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1. Check your order

We've made every effort to pack your collection carefully. Please take a moment to make sure you've received everything you ordered.

CONTACT US WITHIN 2 WEEKS IF ANYTHING IS MISSING OR INCORRECT.

2. Get to know your collection

The following unboxing sheets will give you a brief introduction to each component of your collection.

IMPORTANT: Carefully read the teacher and student information in the front of each guide.

3. Browse the schedules

The *Suggested Yearly Schedule* is just that, a suggestion. Our materials are designed to adapt to your schedule, your teaching style, and your student's learning style.

The *Weekly Literature Schedule* is also a suggestion, but over many years, this approach has proven to be a great tool in helping students succeed and flourish.

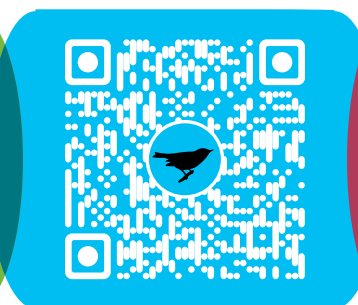
4. Explore our support resources:

Parent/Teacher Info



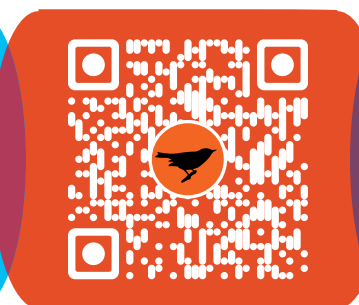
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Thank you for choosing a Grade Level Collection!

We've made every effort to pack your collection carefully. Please take a moment to make sure you have received everything included in your order.

Your 1st Grade Collection contains the following items:

READING | WRITING | PHONICS: Hatchling Volume 2

Phonics Workbooks/Guides

- 2A - Long Vowel Patterns Part 1
- 2B - Long Vowel Patterns Part 2
- 2C - Vowel Partners
- 2D - Bossy Consonants
- 2E - Double Consonants
- 2F - Silent Consonants
- 2G - Word Endings
- Teacher Helps
- Phonetic Object Cutout Sheets
- 6 Phonetic Object Tins
- 1 Deck Phonetic Object Cards

13 PICTURE BOOKS: Hatchling Volume 2

- Winter Bees
- Snowflake Bentley
- The Mitten Tree
- Annie and the Wild Animals
- Hedgeie's Surprise
- Armadillo Rodeo
- Corduroy
- Harry the Dirt Dog
- Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile
- The Little Scarecrow Boy
- Look What I Did With a Leaf
- Fletcher and the Falling Leaves
- 1000 Animals

INDEPENDENT READERS

- Frog and Toad Collection
- Henry and Mudge Collection

HATCHLING ACCESSORIES

- Toobaloo
- Letter Formation Sand Tray
- Moveable Alphabet

CALENDAR of DAYS: 1st Grade

- Calendar of Days Journal
- Whiteboard Daily Journal
- Whiteboard Markers
- Whiteboard Eraser
- Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt
- Fresh Picked Poetry

KICKSTARTER BOOKS: Volume 2

- 15 Coloring Booklets
- 12 Colored Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener

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Now that you've checked your package, let's learn about each item...

The following information will help you become familiar with each piece of your collection.

READING | WRITING | PHONICS: Hatchling Volume 2

Includes:

1. Teacher Helps booklet with introductory information, and strategies for the teacher. Please read this information carefully. Within this material you will discover tips, suggested schedules, and more.
2. 7 yellow student workbooks (2A—2G), 13 picture books, and 1 booklet of picture cut-outs to be used for weekly phonics introduction. Each workbook is organized according to the phonics instruction, and will prompt your student into the learning and journaling process along the way with an embedded daily schedule. Our curriculum is designed with a built-in Teacher/Mentor to support each step of the student's journey.
3. 6 tins of miniature phonetic objects and 1 deck of corresponding phonetic flash cards designed to provide a multi-sensory element to the child's work and to support meaningful mastery.
4. Independent readers, *The Frog and Toad Collection*, and *Henry and Mudge Collection*, are leveled, early readers and are an excellent way to practice new found skills. Delightful characters and stories will quickly become household favorites!

Over the course of 24 weeks your student will use all of these components to be introduced systematically to the tools that will guide them into the wide world of reading and writing joyfully.



Hatchling Accessories

Toobaloo

This auditory feedback device is an amazingly simple yet effective tool. By speaking softly into the Toobaloo, words are isolated so they can be clearly heard, allowing the child to self correct pronunciation and accelerate understanding and acquisition of phonics and vocabulary.



Letter Formation Sand Tray

A wooden tray used to practice large and fine motor control as well as the development of early letter formation skills.

Moveable Alphabet

A complete wooden alphabet with multiples of each letter, it is an indispensable tool with countless uses. Used along with Hatchling Volumes 1 and 2 for workbook exercises, spelling practice, review, and more. This tool is useful well beyond Hatchling years.

Calendar of Days: 1st Grade

How many days left until summer? Learn the answer to this important question! Daily journaling of numbers, weather, seasons, months, and weeks creates a sense of anticipation for each new day. This yearlong unit is designed to begin each school day, building confidence and independent observational skills into your students.

At the front of the journal is a single page of instructional material. Read through this material carefully. Following this page are sample pages to give you an idea of what is expected.

This set includes: Calendar of Days Journal, Whiteboard, Dry erase markers, *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*, and *Fresh Picked Poetry*.



Kickstarter Books: Volume 2

This set includes 15 coloring booklets, 12 colored pencils and a pencil sharpener. Each booklet introduces two new words, increasing your student's sight word vocabulary in a fun and engaging way.






1st Grade

Grade Level Collection | Suggested Yearly Schedule

This 40 week schedule represents about 9 months on the calendar, allowing for 175–180 days of instruction after accounting for breaks and holidays.

The following is a suggested outline showing how the pieces of your Grade Level Collection can be puzzled together over the course of the school year. Any of the elements can be staggered and/or spread out in order to meet your particular needs, creating a varied and comprehensive learning experience.

1 = Week Number  = 1 Week in Workbook  = Review or Complete  = No Assignment

Hatching: Volume 2 • 5 days/week, 35-45 minutes/day • 31 Weeks

After completing each workbook, use an additional week for review and reinforcement.

2A					2B					2C					2D					2E					2F					2G					Overall Review				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Calendar of Days: 1st Grade • 5 days/week, 15 minutes/day • 40 Weeks

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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Kickstarter Books: Volume 2 • 5 days/week, 15 minutes/day • 30 Weeks (15 Books)

Complete 1 book every other week, review on the alternate weeks.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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Frog & Toad / Henry & Mudge • 1 book per week

Complete 1 book per week, when finished with both collections, start over again!

Frog & Toad										Henry & Mudge																													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Moveable Alphabet • Sand Tray • Toobaloo

These tools are used for discovery, application, practice, and fun! Use them along with the weekly lessons to enhance learning, use them between lessons for review. Be creative, make up games and activities. The more students engage in multi sensory work, the better the learning and assimilation of new skills and ideas will be.