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Timberdoodle's Curriculum Handbook

TIMBERDOODLE SAMPLE PAGES

A young girl with dark hair in two braids, wearing a bright pink sweater, is sitting at a wooden table. She is holding a paintbrush and painting a colorful abstract artwork on a piece of paper. The artwork features various shapes and colors like yellow, orange, pink, and purple. There are other papers and a blue container on the table. The background is plain white.

Welcome to Kindergarten



We're So Glad You're Here!

Congratulations on choosing to homeschool your child this year! Whether this is your first year as a teacher or your tenth, we're confident you'll find that there is very little that compares to watching your child's learning take off. In fact, teaching can be quite addictive, so be forewarned!

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

Preparing for your first "school day" is very easy. Peruse this guide, look over the typical schedule, browse the introductions in your books, and you will be ready to go.



We're Here to Help You

We would love to assist you if questions come up, so please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns. Whether you contact us by phone, email, or live online chat, you will get a real person who is eager to serve you and your family. Have an absolutely amazing year with your child!



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Meet Your Guide

THREE QUICK TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED

All the Details Included

This Timberdoodle Curriculum Kit is available in three different standard levels: Basic, Complete, or Elite. This allows you to choose the assortment best suited to your child's interest level, your family's schedule, and your budget. In this guide, you'll find an overview and any tips for each of the items included in the Elite Curriculum Kit. If you purchased a Basic, Complete, or if you customized your kit, you chose not to receive every item, so you'll only need to familiarize yourself with the ones which were included in your kit.

Simple Is Better

We really believe that, so your guide is as simple as we could make it. First up are the annual planner and sample weekly checklists, the absolute backbones of Timberdoodle's Curriculum Kits. More on those in a moment. Next up are short bios of each item in your

kit, ideal for refreshing your memory on why each is included or to show Dad exactly what your kindergartner will be covering this year. We've also thrown in our tips or tricks to make this year more awesome for all of you. Finally, we'll conclude with favorite articles and tidbits amassed in our 30 years of homeschool experience.

Why Week by Week Works

We know you. OK, maybe not you personally, but we have yet to meet a homeschooler who didn't have other irons in the fire. From homesteading or running a business to swimming lessons or doctor's appointments, your weeks are not dull. A daily schedule could overwhelm you both, but having a weekly checklist is the perfect blend of enough structure to finish in a timely fashion and enough freedom that your adventures won't make for stressful catch-up days. Relax; this is so doable!

Planning Your Year

HOW TO USE TIMBERDOODLE'S PLANNERS

If You Want to Finish It This Year

A standard school year is 36 weeks long, so that's what our samples here will show. But your family does not have to use that schedule! Perhaps you'd like to expedite this year so all school is done before baby arrives? Or perhaps your family prefers to school year-round and keep that brain sharp?

Use the Customizer

On the next pages you'll find sample weekly checklists for Basic, Complete, and Elite kits. Before you photocopy 36 of them, take a moment to check out the custom schedule builder that came free with your kit. At www.TimberdoodleSchedules.com, you'll not only easily adjust the weeks, but also tweak the checklist to include exactly what you want listed.

Designed for Maximum Flexibility

No two families are identical, so don't expect your pace or daily school time to be identical.

Off to the dentist's this week? You won't fall behind by taking a day off. Or perhaps you'd like to save science for Saturdays so Daddy can play? Again, perfect! You even have a little slush room in most subjects, so don't hesitate to trim the lessons short on a long week.

