

Recommended Curricula

Early Childhood Science Curricula as of 2017

Curricula at a glance

Marvelous Explorations Through Science and Stories

Free!

9 units with 12-16 lessons in each

Take-Home Information/Experience Card, Head Start Domains and Indicator chart

Peep and the Big Wide World

Free!

6 units with 45 lessons in each unit

Learning Center Materials, Curriculum Planner, Teaching Strategy Tips

Great Explorations in Math and Sciencenter

\$20-30 per lesson

 $9 \ units \ with \ varying \ numbers \ of \ lessons$

Library resources and literacy connections listed

Early Childhood Hands-On Science

Fee that varies by unit

9 units with 4 lessons per unit

Scripted lessons with additional interactive cards

Curriculum	Marvelous Explorations Through Science and Stories (MESS)	Peep and the Big Wide World	Great Explorations in Math and Science (GEMS)	Early Childhood Hands- On Science (ECHOS)
Age Group(s)	Early childhood	3-5 with 0-2 age adaptations	Pre-K through 6th	3-4 years old
Units	Animals, Insects and Spiders, Investigating Water, Kitchen Science, My Body My Senses, Our Natural World, Physical Science, Plant Life, Prehistoric Life	Color, Plants, Ramps, Shadows, Sounds, Water	Animal Defenses, Ant Homes Under Ground, Eggs Eggs Everywhere, Elephants and Their Young, Hide a Butterfly, Ladybugs, Mother Opossums and Her Babies, Penguins and Their Young, Tree Homes	Rainy Weather, Beginning Botanist, Feathered Friends, Busy Buzzing Bees, Discovering Shells, Blocks Measure Up, Water Play, Astonishing Air, Magnificent Magnets
Lessons Per Unit	12 to 16	45	Varies by unit	4
Additional Resources	Take-Home Information/Experience Card, Head Start Domains and Indicator chart	Learning Center Materials, Curriculum Planner, Teaching Strategy Tips	Library resources and literacy connections are listed	Interactive cards (smaller activities that compliment the lessons)
Scripted	Outlined	Outlined	Yes	Yes
Cost For Entire Curriculum	FREE	FREE	\$20-30 per lesson	\$760 plus shipping
Cost of Pre-Made Kits	Material list provided	Material list provided	Materials list provided	Pre-made kits available with Varying cost (\$33.60 - \$189 per kit depending on unit)
Professional Development Tools Included	No	Yes	GEMS Associate training required for facilitator	Yes
Developed by	Florida Museum of Natural History	WGBH Educational Foundation	University of California, Berkeley, Lawrence Hall of Science	Frost Science
Collaborative for Early Science Learning partner who uses this curriculum	Sciencenter, Maryland Science Center	Sciencenter	Turtle Bay Exploratorium	Frost Science and Sciencenter
For more information – use these terms in your search	MESS curriculum, Marvelous Explorations Through Science and Stories, Head Start Science curriculum	PEEP curriculum, Peep and the big wide world, WGBH science curriculum, contact a CESL partner	LHS GEMS curriculum, Berkeley science curriculum, Lawrence Hall of Science curriculum, contact a CESL partner	ECHOS science, STEM Professionals – Frost Science, Miami Science Museum curriculum, contact a CESL partner

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