

VOYAGES

IN ENGLISH

KEY PRINCIPLES

HOW PRINCIPLES ARE ADDRESSED

Early experiences have profound effects on learning.

When children are exposed to the principles and practices of correct grammar and strong writing at an early age, they are more likely to become better speakers, listeners, readers, and writers—developing the foundation for lifelong literacy and learning.

Young children learn in a variety of ways.

This program teaches to children's strengths, providing instruction for a variety of learning styles. Shared and independent writing experiences, physical activity, songs, drawing, role-play, connections to great literature, and attractive visuals all come together to provide authentic, rich learning that meets the needs of every child.

Children learn at varying rates.

Lessons are presented for children who are at early, intermediate, and advanced stages of development. Depending on the makeup of the group, this program is appropriate for children at or above the kindergarten level as well as emerging writers in transitional kindergarten/late pre-K classes.

Play and activity promote language, cognitive development, and social and emotional development.

Young children learn through "getting up and moving." *Voyages in English Kindergarten* takes this into account. With this program, children are actively engaged, and therefore love to learn!

Learning advances when children are challenged.

Like the rest of *Voyages in English*, the Kindergarten edition isn't watered down—it presents challenging concepts, but in a simple, clear, inviting way.

Children's experiences shape their motivation.

Through whimsical text, engaging activities, and beautiful art, children are motivated to learn and demonstrate new knowledge and skills.

Young children develop more freely when they are in a positive, supportive environment.

The warm, inviting tone of the program will resonate with the children from week to week. The activities in the program are designed to support English language arts teachers so they can confidently teach grammar and writing skills in fun ways to our youngest learners.