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Spectrum Science, Grade 5



Synopsis

Cultivate a love for science by providing standards-based practice that captures children's attention. Spectrum Science for grade 5 provides interesting informational text and fascinating facts about galaxies, subatomic particles, identical twins, and the first airplane. When children develop a solid understanding of science, they're preparing for success. Spectrum Science for grades 3-8 improves scientific literacy and inquiry skills through an exciting exploration of natural, earth, life, and applied sciences. With the help of this best-selling series, your young scientist can discover and appreciate the extraordinary world that surrounds them!

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Age Range: 10 - 11 years

Grade Level: 5 and up

Customer Reviews

I am using this book for home school, as a backup to other science education that we cover. While not being equivalent to a "full course dinner" of science, this book to me is the equivalent of a "high quality daily multivitamin" of science, if that makes sense. It is very helpful and provides an easy way to learn and retain the information necessary for a broad overview of the subject, with a lot of specifics included. My son consistently scores very high on any science tests, and I will give this series credit for helping with that. We started with this book in grade 3 or 4, and have continued every year since we found it. My son also likes this book very much, and looks forward to the

reading and exercises as a pleasant and enjoyable part of his school day. He likes this book (not so with everything). The stories and workbook questions are very interesting, and stimulate further thought. It's a great resource and supportive material for teaching science, in my opinion. I just hope that they make these books through 12th grade.

This book has a daily reading project with a follow-up page of questions to make the student think about the lesson. When my daughter is stumped on the question, the answers are in the back. I encourage her to write out what she thinks the answer is, but when it is wrong, we do follow up research on the internet. There have been a few times where the answers seem to be more than what is in the reading section, but if you have the internet, I feel like the book has a structured plan. If you are looking for lab projects or scientific experiments, they are not in this book. You would want another book for that. Overall, it has good structure.

I use all of the Spectrum materials as support material for my grandson's school work, and have found them to be the best I have used for that purpose, money well spent. These books come with tear-out sheets that can easily be scanned for doing work on the computer.

I used this workbook during the summer with my daughter whose moving to fourth grade this fall. It is laid out so you can easily read one page a day and answer a few questions. It is full of interesting topics which I find are age/grade appropriate, while answering questions like "why do some things float and others sink?" or "when you burn a log, where does it go?". I would definitely buy a Spectrum workbook again, its a nice way to prevent "summer brain" or supplement their homework during the school year.

The articles are interesting and cover a multitude of topics. However, I took off 3-stars because the answers to the questions are very often nowhere in the article itself. Once you try to answer the questions by looking back in the article, you realize you have more questions than answers. Our school district uses these the articles and questions as a weekly assignment so we cannot see the answer key. I am purchasing the workbook so that we will stop pulling our hair out and be able to see the answer key instead of wondering if we guessed correctly.

I was clueless to homeschooling when I bought this book. It's not a fun science book. I recommend it as an side workbook not a curriculum mainstay. It was nice that I did not need to purchase a

separate answer key like many books do.

This is a great supplement for 6th grade science. There's not a huge amount of information so I wouldn't use it as a student's primary or only textbook.

What I love about this book is that it has lessons and practice tests on each page. You can see the content of the book in the first pages and choose what lessons to study. I think its great and very helpful!

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