

 *A Beka Book*[®]

Homeschool Parent's Guide to Curriculum & Scheduling



How to Use A Beka Book Curriculum / Lesson Plans in Your Homeschool

1. *A Beka Book* Curriculum/Lesson Plans are designed to guide parents in teaching average children. The Curriculum/Lesson Plans have been used for more than 50 years in Christian schools and homeschools.
2. Because children need reinforcement of material that has been taught, the Curriculum/Lesson Plans include oral and written review.
3. Parents using the Curriculum/Lesson Plans need to cover each point under Preparation and Procedure with their child. Each aspect of the lesson is important to the complete education of the child.
4. Visuals are often suggested to enhance learning. A suggested minimum list is included in the *A Beka Book* Homeschool Order Form under "Recommendations." These visuals are highly recommended for use in instructing the child. Several visuals have been printed especially for homeschool parents.

Phonics Charts and Games	<i>K4-K5</i>
Numbers Charts and Games	<i>K4-K5</i>
Learning Games	<i>K4-K5</i>
Arithmetic 1 Charts and Games	<i>Gr. 1</i>
Arithmetic 2 Charts and Games	<i>Gr. 2</i>
Arithmetic 3-8 Charts	<i>Gr. 3-8</i>
Language 4-6 Charts	<i>Gr. 4-6</i>
Geography Teaching Maps	<i>Gr. 4</i>
Old World History / Geography Maps A	<i>Gr. 5</i>
New World History / Geography Maps B	<i>Gr. 6</i>
Science Teaching Charts	<i>Gr. 4-6</i>
Health Teaching Charts	<i>Gr. 4-6</i>

5. *A Beka Book* Curriculum/Lesson Plans save parents many hours of planning and preparation. Using them assures that each page of the textbooks, quiz books, and test books is assigned at an average pace for the grade.
6. Curriculum/Lesson Plans combined with the suggested basic time schedule allow homeschooling parents time to teach their children and

still have time to care for other responsibilities. Suggestions for the order of the day are given on the next page. The times may vary slightly, but parents who use the total *A Beka Book* program have said that these times are sufficient for teaching. Often the child will use additional time to work independently.

7. Parents often have several children to teach at one time. See the last page for a sample of how to set up a master time schedule at home. Notice that the child needs parental instruction from the Curriculum/Lesson Plans as well as independent seatwork or practice time. Keep in mind that a kindergarten child does not have a long attention span and generally cannot do seatwork until second semester. Grades 1-2 have similar schedules and Grades 3-6 are very much alike in format. This should help you in planning your own master time schedule for your homeschool.
8. Special homeschool Curriculum/Lesson Plans have been written for the following subjects:

K4 Phonics/Reading/Writing	
K4 Numbers	
K5 Phonics/Reading/Writing	
K5 Numbers	
Phonics / Reading 1	<i>Gr. 1</i>
Writing / Seatwork 1	<i>Gr. 1</i>
Arithmetic 1	<i>Gr. 1</i>
Phonics/Reading 2	<i>Gr. 2</i>
Writing/Seatwork 2	<i>Gr. 2</i>
Arithmetic 2	<i>Gr. 2</i>
Reading/Phonics 3	<i>Gr. 3</i>
Language Arts 3	<i>Gr. 3</i>
Arithmetic 3	<i>Gr. 3</i>
Science/Health 3	<i>Gr. 3</i>
History 3	<i>Gr. 3</i>
Language Arts 4	<i>Gr. 4</i>
Arithmetic 4	<i>Gr. 4</i>
Science/Health 4	<i>Gr. 4</i>
History 4	<i>Gr. 4</i>
Language Arts 5	<i>Gr. 5</i>
Arithmetic 5	<i>Gr. 5</i>
Science/Health 5	<i>Gr. 5</i>
History 5	<i>Gr. 5</i>
Language Arts 6	<i>Gr. 6</i>
Arithmetic 6	<i>Gr. 6</i>
Science/Health 6	<i>Gr. 6</i>
History 6	<i>Gr. 6</i>

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Recommended Schedule for Subjects

with Estimated Time of Parent Teaching*

Kindergarten

Phonics	10 min.
Writing	10–15 min.
or	
Reading (later in year)	8–12 min.
Activity Time (Science/Social Studies/Fine Arts)	10–15 min.
Numbers/Numbers Writing	10–15 min.
Phonics Review	5–10 min.

Grades 1–2

Phonics (Spelling/Language)	15 min.	
Seatwork	5 min.	
(Children work independently 30–60 min. during the day.)	Explanation time	
Reading	15 min.	
Writing	15 min.	
Arithmetic	30–35 min.	
Reading	15 min.	
Additional Activities	15–20 min.	
1st Quarter	Comm. Helpers (Gr. 1)	3x/week
2nd Quarter	Science	3x/week
3rd Quarter	History	3x/week
4th Quarter	Health	3x/week
Music		1x/week
Art		1x/week

Grade 3

Arithmetic	30 min.
Seatwork	1–2 min.
(Children work independently 20–30 min. during the day.)	Explanation time
Reading	15 min.
Language	15 min.
Spelling/Poetry	10–15 min.
Penmanship	15 min.
Reading	15 min.
Science (first semester)/ History (second semester)	15 min.
Additional Activities	15 min.
Music	1x/week
Art	1x/week

Grades 4–6

Arithmetic	30 min.
Language	25 min.
Reading	20 min.
Spelling/Poetry	10–15 min.
Penmanship	10 min.
History	20 min.
Science/Health	20 min.
Additional Activities	15 min.
Music	1x/week
Art	1x/week
(Children work independently throughout the day on various practice exercises and reading assignments.)	

* Times may vary.

SAMPLE

A Beka Book Homeschool Combination Grade Schedule

Time	Kindergarten	Grade 2	Grade 4
8:15 *Bible / Devotions		
8:45			<u>Language</u>
9:00		<u>Phonics</u>	Independent—Language
9:15	<u>Phonics/Writing or Reading</u>	Seatwork— Letters and Sounds	Independent— Language/Spelling
9:30	<u>Social Studies/ Science/Art</u>	Seatwork—Language	Independent—Read
9:45	Play/ <u>Art</u> (5 min.)	Seatwork—Spelling	<u>Read</u> (10 min.)
10:00	Art/ <u>Read</u> (5 min.)	<u>Read</u> (10 min.)	Independent—Arithmetic
10:15	<u>Phonics Review</u> (5 min.)/ <u>Numbers</u> (10 min.)	Silent Reading	Independent—Arithmetic
10:30	<u>Numbers</u> (5 min.)	Seatwork—Arithmetic	<u>Arithmetic</u> (10 min.)
10:45		<u>Arithmetic</u>	Independent—History
11:00		<u>Arithmetic/Writing</u>	Independent—Science
11:15		Seatwork—Writing	<u>Arithmetic</u>
11:30		<u>Read</u> (5 min.)	<u>Spelling/Penmanship</u> (10 min.)
11:45 LUNCH		
12:00 LUNCH		
12:15		<u>Read</u>	Independent—Penmanship
12:30			<u>History</u>
12:45			<u>Science</u>
1:00 <u>Additional Activities</u>		

*Underline indicates directed teaching by parent. Allow some time (10–30 min.) each day for children to do homework in grades one and above. Most homework in grades four and above is independently done.