Normal

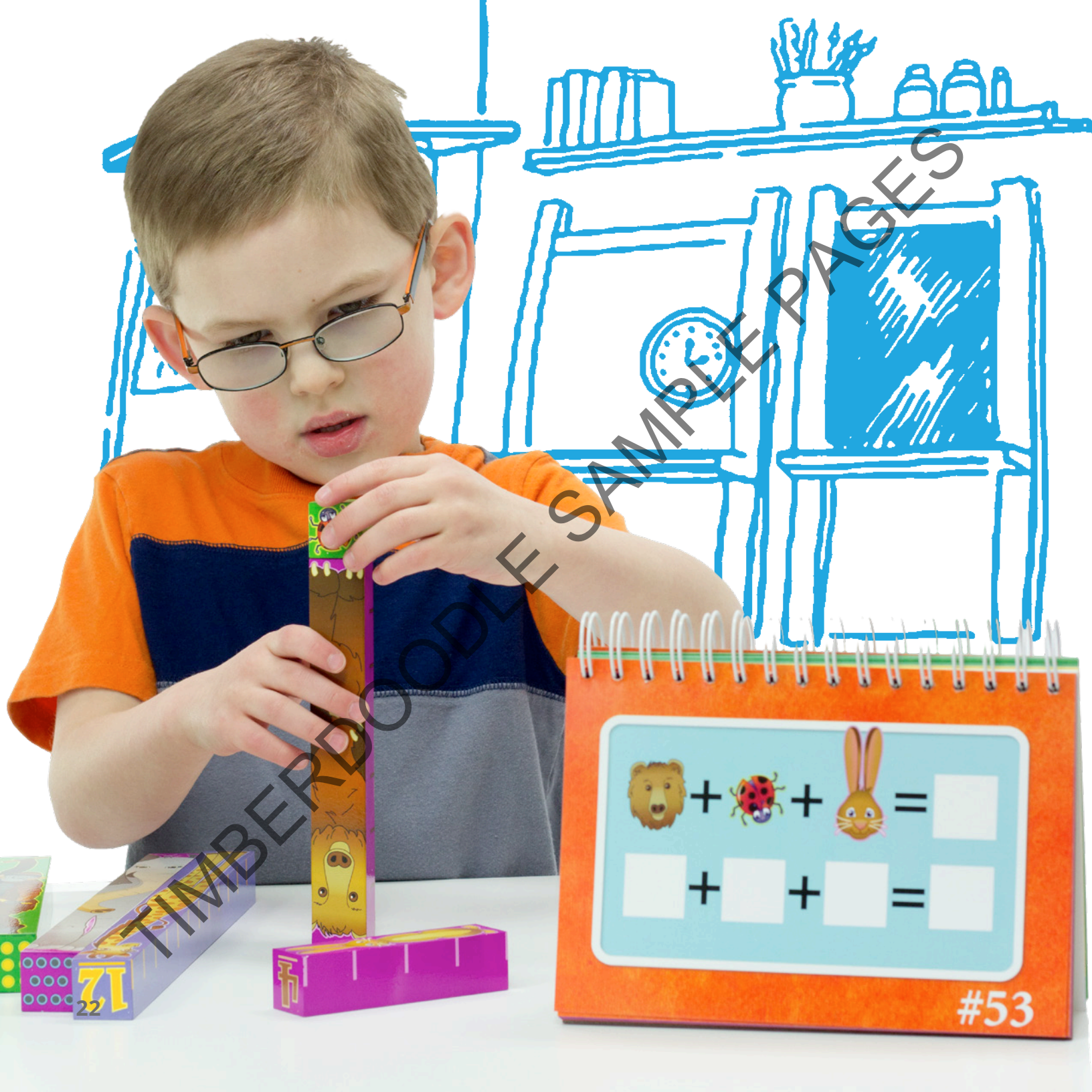
We asked parents who used this kit last year how long their student spent on "school." Over 80% of them estimated that they spent 30 minutes to 3 hours a day on their kit. That is not only a wide variation, but it also means nearly 20% were outside that window. Make sure you allow yourself and your child some time to find your own rhythm!

Meeting State Requirements

Check <https://www.hslda.org/laws> to see your specific requirements. For many states it is sufficient to simply hang on to your completed and dated weekly checklists along with a sampling of your child's best work this year.

