Should you be concerned about your child's math or reading skills?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, Gideon can help!

Does your child:

• count on fingers or use a dot pattern?
• have trouble sounding out words in 1st grade?
• guess at words while reading?
• take a long time to complete homework?
• have trouble with reading comprehension?
• need a better foundation in grammar concepts?
• need to memorize his basic math facts?
• lack confidence with grade level work?

OR

• not feel challenged in math or reading?
• understand more advanced mathematical concepts?
• want to read above grade level?
• ready to excel in math and reading?
• enjoy extra practice needed for mastery?


Watch our video to find out what Gideon is all about by scanning the QR code below or visit: http://www.gideon-mathandreading.com/inside-gideon/
The Gideon program is designed to provide mastery learning in both math and reading comprehension. Guiding our students each step of the way, we have seen many children get to the top of their class through daily, disciplined study. Gideon is very much like piano practice. A few minutes each day is all it takes to build confidence and focusing skills.

Parental involvement is essential for success in Gideon. Children need encouragement at home to make sure the work is completed. Our goal is to develop independent learning skills in preparation for middle school and high school.

Learning to Read Program

Before children can learn to read, they must learn to recognize letters. Beginning with the consonants, the Gideon Learning to Read program teaches not just letter recognition, but the sounds of the letters as well.

Learning to read means breaking the alphabetic code. Our Word Builders booklets provide a step-by-step program that allows the student to combine phonetic sounds to decode words. Starting with the short vowel sounds, these booklets provide ample practice words for mastery learning. Research concludes that students who are skilled decoders are shown to have increased fluency and improved comprehension.

The most commonly used words list is also included in the Learning to Read program. Since these words are studied in first and second grades, children who master them have a good base for beginning reading.
Reading Program

Comprehension
The Gideon reading program includes an early comprehension series designed to promote reading for meaning. These beginning comprehension booklets provide a variety of exercises while developing new vocabulary.

Our reading program includes fiction and nonfiction passages that contains a great variety in subject matter. Following these selections are thought provoking comprehension questions that require students to find the main idea, identify sequence, and draw conclusions.

Vocabulary
The Gideon Vocabulary Program delivers challenging activities to advance and strengthen basic language skills. Working with a list of twelve words and their definitions, the student engages in a variety of exercises, such as crossword puzzles, scrambled sentences, multiple choices, and matching. Sentence writing using these vocabulary words is also included.

Our more advanced vocabulary series consists of carefully selected words taken from literature, textbooks, and SAT prep books. Each word list gives parts of speech and concise definitions as well as using the word in a sentence. The exercises allow the student to apply her understanding of the meaning of the word and test her comprehension. Research has shown that a strong vocabulary is essential for strong comprehension.

Standardized test prep
Test prep booklets are an important part of the Gideon reading program. They are designed to provide practice activities for appropriate application of reading comprehension and test taking strategies. The exercises cover a variety of word skills and real reading situations that are presented in a typical standardized testing format.

Grammar
Gideon believes in a direct approach to grammar beginning with first grade concepts. This early start will help to build a strong grammar foundation. Our program simplifies learning grammar fundamentals, such as punctuation, capitalization, subject-verb agreement, and verb tenses. Good sentence construction and sentence diagramming are also addressed.
Math Program

The Gideon Math program is designed to achieve mastery of computational skills. Mastery equals confidence, speed, and accuracy.

The program consists of over 160 weekly booklets arranged sequentially from beginning number sense through high school geometry.

Calculation skills are presented in a step-by-step manner. Each concept is practiced until real mastery is achieved. The student is required to not merely understand how to perform an operation, but rather must "own" or internalize each new concept before advancement.

Oral drills complement the daily, written work to facilitate memorization of the basic math facts. Finger counting, reliance on calculators, and other crutches make success in high school and college math very difficult.

Gideon also addresses grade level word problems and standardized testing preparation. We want our students to be ready and confident.

Our goal at Gideon is to help your child build solid learning skills, disciplined study habits, and the confidence to succeed in school….and beyond.
Breaking the Code: Primary Grade Reading Skills

Look for these signs of progress in your emerging reader.

Reading researchers often compare learning to read to riding a two-wheeler. Before she can travel on her own, your child must know how to hold the handlebars, balance, push the pedals, and build up speed. Likewise, to read a book, your child needs to sound out words, recognize common ones like "the," understand what the text means, and read fast enough to make sense of the story.

The National Research Council, the National Institute for Literacy, and the National Reading Panel, a group commissioned by Congress to determine consensus in reading research, identify these key skills to learn how to read:

- **Phonics:** Knowing the relationship between the sounds of spoken language and the letters of written language is essential for reading. Phonics gives your child tools she can use to recognize familiar words quickly and to figure out words she has not seen before.

- **Word Recognition:** Many common words in English, such as "the" and "one," do not fit the phonics rules, so your child needs to memorize them. As he gains more experience reading, he will also instantly recognize other common words.

- **Fluency:** To read fluently, your child must not only be able to recognize words instantly, but also be able to divide the text into meaningful chunks. For example, "lock of hair" must be read as a group to make sense. She builds fluency with lots of practice and experience listening to teachers and parents reading aloud.

- **Spelling and Writing:** Your child increases his knowledge of how print works when he spells and writes on his own. When he makes each letter, he learns to associate a sound with it. At first he may write "book" as bk – because he hears the /b/ and /k/ sounds. With instruction, he learns correct spelling.

- **Comprehension:** To read, your child must understand the meaning of the words. She builds comprehension when she discusses what she thinks a book will be about and summarizes what happened in a story. Her understanding increases as her vocabulary expands.

The Gideon reading curriculum addresses all these key skills. Using our learning to read program and moving through the vocabulary and comprehension exercises, each student builds a strong foundation to succeed in school.
Parent Testimonials

"Thanks for preparing Trey for the STAAR test. He told me coming to Gideon had made a huge difference. He is so very proud of his accomplishments."

– 3rd grade student's mother

"I had a conference with Zach's teacher, and it was good news! If it were not for Gideon, along with our hard work, Zach would not be where he is today. Thank you so much! Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed."

– 1st grade student's mother

"My daughter was still counting on her fingers in the third grade. We enrolled her in Gideon, so math would be easier for her. At first it was a challenge to focus on the math, but now she is above grade level and is able to complete her work easily. Thank you, Gideon!"

– 4th grade student's parent

Frequently Asked Questions

How does Gideon Math and Reading differ from school?
Gideon requires mastery before advancement. Schools cannot customize for the remedial or the advanced child which creates a 'one-size' fits all for students. The Gideon curriculum is self-paced and individualized.

How does the Gideon program differ from private tutoring?
The Gideon program is not meant to be a quick fix like tutoring. Tutoring works on current homework, but does not go to the root of the problem. Gideon, on the other hand, builds a strong foundation filling in any holes and gaps.

Why do we time the math?
Gideon times its math booklets to ensure the student has mastered the facts and is not finger counting. Our initial goal is for the student to 'overlearn' the basic arithmetic facts and to know them as well as his name. This mastery learning always creates success in math.
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