THE Mixed-Age Group Solution!





2019-2020 Catalog

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Top 5 Reasons Providers LOVE Gee Whiz



Includes activities for ALL ages AND is designed to be used in a home environment - Infants through School-Age. Now you only need to buy ONE program.

Economical Gee Whiz is digital ("lives" on our website) so you do not need to wait to get a box in the mail or pay S&H charges. PLUS... <u>free webinar training</u> is included not only on the curriculum but also on ECE topics. Check out the Gee Whiz Cohort on page 13.

Saves time & a strong foundation We provide the foundation, you add your own "magic." Gee Whiz is comprehensive & yet flexible.

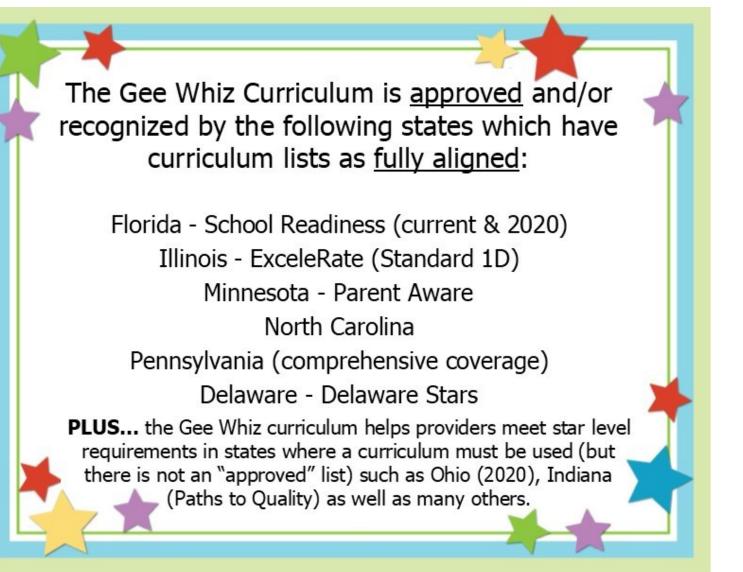
Meets state & national ECE standards (including QRIS) making your life easier (see next page for current approvals)

Helps children **learn through exploration and discovery**... which is the BEST way!



Aligned and Approved with State & National Standards

At Gee Whiz, we are constantly updating and enhancing our curriculum so that we meet, and exceed, state and national standards. We are approved for QRIS programs in many states and recognized as "fully aligned" in many others. Plus, we also fully aligned with the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework. You can find alignment documentation on our homepage www.geewhizeducation.com. Just scroll down to the US map near the bottom of the page.



Your Children Will Develop the Skills for Success in School & Life

The Gee Whiz Education curriculum addresses the following **10 key areas** of development through hands-on activities that encourage exploration and discovery.

- ☑ Language Development
- ☑ Approaches to Learning ☺
- ☑ Science Knowledge
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- ✓ Social Studies Knowledge ◆
- ☑ Creative Arts & Music 🗸 & 🞜

- ☑ Literacy Knowledge
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- ✓ Logic & Reasoning ?
- ☑ Math Knowledge
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- ☑ Social and Emotional Development ♥
- ☑ Physical Development and Health **



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What Does the Curriculum Include Each Month?

Each month, there are 2 units included in the curriculum. Each unit includes 10 days of experiences. There is also a variety of components for you, the children and even their parents/caregivers included in each unit. We give you the building blocks you need to create an amazing learning environment in your program! See pages 8-11 of this catalog for component details.



Components for Parents

Available in English & Spanish

- Family Letter
- Digital Family Notes

Components for Providers

- 2 Teaching Guides (100+ activities
- NEW! Letters & Literacy booklet
- Story Prop & Teaching Tool
- Materials List
 - Add & Enhance
 - Puppet Printable
 - And MORE!

Components for Children

- Individualization Web
- NEW! Customized/Individualized Lesson Plan Sheet
- Make It! Sheets (2 per unit)
- All About My Week Report This report is available in English & Spanish!

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What Do the Daily Lesson Plans Look Like?

The first page of each day includes the following:

Picture codes to show the developmental

areas addressed.

Activities with this symbol build gross motor skills because they get children moving.

The first bullet of each activity explains the "why" behind it.