WEEKLY CHECKLIST (COMPLETE)

Language Arts	The Reading Lesson	11 pages																		
	I Can Doodle Rhymes	2-3 pages																		
	Handwriting K	1 1/2 lessons																		
	Phonics Readers	1 book (when ready)																		
	Spelling A: Listen & Write	5 days work																		
Math	Mathematical Reasoning A	7 pages																		
	Inchimals	3 puzzles																		
Thinking	Developing the Early Learner	7 pages																		
	Logik Street	2-3 puzzles																		
Geography	Beginning Geography	2-3 pages																		
	GEOpuzzles	once a week																		
History	Bede's History of Me	1 week's work																		
	Sticker Dressing	1 scene																		
Science	Not Too Messy Science	1 week's work																		
	First Science Dictionary	2-3 pages																		
	Tinkerlab book	2 experiments																		
	Anatomy (of your choice)	1+ a week																		
Art	Big Drawing Book	2-3 pages																		
	Chirp Chirp Painting	1 a month																		
	Skwooshi	once a week																		
Etc.	What Your Kindergartner...	5-6 selections																		



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Mathematics

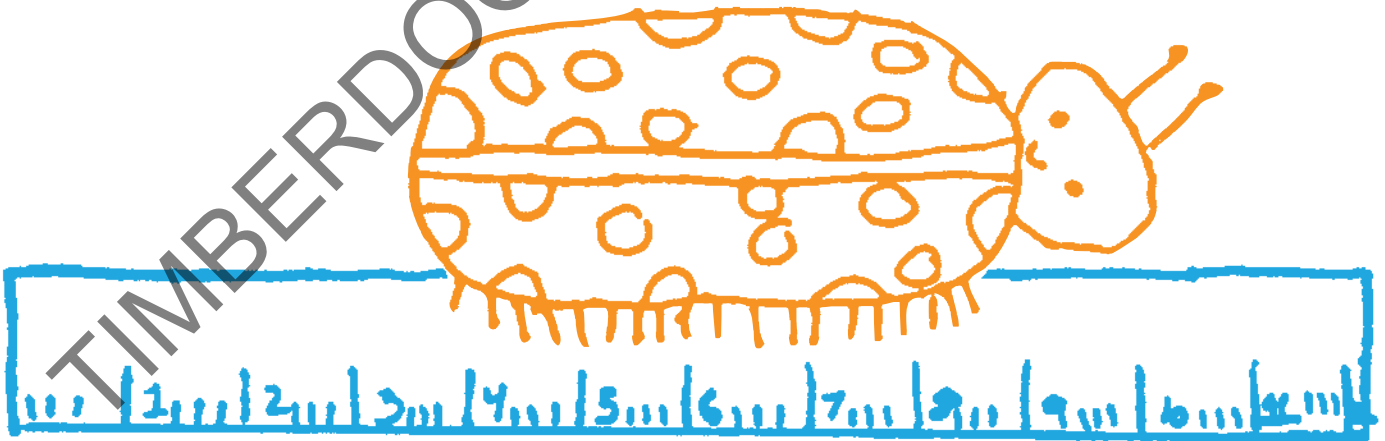
Real World Concepts

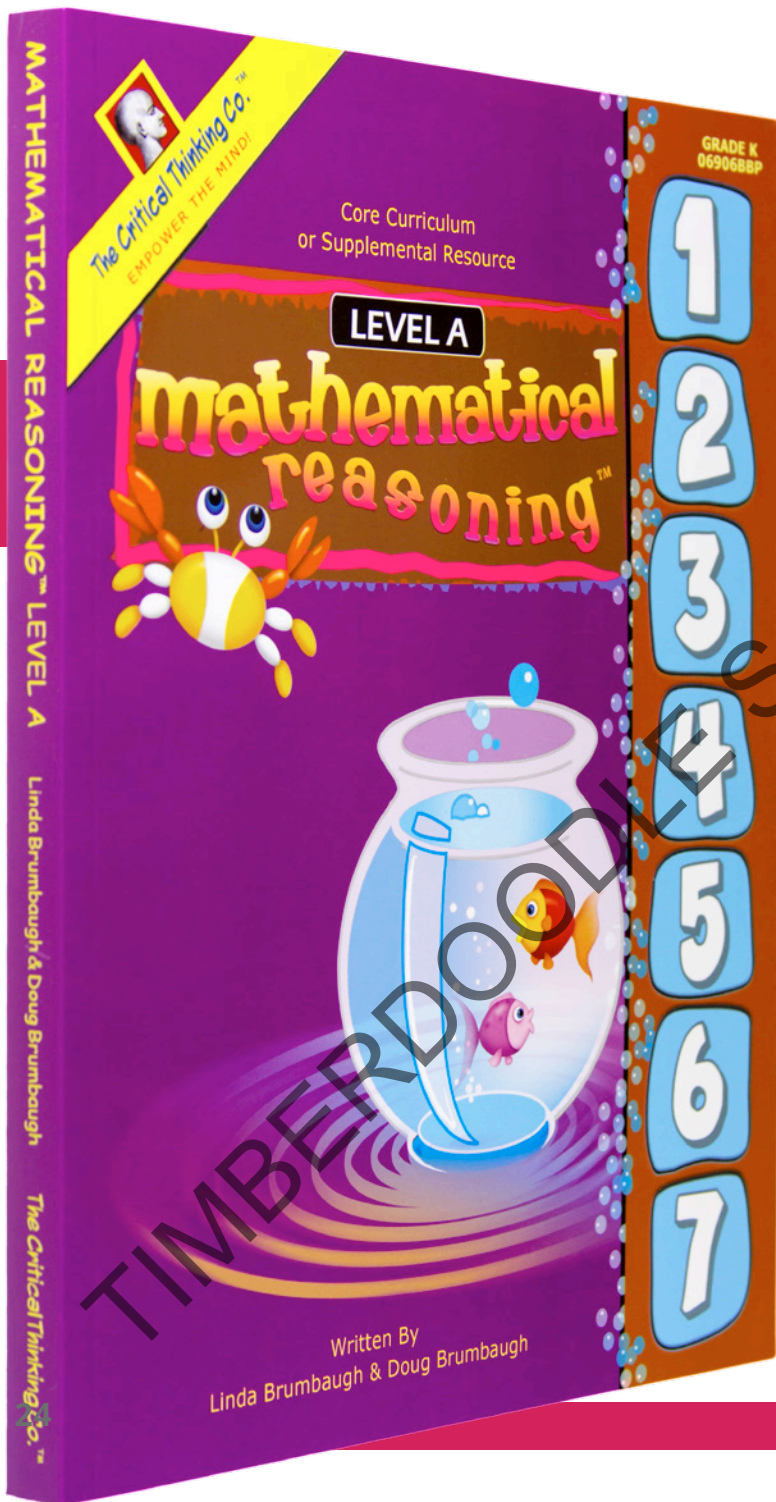
Basic math is a critical skill for your child to master, whether he grows up to be a carpenter, doctor, accountant, or farmer. But all too often math programs rely on memorization instead of comprehension, leaving the student at a disadvantage.

That's not going to happen to your child! The real-world math problems posed in Mathematical Reasoning combine with the hands-on puzzles found in Inchimals for an unbeatable kindergarten math program.

Put Him to Work!

