Homeschool bundle includes:

• Student Edition Package
• Teacher Resource DVD
• Guide on the Side
• ExamView® Assessment Suite CD
Thank you for choosing Pearson to help you on your homeschool journey. Making the right decision about homeschooling can set your child on an exciting path to a lifetime of learning and success. Pearson makes it easy for you to inspire a joy of learning with flexible programs to fit your child's unique learning style. This built-in flexibility lets you set the schedule and the pace that works for you and your child. As you read through this guide and review the included materials, you'll experience how easy it is to personalize the curriculum to match your child's learning style and ensure success with our engaging programs.

Plus, you can rest assured that all of the fundamentals for success are included. The homeschool curriculum you have chosen has been thoughtfully developed and tested by seasoned professionals, to make sure your child receives the finest education.

Welcome to Pearson Homeschool!
Preparation

It is always an exciting time when you get to open the box with your new curriculum. All of the books and materials are colorful, the pages are crisp and they are filled with the possibilities of the coming year. The anticipation of using the books and teaching your child is new and fresh. Like the air after a spring shower, it is invigorating. You can’t wait until you can get started.

Open the bundle of materials, flip through the pages of each book, take in how they look and feel. Get familiar with all of the components. Let your child share in the excitement and catch the enthusiasm you have for starting this new adventure. These will be your companions over the course of the next year.

Once you get familiar with the material, you may experience the overwhelming feeling that is common to homeschool parents: “How will I ever cover all of this material?” You may be flooded with insecurities that you don’t know or remember the subject or content. All of these are normal thoughts and experiences for anyone who has homeschooled.

Remember the value of the journey you are on. Focus on the reasons you chose to homeschool in the first place, the daily interaction with your child, and teaching them how to learn. As the tutor, you as the parent don’t have to know all of the material. It’s fine to learn it with your child as you go through the material together. You are the guide for your child as you journey with them through the learning process.
Overview

The Scott Foresman Reading Street homeschool bundles include the following components:

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Reading Street delivers classic and soon-to-be classic literature, scientifically research-based instruction, and a wealth of groundbreaking experiences.

Using the Materials

Student Edition Package

These 2-volume packages (6 volumes for grade 1), feature high-quality, authentic literature organized around units that develop grade-level science and history/social science concepts. Reading selections emphasize comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills and offer opportunities for cross-textual reading in content areas. Envision It! and Words! provide additional practice with target skills and strategies in a visual format.

Each Student Edition begins with Envision It!, which is a Visual Comprehension Skills and Strategies Handbook that serves as a reference and review and allows readers to experience the power of using skills and strategies together to make deep meaning from text. Six units with six weekly lessons each span across the Student Edition volumes. These weekly lessons focus on a Big Question that connects all reading, vocabulary, and writing for a full six weeks to help your child reach a deeper level of understanding.

Each week, the main reading selection and the paired reading selection in each unit allows your child an opportunity to read across texts and find support for the different genres such as biographies, fables, folk tales, fairy tales, and more. Think Critically questions follow the main reading section followed by Meet the Author/Illustrator which brings a face and story background to their reading.

The Reading Street program then presents your child with a series of questions that requires higher-order thinking as they progress through the material. These features are found throughout the text in highlighted boxes and callouts. Vocabulary and Fluency is covered in the Let’s Learn It section of each lesson. Teaching tips are embedded along the way under the Objectives icon on each lesson page to guide you and your child throughout the lessons.
**Teacher Resource DVD**

The Teacher Resource DVD includes all of the instruction materials you will need. Follow the installation instructions to install the program. The Table of Contents home screen provides easy access to all of the resources on the DVD. Use the Exit, Home and Back buttons at the bottom of the program to navigate through the material. The Table of Contents home page provides access to a number of printable resources including:

- Activities and worksheets by unit and subject such as Vocabulary
- Practice Books for parents and students with daily activities such as games, quizzes, reading and writing exercises matched to each unit and lesson week
- Teaching Guides for each unit that include Blank Lesson Planners and Scoring Rubrics for Writing
- Vocabulary Resources which include Amazing Word Cards, Envision It Picture Word Cards and High Frequency Word Cards all with designated unit and weekly lesson alignment

**Guide on the Side**

The Guide on the Side is an amazing handbook that supports effective literacy instruction. It provides a framework of routines and example activities that include instructional routines and mini-lessons, a comprehensive writing workshop, and guidance for assessing, grouping, and monitoring your child’s progress.

