parenthesis are my own adaptations)

1. To recite, beautifully, 6 easy poems and hymns (Bible Verses)
2. to recite, perfectly and beautifully, a parable and a psalm (Bible stories and verses)
3. to add and subtract numbers up to 10, with dominoes or counters
4. to read--what and how much, will depend on what we are told of the child
5. to copy in print-hand from a book
6. to know the points of the compass with relation to their own home, where the sun rises and sets, and the way the wind blows
7. to describe the boundaries of their own home
8. to describe any lake, river, pond, island etc. within easy reach
9. to tell quite accurately (however shortly) 3 stories from Bible history, 3 from early (USA history), and 3 from early (Ancient Civilization)
10. to be able to describe 3 walks and 3 views
11. to mount in a scrap book a dozen common wildflowers, with leaves (one every week); to name these, describe them in their own words, and say where they found them. (Nature Notebook)
12. to do the same with leaves and flowers of 6 forest trees (Nature Notebook)
13. to know 6 birds by song, color and shape (Nature Notebook)
14. to send in certain Kindergarten or other handiwork, as directed (Seatwork/workbooks-Math and Phonics skills)

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15. to tell three stories about their own "pets"--rabbit, dog or cat. (Fish, snails and bugs :)
16. to name 20 common objects in (Polish), and say a dozen little sentences
17. to sing one hymn, one (Polish) song, and one (American) song
18. to keep a caterpillar and tell the life-story of a butterfly from his own observations.

Skills: Kindergarten

Count to 100 and over, write numbers to 100, ordinal numbers, skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, Practice using calendars, rulers, measuring cups and spoons, money, clock, manipulative and mental adding and subtracting.

- Write all letters (capitals and lower case) from A-Z.
- Know all consonant and vowel sounds, long and short/letter blends/special sounds (Abeka and other phonic charts).
- Focus on phonics, memorizing sight words, special sounds and word formation using flashcards and charts by Dr Fry and Abeka

Skills: First Grade

- Mental Math of addition and subtraction facts. Tell time, basic fractions, an understanding of the theory behind multiplication and division. American and Polish currency recognition, learn the basics of money transactions. Simple word problems, Roman numerals, measuring (US and metric).
- Mastery of all Kindergarten skills
- Read one syllable words, magic e, two vowel long vowel sound, and other phonics rules
- Introductory and mastery of most Sight words, special sounds, rule breakers
- Read easy reader on grade one level with ease and comfort
- Be able to narrate back full chapters
- Improve spelling and writing skills to a first grade level

Skills: Second Grade

There's lots of review in second grade, so that students truly master all the skills presented in first grade. Your child will also learn to recognize familiar words more rapidly, read new words, add and subtract faster, compose more complex sentences, spell many new words, and increase her reading and speaking vocabularies.

- Apply more complex phonics skills in his reading.
- Automatically read the 200 most commonly used words.
- Write sentences using correct punctuation and capitalization.
- Recognize and use nouns and action verbs in sentences.
- Begin writing in cursive.

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- Write legibly in cursive.
- Add and subtract any 2-digit number.
- Handle place value concepts for 3-digit whole numbers.
- Identify time to include half-hour and 5-minute intervals.
- Identify the value of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, and dollars.
- Value people from many cultures.
- Develop a simple understanding of life, earth, and physical sciences.

Skills Resources Kindergarten-2nd Grade:

Flashcards, manipulatives, 100s chart, educational games, computer games, computer book (Power Touch). Board games such as Candy Land, Monopoly, Clue, Memory, Checkers, Connect Four

School Year 2007-2008 Core 3 US History:

- Abeka grades 1 and 2 US history text books
- Helen Keller (Young Yearling Book)
- Albert Einstein : Young Thinker (Childhood Of Famous Americans)
- Thomas Edison : Young Inventor (Childhood Of Famous Americans)
- History Pockets, Life in Plymouth, Grades 1-3 (History Pockets)
- History Pockets, Native Americans, Grade 1-3c (History Pockets)
- History Pockets, Ancient Civilizations, Grade 1-3 (History Pockets)
- If You Lived In Colonial Times (If You.)
- If You Traveled West In A Covered Wagon (If You.)