

# EASY PEASY HOMESCHOOL LEVEL 5

English , Math , Thinking, Computer

## English—5

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**Course Description:** Students will improve their reading and writing skills by a variety of methods. They will be reading classic literature for comprehension and producing written work in a variety of forms. Students will regularly write both creative fiction and researched non-fiction while practicing poetic devices and writing skills including voice and word choice. Writing assignments include: book reviews, expository essay, compare and contrast essay, short creative writing pieces, as well as a short story and a novel. Students also will develop in their speaking, spelling, vocabulary and grammar skills through their reading and writing assignments as well as through the use of online resources.

**Reading List:**

- Poems: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, John Greenleaf Whittier, Christina Rossetti, E. E. Cummings, Paul Dunbar
- Short Stories: selection of *Aesop's Fables*, *Balderdash* by Giles, *McGuffey's 4th Reader*—including short stories by Nathaniel Hawthorne and Charles Dickens as well as famous stories such as *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*
- Books: *Treasure Seekers* by Nesbit, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Carroll, *Little Men* by Alcott, *Pollyanna* by Porter

## Math—Step 1: Khan Academy (for 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>)

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**Course Description:** An ordered list of 137 videos and exercises (with links) to complete Khan Academy arithmetic and pre-algebra.

## Computer

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**Course Description:** Students will understand basic computer and internet usage and obtain word processing skills as well as practice in depth with the following: first grade, typing; second grade, Paint, Publisher; third grade, Power Point; fourth grade, Scratch (computer programming); fifth grade, WordPress blogs; sixth grade, html; seventh grade, graphic design including photo manipulation; eighth grade, spreadsheets; high school computer courses are listed on the high school page. (Equivalent free software can be used for any of the listed programs.)

## Thinking

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**Course Description:** Students will develop their logical thinking skills while engaged in fun games.