

Teaching Textbooks

Additional comments:

I love that I don't have to remember how to divide fractions or find the area of a trapezoid! They teach the kids and it's easy to go back and refresh your memory if you forgot how to do it. Also the lessons are not 20 of the same type of question repeated over and over, they throw in review questions from previous lessons so it doesn't get too redundant.

My daughter struggled in her early elementary education years with math. We used Saxon with her prior to switching to Teaching Textbooks. I LOVED the thoroughness of Saxon; however, the repetition and black and white approach of that program bored her. We switched to Teaching textbooks when she was in 3rd grade. Her confidence in math SOARED. She completed 2 math books in 3rd grade AND completed two math levels in 4th grade. She needed a different program, and Teaching Textbooks boosted her confidence. As a parent, I LOVE that she instantly knows if she got a problem correct. I love the grade book and can see which problems tend to give her more difficulty. This year, the computer learning portion bored her. I taught the more difficult concepts to her OR she read through the lesson herself. She definitely became CONFIDENT and gained INDEPENDENCE with this program. Although I don't think this is the best math program, I do believe this is a great program for our oldest.

If you would like to speak to a Sage Oak parent that uses this curriculum, please let your TF/EA know and they will be happy to provide you with their contact information.

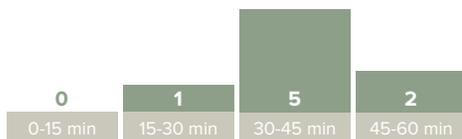
Overall, how many stars would you give this curriculum? One star being lowest, four stars being highest.



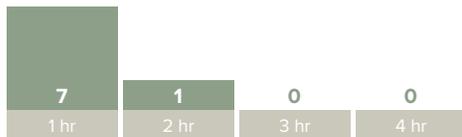
Did you use this curriculum exactly as laid out or did you adjust it to meet the needs of your family?



Approximately how long did it take to complete each lesson in its entirety?



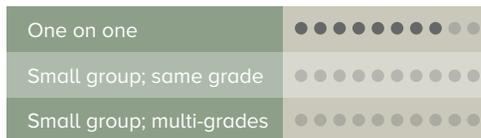
Please rate the amount of parent preparation required before the lesson can be taught or curriculum can be used.



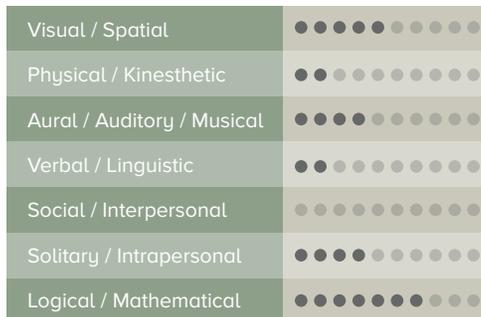
Which statement best describes this curriculum? The teaching method of the curriculum is...



In which setting(s) can this curriculum be used for?



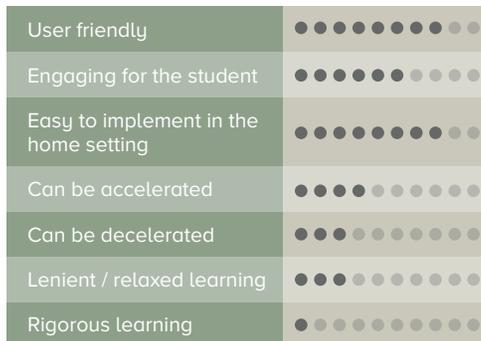
What type of learning style(s) would best benefit from this curriculum?



Which educational philosophy do you feel aligns with this curriculum?



I believe this curriculum is...



In your opinion, what are three "pros" to this curriculum?

- Kids love it.
- No prep or teaching from parent.
- Lessons are not too repetitive.
- CD rom.
- Simple and logical instruction.
- Parent doesn't give the lesson.
- The "tutor" style of teaching; the answers can be immediately accessed.
- Wrong answers are explained step by step.
- I love the instant feedback if problems are correct/incorrect & spiral method (constant review over several days).
- I can allow my oldest to work independently through her entire lesson while I work more one-on-one with my younger children.
- Very clear explanations.
- Self-correcting.
- PC interactive or paper choice.
- Continually reviewing concepts.

In your opinion, what are the "cons" to this curriculum?

- Many people say it doesn't cover everything.
- Some may find repetition to be annoying.
- Large lesson book.
- May take child a year to complete whole book.
- It's easy to let the child go on his own and miss the fact that they may be getting a concept wrong over many lessons, before you catch it.
- This is not a hands-on learning approach. (The program is not designed for kinesthetic learners).
- It is at least 1/2 a grade level behind. The lower grade levels expect students to know addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts (not much review on basic facts).
- It seems to be "behind" in grade levels, so if your child is in 6th grade, grade 7th would align better with current standards.