This group experience invites children to learn how they do best...through exploration! This activity is inclusive of all ages.

Unit: Boxes, Blankets and Balls
Today's Focus: Fun with Packing Boxes
Developmental Areas Addressed Today:

Be Healthy & Safe

Fresh air and sunshine are very important to the health and well-being of children and adults. Make sure to have outdoor play time every day...weather permitting.

Teaching Tip of the Day

Teaching children to push in their chairs after eating is a simple way for them to practice responsibility.

Transition Time

Have the children pretend to deliver packages as they move from activity to activity today.

Materials:

- ☐ Max the Mail Carrier puppet
- Packing/Mailing box with your address printed on the outside (You can get Priority Mail boxes for free at the post office. See link on page 2).
- ☐ Recorded music
- Let's face it...children love to move! This experience incorporates
 music and movement in a fun way. As the children participate, they
 will also engage in dramatic play as they pretend to be mail carriers
 delivering packages. This would be a great experience to take
 outdoors if the weather is nice in your area.
- Sit on the floor with the Max the Mail Carrier puppet and one of the
 packing/mailing boxes. As the children gather, invite them to
 explore the box. What does the box look like? Are there any words
 written on the outside of the box? Challenge more advanced
 children to point out the words they see and then read them to
 them. Do they recognize any letters within those words?
- Encourage the children to talk about a time when they may have received a box like this in the mail. What was inside? Who sent the box? How do they think the box got from where it was sent to their own house? Use these discussions to help the children learn more about how boxes get from here to there. Sometimes they fly on airplanes, sometimes they go by truck and many times are delivered on foot. This would be a great time to involve Max in the discussions!
- Next, introduce the game, "Deliver the Package." Use a lawn chair, bucket or any other object to designate the turning around point (about 15 feet from the children). Then, turn on recorded music and give one child a box. Have this child pretend to be a mail carrier as he/she runs to the turning around point and then back to the group to "deliver" the package to the next person. Continue playing until each child has a turn to "deliver the package."

This symbol indicates the activity addresses character education.

Today's Vocabulary

Use some of these words in conversations with children today!

package deliver weight address post office



As younger children participate in activities today, model language by...

- Using words, such as those listed above, while engaging children in conversations during the day's activities.
- Talking with children as they role-play a post office (n, 7)
- Describing children's actions as they use boxes to make music (p. 7).

Questions to Spur Thinking

- What do you see on the box? What do you think those words say?
- How does the mail carrier know where to deliver a package?
- How long do you think it would take to mail a package to (place)?
- Who would you like to mail a package to?
 What would you send him/her?



Tips to help you model language and build vocabulary each day.

Questions to get children thinking and help you engage them in meaningful conversations.

What Do the Daily Lesson Plans Look Like?

The second page of each day includes the following:

Day 2 - Center/Small Group Activities Packing and Shipping Activities in pink Toddlers-4 years, 🗩 ③ 🔻 🗸 🗟 🤊 💖) are designed for Questions to Spur Thinking toddlers and Materials: ☐ Assorted boxes (see note on p. 2 about getting preschoolers. Tell me about what you chose to pack and ship. free boxes from the USPS) ☐ Wide tape, crayons/markers, tissue paper, scissors What technique did you find worked best for using the box Children use dramatic play to not only show what to make music? w but also to build skills in many other areas. During this experience, the children can pretend to pack and ship surprises to family or friends. This is also an excellent way for them. build fine motor control. Because different Banging on Boxes developmental levels will approach this experience (Toddlers-4 years, ♥ 🗩 🎔 🗗 ? 🦞 Many actividifferently, we are providing options. ties are Materials: Toddlers/Twos/Young Threes: This age group will "leveled" to ☐ Assorted boxes just enjoy putting things in boxes and taking them ☐ Plastic or wooden cooking spoons help you meet out. As they play, be sure to not only describe the biects they choose as well as their actions. This the differing · Using every day items in different ways is a wonderful would be an excellent time to reinforce the opposites developmental way for children to think outside the box and use problem-solving skills. During this experience, the needs of a children will do all of these things while building fine Older Threes/Fours/Advanced Preschoolers: These mixed age motor control and eye-hand coordination at the same children can choose items to pack and then tape up the boxes in preparation for "shipping" them. As they time. In addition, the children will have the opportunity to make and test predictions as well. group. do so, your most advanced group can even write their addresses on the boxes or can dictate them for . Set out the boxes as well as the plastic and wooden you to write. Be sure to talk about letter names and cooking spoons. As children show interest in these beginning sounds during this time. Once packed, the materials, engage them in conversations. Challenge children can even pretend to deliver their packages. them to use the boxes to make music. Some children Then, they can unpack them and repack them again may choose to bang on the boxes with the spoons while and again. If possible, keep this learning station others may choose to use their hands. Some children open for this entire unit. may choose to hit the boxes on the sides while others may use the bottoms. Whatever the children decide is great! Describe not only the children's actions but the Pop! Activities in 🖐 👺 O 🕶 Advanced Preschoolers: These children may think of purple are other ways to use the boxes to make music. Encourage designed just Materials: their ideas! This may mean they need to seek out other for infants! materials...which is fine. In addition, these children can ☐ Box and plush animal make predictions about which techniques (or materials) they think will enable them to make the "best" music. · Reciting rhymes is a wonderful way of exposing infants to new language and vocabulary. Adding action makes the rhyme more engaging and also challenges the infant to use his/her senses.

