Kolbe Academy
Home School

GRADE FIVE
PHONICS
Phonics E

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COURSE TITLE: PHONICS

COURSE TEXTS: Phonics E (Pearson Education, 2012), (T1205)
Kolbe Academy Answer Key to Phonics Level E, 2012 (T1205B), optional

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Grade Five PHONICS continues to help the student grow more sophisticated in his use in the skills developed from the previous Phonics courses. Study of vowel digraphs, diphthongs, prefixes, roots, compound words, syllabication, and suffixes expand the student’s ability to read, write and speak with expanded Phonics skills.

PE Phonics, Level E begins with easy material, and the child should be able to complete most of the work with very little help. The child should be able to read the instructions and follow the directions independently. The course has been shown as a daily subject, but you may condense it into a two-day or even a one-day a week subject as long as the student is doing well and understanding the material. Because the Phonics book is a workbook, the student may have a tendency to rush through the work without paying attention to the lessons taught. It is suggested that he memorize the rules that appear throughout the book and learn how to use them with new words. The last three pages of the workbook contain Definitions, General Rules, and Syllabication Rules that can be very helpful in all areas of the language arts.

Much in the Phonics book reinforces what the student learns in English and Spelling. Because children sometimes forget, this is a good thing. We recommend that you do not tear out the pages of the Phonics book because if there is a need to review a concept, the student will not be able to look back and find where it was introduced.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

❖ Skill development:
  o Reading skill is developed through the use of decoding skills in an ordered system, gradually increasing the difficulty of each section.

❖ This ties in with three principles of Ignatian education:
  o Self activity
  o Mastery
  o Formation

❖ Use of extensive review and activities that maintain the student’s facility with Phonics tools. Review exercises reinforce and assess student’s mastery of skills. This is implementation of the principle of repetition.

❖ Students are directed to write out the entire question and answer in order to reinforce the whole concept that is being studied. Here, again, is "self activity."

❖ Both student and teacher should focus on each piece of work to allow for in-depth instruction on the part of the teacher and practice on the part of the student. This is the principle of "divide et impera," or "divide and conquer": taking things apart and putting them back together.
SCOPE AND SEQUENCE:

Quarter 1
1. Consonant sounds
2. Syllabication
3. Reading and writing
4. Vowel pairs
5. Vowel digraphs

Quarter 2
1. Vowel digraphs
2. Diphthongs
3. Syllabication
4. Reading and writing
5. Units of meanings in words
6. Prefixes

Quarter 3
1. Roots
2. Compound words
3. Possessives
4. Contractions
5. Syllabication
6. Reading and writing
7. Suffixes

Quarter 4
1. Suffixes
2. Plurals
3. Syllabication
4. Reading and writing
5. Alphabetizing
6. Dictionary

COURSE PLAN METHODOLOGY:

Kolbe Academy has worked diligently to create the best possible course plans with the home schooling family in mind. Remember, however, that our program is intended to be flexible. Per the principle of subsidiarity, these course plans are a suggested course of study. As the teacher, you should adapt and modify them to meet the individual learning needs of your child. Do not feel obligated to follow these course plans exactly.

In the course plans that follow, Phonics E is represented by the abbreviation PE. Each weekly assignment is summarized in the first rows of the week’s daily course plan along with the goals and notes for that week. The specific daily assignments for the student are outlined in the following lines indicated by the DAY 1, DAY 2,
DAY 3, and DAY 4 abbreviations. Parent daily guidelines are given to the right of the student assignments. Most families will use Days 1-4 as a Monday through Thursday schooling schedule. This leaves Friday open for review, catch-up, field trips, or other activities. A family’s schedule can and should vary as needed.

A weekly grade book is included at the end of the week’s course plan as a convenience. Parents should use the grade book only as a help to their homeschooling and not as a hindrance. It includes a cumulative list of written assignments from the week’s course plan as well as space for additional assignments, if needed. Kolbe Academy does not require that you keep record of all student work. If you intend to report your student’s work to Kolbe Academy for an official record, only one sample of written and graded work is required per quarter per course along with the signed and filled out report card. The weighting suggestion in the end of quarter grade book is there for convenience and may be modified as the parent deems fit. Please consult the welcome packet for a full tutorial on using the grade book.

This Phonics course contains 36 weeks broken into four 9-week quarters. Week 8 is considered a review week and week 9 is dedicated strictly to examination. Your student may not need all of Week 8 for review. You can use this time to catch up if necessary and then go over the subject matter. If you intend to use the tests provided, look them over before teaching the subjects and make sure you review the material in the tests throughout the quarter. Some children have a difficult time doing written exams, but it is important for them to learn how to take them. If your fifth grader does poorly on them, give them to him orally a couple of days after he has taken them and average the grades.

Finally, begin every class with a prayer. This is a good way to help the child memorize new prayers. Repeat the same ones every day until they are known. Be sure to explain the meanings of the prayers. Repetition in all areas of study is most beneficial.
Phonics E is very self-explanatory, and the student should be encouraged to do the work without much help. It is important for the student to memorize and know how to apply the rules, which are in boxes at the top of many of the pages. There is a temptation on the part of students to rush through the pages in workbooks without mastering the concepts.

| DAY 1 | PE | Do pages 3-4 |☐| Read p. 4 before doing p. 3. |
|-------|----|--------------|  |                             |
| DAY 2 | PE | Do pages 5-6 |☐| Carefully study the Rules before completing the work. |
| DAY 3 | PE | Do page 7    |☐| Carefully study the Rule before completing the work. |
| DAY 4 | PE | Do page 8    |☐| Memorize the Rule before completing the work; it is a great aid to spelling correctly. |

**Week 1 Grade Book**

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