Don't stop with the curriculum, though. Start using math aloud throughout your day. Have him count how many plates you need for dinner tonight. What if Grandpa and Grandma join you? How many eggs are left in the tray? Could he crack 4 for the omelets? Oops, that one broke, how many are left?





MATHEMATICAL REASONING

What if math was taught like thinking skills with number skills used as tools to solve problems and improve logic skills? Mathematical Reasoning does just that! These highly motivational activities will take your child beyond mere drill work by using step-by-step problem solving until your child is able to reason his way through any mathematical problem. Concepts spiral gradually so that children do not forget as they go! Included in every standard curriculum kit.

Scheduling

Plan on 7 pages a week to complete this in a school year.

BASIC

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INCHIMALS

Begin by having your child sequence the Inchimals blocks from the shortest to the longest. Because of its precise inch segments, Inchimals can also be used to guess and measure common items around the house. Or build a corral for those Lego® horses and chat about perimeter.

Next, use the Inchimals to build a tower or form a train while you familiarize your child with addition and subtraction. He will quickly grasp that one frog (2") plus one monkey (9") equals one elephant (11"). Or one ostrich (10") minus one mouse (3") equals one bear (7"). See how easy it is?

And that's before you even cracked open the puzzle book with 100 write-on/wipe-off math puzzles in a spiral-bound book that explore counting, number value and recognition, addition, subtraction, equivalent sums, and multiple numbers.

Scheduling

Plan to have your child complete 3 problems a week from the book, occasionally repeating a problem that was tricky for him last week.

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