

Curriculum Comparison Chart

14 well-known options, as each publisher describes them. Check the current edition and price on the publisher's site.

PROGRAM	WHAT IT COVERS IN K	WHO TEACHES	GOOD TO KNOW	FAITH
ALL-IN-ONE PROGRAMS				
Sonlight All-Subjects Package K	History, Bible, read-alouds, readers, phonics, language arts, handwriting, spelling, math, science	Parent, with an Instructor's Guide	Level K is designed for ages 5–7; 4- or 5-day options	Christian
BookShark Level K	Literature-based history, read-alouds and readers; other subjects added	Parent, with a guide	4-day schedule; day 5 left open	Faith-neutral
Oak Meadow Kindergarten	Stories, letters and phonics, play-based math, science, crafts, music and movement	Parent	36 weekly lessons, print-based, no devices needed	Secular
Abeka K5	Phonics, reading, cursive or manuscript writing, numbers, Bible	Video teacher or parent	170 days of lessons; video or Parent Led kits	Christian
My Father's World Kindergarten	26 letter-and-science units: Bible, reading, math, science, art, music	Parent	About 90 minutes a day	Christian
Timberdoodle Kindergarten Kit	Reading, math, thinking skills, STEM, art, history, science	Parent, with a day-by-day scheduler	Very hands-on; parents report 1–3 hours a day	Classic or Nonreligious edition
ONLINE AND FREE				
Time4Learning Kindergarten	Language arts, math, science	The screen; it grades automatically	Early learners: about 30 min to 1 hour a day	Not stated
Easy Peasy All-in-One Homeschool	Preschool through 8th grade, 180 days per level	Parent, using free online lessons	Free	Christian
Khan Academy Kids	Early literacy, reading, writing, math, social-emotional skills	An app	Free, no ads, ages 2–8	Not stated
READING, PHONICS AND HANDWRITING				
The Good and the Beautiful Language Arts Level K	Phonics, reading, writing, spelling, literature, grammar, geography, art	Parent; 120 open-and-go lessons	Free PDF; child should know letter names and sounds first	Faith-based ("God, family")
All About Reading Pre-reading	Pre-reading skills for preschool and kindergarten	Parent, lightly scripted	About 20 minutes a day, multisensory	Not stated
Logic of English Foundations	Phonics, reading, spelling, handwriting	Parent, with a teacher's manual	40 lessons per level; cursive or manuscript	Not stated
Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons	Step-by-step phonics reading	Parent, one book	About 20 minutes a day	Not stated
Handwriting Without Tears	Print handwriting, TK to grade 2	Parent	Multisensory letter formation	Not stated

"Faith" uses each publisher's own words. "Not stated" means the publisher's page we read did not describe the program as religious or secular. For kindergarten math, see the Math Curriculum Chart on amgroyal.com. No links are affiliate links.

Which One Fits Our Family?

Tick one answer per question. The pattern of ticks points to the type of program to sample first.

1. Is our child ready to read?

- ☐ Knows most letters and sounds ☐ Knows some letters ☐ Not yet

Not yet? Start with a pre-reading or Kindergarten Prep level, read aloud every day, and revisit in a few months.

2. Who will teach most days?

- ☐ Me, from a guide ☐ A video teacher ☐ An app, with me nearby

At this age even video and apps need a grown-up close by.

3. How much prep can I do each week?

- ☐ Almost none: open and go ☐ About an hour ☐ I enjoy gathering crafts and books

4. Faith content

- ☐ We want it built in ☐ We want none ☐ Does not matter ☐ Must meet our funding program's rules

5. How does our child learn best?

- ☐ Stories and read-alouds ☐ Hands-on and games ☐ Short, clear workbook pages ☐ Screens hold attention

6. Our plan for the year

- ☐ One all-in-one program ☐ Reading + math only ☐ Free resources first ☐ We will reuse it for a sibling

Our shortlist (sample lessons first)

1. _____ Sample tried ☐

2. _____ Sample tried ☐

3. _____ Sample tried ☐

Must-haves _____

Deal-breakers _____

Already own _____

Budget for the year _____

Our Kindergarten Week

Short sittings add up. Write what you did, not what you planned; blank boxes are fine.

BLOCK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Reading & phonics 10–20 min					
Math 10–15 min					
Handwriting 5–10 min					
Read-aloud 15–20 min					
Explore science, art, outside					

Week 1

- ☐ Lessons felt the right length ☐ Too long
☐ Tears or battles

WHAT CLICKED

Week 2

- ☐ Lessons felt the right length ☐ Too long
☐ Tears or battles

WHAT CLICKED

Week 3

- ☐ Lessons felt the right length ☐ Too long
☐ Tears or battles

WHAT CLICKED

Week 4

- ☐ Lessons felt the right length ☐ Too long
☐ Tears or battles

WHAT CLICKED

After 30 days

- ☐ Keep it ☐ Keep it, but slow down ☐ Switch one subject ☐ Pause and read aloud for a month

WHY

Before you switch

Most kindergarten trouble is lesson length, not the program. Halve the lesson for a week, stop while it is still going well, and see if the tears stop.