In addition, it provides your family resources for creating and implementing learning communities. These include:

- Suggestions to plan and pace your instruction to fit your child
- Instructional strategies and routines
- Everyday ideas to reinforce skills and strategies
- Lesson planning templates for reading and writing

**ExamView® Assessment Suite CD**

Insert the DVD and follow the instructions to load the program. Register as Homeschool, Teacher and English as subject area. Click the Help button in the upper tool bar and select Training Center for access to online training videos. Select Software Training and then Examview for a full set of training videos.

This easy-to-use Assessment Suite software allows you to create, customize and print tests. It will allow you to analyze the test results and prescribes reteaching activities when needed. This includes:

- Baseline tests
- Fresh Reads from Fluency and Comprehension
- Weekly Tests
- Unit and End-of-Year Benchmark Tests

All of these features are available from the home screen. Simply follow the on-screen instructions to access and create the tests.
Lesson Plans

Lesson plans are important to a successful homeschool environment. They help keep you on track, progress through the material and provide a steady structure for teaching your child. It is important to plan out your lessons but remember - lesson plans are a guide. You should leave room to adapt to your child and adjust the plan to ensure he or she understands the material. The objective is to have a tool you can use to watch your child progress and master the material you present over the school year.

Before you begin your lesson plan, review the materials to see how they are structured. There are a number of items to consider when preparing your plan. How many days per week will you have school? Do you plan to have extended breaks for the holidays or vacations? The number of children you have and their ages will affect how and what you can do as well.

The Reading Street Weekly Lessons are found in the Table of Contents and list all vital components, including all of the following:

- The portion of text covered during the lesson
- Main ideas of the lesson
- Key concepts
- Questions to ask
- Activities to do
- Materials and resources needed

Each chapter includes all the elements of a lesson plan with an outline for each week. Use the week by week table of contents along with the planning and pacing tools in Guide on the Side to support the Student Edition weekly lessons.

Each weekly lesson begins with the Let’s Talk About activity focused on the Big Question which represents the main idea for the lesson. This is followed by oral and listening activities to allow your child to share information and learn new word sounds. The reading selection that follows presents a variety of material style from Realistic Fiction to Drama, Folk Tales and Poetry. Critical thinking questions follow. Writing is the next area of the plan with both instruction about writing and opportunities to write. A sample of various types of writing completes that section. The final part of the lesson reviews vocabulary, fluency and speaking.

As you plan out your lessons, be sure to familiarize yourself with any legal requirements you may have in your local area or state. The Pearson Homeschool website (PearsonHomeschool.com) has links to each state Department of Education so that you may review the laws and how to comply with them.
Adapt the Curriculum

One of the great benefits of homeschooling is that you know the instruction is personal. Everything you teach will be personalized to fit your child. The Reading Street programs are easy to pace, and offer enrichment activities and additional support when necessary.

Pacing

As you progress through the material you will find that your child grasps certain lessons with ease, while needing more time and practice on other sections. Adapt your pace accordingly to ensure your child understands the material. Help is available in the Guide on the Side as well. The Reading Street courses are designed to cover 36 weeks with flexibility to adapt to your child.

Teaching is Everywhere

Another part of the homeschool benefit is that teaching can occur all of the time. When you are outside of “school” ask your child about concepts learned in previous lessons. Tie them into life situations and world events. Plan field trips and take your lessons into the field. Check your local museums for exhibits to enhance your teaching curriculum, and align your lesson plans to incorporate those events. Don’t forget to use your own resources to complement the material, and tie the lessons into your child’s interests and hobbies.

Conflicting Materials

Any homeschool parent will be faced with the dilemma of what to do when you come across material in the curriculum you don’t like or disagree with. While no curriculum will ever be able to satisfy all the beliefs, opinions or values held by each family, there are several approaches that you can take in these situations.

One approach is to skip over the material in question. Another suggestion would be to use this as an opportunity for a special teachable moment. Review the material with your child. Discuss your feelings about the material, idea or value presented. Take the opportunity to prepare your child for the diversity of thought/opinion in the world and the need to be discerning of principles and ideas that may challenge yours.

This curriculum has been modified specifically for homeschool families. At times, there may be references to components or online activities that are not included within the homeschool bundle. This will not hinder your child’s successful completion of the course.
As you progress along the journey, you will have moments of frustration and moments that make it all worthwhile. Remember to keep it in perspective. Homeschool parents live for those moments when their children are most teachable. You will know when those moments happen as you can see the light go on, they really get it. Cherish those times and use them as the fuel to motivate you through the tough times.

Thank you for choosing Pearson as a partner in your homeschool journey. We know the importance that you place in taking the time to teach your child and we appreciate your trust in us to help you and your child achieve the best education possible.

For additional programs to support your child’s curriculum, please visit our website at: www.PearsonHomeschool.com

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