

# Daily Checklist Notes and Instructions

## Notes for Parents

1. Child should be in charge of marking off the checklist each day. Consider letting child choose the order in which he or she completes some or all of the items.
2. Remember that language arts and literature, including reading and writing, should take a large part of your child's school day. In addition, remember that this course covers several subjects: writing, reading, literature, grammar and punctuation, spelling, art, and geography.

### **Sentence dictation**

is found in the *Course Companion*. Dictate sentences to child each day.

**Ladders and poetry memorization** are designed to be on alternate days.

Child does ladders one day, and poetry memorization the day after that. Child should spend 5-10 minutes a day on ladders or poetry memorization. These items are found in the *Course Companion*. Each day, have child circle on the checklist which item he or she worked on (ladders or poetry memorization).

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- Ladders or Poetry Memorization (*alternate days*)
- Geography or Grammar Cards (*alternate days*)
- Course Book (*one lesson*)
- Reading (*for course reading challenge*): \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

### **Geography and grammar cards** are

designed to be on alternate days. Child does geography cards one day and grammar cards the next day. Child should spend 5-10 minutes a day on geography or grammar cards. Each day, have child circle on the checklist which item he or she worked on (geography cards or grammar cards). Physical cards come with the physical course set. If you are using the free course set download, open the Geography & Grammar Cards PDF document, print the cards, and cut them out.

With child, decide on a daily amount of time child will devote to **reading** for the Course Reading Challenge, which is found near the beginning of the course book. The chosen amount of time may need to be adjusted on occasion, depending on circumstances, but be firm about the expectation and aim for the set amount of time as often as possible.

Daily lessons in the **course book** are designed to take 25-45 minutes, depending on the speed of the child. To finish the course in one school year, child should finish one lesson a day, four days a week. Twenty days can be missed for vacation days or sick days.

It is suggested that you allow child to do more than one lesson a day if he or she chooses. However, encourage child not to rush through lessons, but to take time to explore and do her or his best work. Some lessons may take some children more than one day to complete, and that is acceptable.

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