**FOURTH-SIXTH GRADE**

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|  | School | Home |
| *Morning Time* | Combined: Bible stories, memory verses, hymns. | Bible of your choice and a hymnbook/online lyrics/recording. |
| *Literature* | *Midsummer Night’s Dream* by Shakespeare  *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  *Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle  Written narrations  Poetry (Modern):  Carl Sandburg  Langston Hughes  Robert Frost  \**please see projected list of literature below for coming years* | Have your child read aloud for 20-25 minutes from a history, science, or literature book and write narrations. For a full Charlotte Mason literature approach, consider including a book of mythology tales, poetry, and/or good chapter books regularly. See recommended list of historical fiction chapter books that coordinate with history period from school. |
| *Handwriting* | Copy work from literature | Select daily copywork from memory work or favorite books or you can use copybooks from [SimplyCharlotteMason](https://simplycharlottemason.com/store/childs-copybook-reader-volume-1/) or [The Good and the Beautiful](http://www.jennyphillips.com/handwriting/). |
| *Spelling* | Not covered at school | Continue with appropriate level of All About Spelling or other preferred spelling curriculum. |
| *Grammar* | Not covered at school | Recommended: *First Language Lessons for the Well Trained Mind* by Susan Bauer or *Simply Grammar* by Charlotte Mason |
| *Math* | **Tentative:** Direct instruction for 4th grade using Singapore Primary U.S. Edition 4. Independent math practice for 5th-6th graders at school using materials parents send in with student. | Choose the math curriculum that works well for you and move at your child’s pace. Some possible curricula include Singapore and Strayer Upton. 5th-6th graders: Plan to send independent practice in with your child to school. |
| *History* | Living biographies/books that cover the late 1800s through modern American history. We will also touch on PA history.  Book of Centuries | **4th Grade:** British history “spine.” We recommend either *This Island Nation* (the first third of the book) or *Stories of the Nations Volume 2* from Simply Charlotte Mason, which matches this historical period for Western Civilization. Read and narrate from history “spine” once a week.  **5th-6th Grade:** One British/Western Civilization “spine” once a week and one Ancient “spine” once a week. For British or Western Civ consider using *The Story of the World Volume 4* by Susan Wise Bauer or *Story of the Nations Volume 2* by Simply Charlotte Mason. Please note *The Story of the World* covers some serious subject matter and may not be appropriate for a family history spine if you have younger children.  Some ideas for an Ancient spine include: *Famous Men of Rome* by Haaren, *The Story of the Greeks* by Guerber, or an Ancient history pack from Simply Charlotte Mason. |
| *Geography* | Mapwork related to history readings. | Suggested curriculum to use at home:  Richard Halliburton *Book of Marvels* or Simply Charlotte Mason’s *Visits To* series. |
| *Science* | Botany: *The First Book of Plants* by Alice Dickinson  Technology and Engineering: *The First Book of Machines* by Walter Buehr  Geology: *The First Book of the Earth* by Irene Sevrey | Consider including a book by Jean Henri Fabre once a week or one of the many other recommended nature lore/science books from [Sabbath Mood Homeschool](http://sabbathmoodhomeschool.com/charlotte-mason-living-science/nature-lore-books/). Simply Charlotte Mason has a science guide to accompany *Jack’s Insects* by Edmund Selous.  \**see recommended titles below* |
| *Artist/Composer Study* | **Artists:** (from Simply Charlotte Mason Picture Study Portfolio)  VanGogh  Monet  Millet  **Composers:**  Tchaikovsky  Edward MacDowell  Ella Fitzgerald | **Optional:** Review the work from the artist/composer studied at school or look at/listen to a new work not covered at school. |
| *Additional subjects to include at home for a full Charlotte Mason education* | These subjects most likely won’t be covered at school. | **Citizenship:** 4th Grade: Mrs. Beesly’s *Stories from the History of Rome*  5th-6th Grade: Plutarch’s *Lives of the Noble Grecians and Romans*  **Foreign Language**: [Cherrydale Press](http://cherrydalepress.com/) for French, German, or Spanish  **Handcrafts/Drawing:** lots of online resources and watercolor/drawing lessons on YouTube.  **Music:** learn to play an instrument or find free Solfa videos online. |
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*Links for all the above materials can be found on the resources page.*

***Nature Lore Titles****:* (Pick one and read once a week. Plan to spend more than one year with the book!)

*The Storybook of Science* by Jean Henri Fabre

*The Secret of Everyday Things* by Jean Henri Fabre (381 pages)

*Insect Adventures* by Jean Henri Fabre (298 pages)

*Animal Life in Fields and Garden* by Jean Henri Fabre (412 pages—more challenging)

*Jack’s Insects* by Edmund Selous

***Literature****:* (Most of these titles come from Beautiful Feet’s history pack for 5th-8th grade for this time period but several are historical fiction. Some of them do cover war, so use your discrection with these titles.)

*Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman* by Gladys Aylward

*Rascal* by Sterling North

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

*Year of Impossible Goodbyes* by Sook Nyul Choi

*Echoes of the White Giraffe* by Sook Nyul Choi

*Water Buffalo Days* by Huynh Quang Nhuong

*The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank

**Future literature books:** (For your planning purposes, these are the titles we plan to use over the next three years between 4th and 6th grade at PHA.)

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* OR *Sign of the Beaver*

*Call of the Wild* OR *A Wrinkle in Time*

*Swiss Family Robinson*

*Kidnapped* OR *Anne of Green Gables*

*Twelfth Night*

*Taming of the Shrew*

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| **Materials Needed at Home:** |
| * Spelling curriculum |
| * Grammar curriculum |
| * Math workbooks (optional: textbook and/or teacher’s manual) |
| * Nature lore book |
| * Notebooks for copywork and written narrations |
| * Bible of your choice |
| * Hymn book or hymn lyrics |
| * Mythology, poetry, and literature books |
| * History spine |
| * Geography curriculum |
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| **For a full Charlotte Mason education:** |
| * Citizenship book |
| * Foreign language curriculum |
| * Handcrafts/drawing |
| * Music |