> Have the infant sit beside you (if he/she is able to do so) or hold him/her in your lap. Put the box in front of you. Recite the rhyme and then make the animal pop out of the box at the corresponding

> > What is in the box?

What is in the box? I will count and you will see... What is in the box! 1....2....3.... POP!

More questions to promote interactions with children.

Activities with this symbol may be done outdoors if desired.

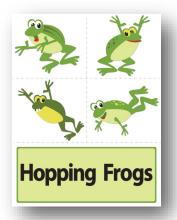
Space to add your own ideas!

Your Own Activities

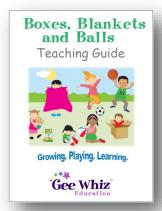
What Do I Receive in the Gee Whiz Curriculum Each Month?

TEACHING GUIDES

2 Teaching Guides are included each month. These booklets contain your lesson plans. Each one contains 10 days of activities + extras for school-age children and those getting ready for kindergarten. Over 100+ total activities for all ages each month.









STORY PROPS

We include a variety of story props to help you share an original story with the children. The ones pictured, for instance, are props that went with a unit we did about the pond. This component is included with the 1st unit each month.

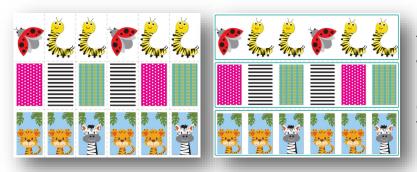
PRINTABLE PUPPET

The second unit each month contains a printable puppet. The puppet may be a paper bag puppet, a paper towel roll puppet, a pocket puppet, etc. You will use the puppet to introduce new concepts and ideas throughout the unit.



TEACHING TOOL

The teaching tool can be used in many different ways. The patterning strips and cards featured here are just one example. Others include lotto games, memory games and even, "I Spy" scenes. This component is included with the 2nd unit each month.

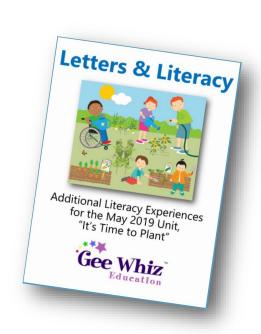


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NEW! Letters & Literacy booklet

This component was just added in the spring of 2019 to help you expose children who are ready to letter names and letter sounds. The experiences included in this booklet integrate with the activities in the Teaching Guide to make this process meaningful to children. We also include a letter to parents/guardians explaining how the Gee Whiz curriculum exposes children who are ready to these early literacy concepts. You can find that document by following this link: https://geewhizeducation.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/parentflyerliteracy2019.pdf



Add & Enhance - "Creepy Crawlers" Enhancing the learning environment is early lifer are as all of materials you may want to add to your learning areas to enhance the unit. "Creepy Crawler." Feel feet to add memberally so your double most down your will please see our. The Environment & the Gee Whiz Curriculum for more information on materials you should have in your program. ART Black construction paper circles (ladybug spots) Black and yellow construction paper strips (see stripes) Pass to rubber insects & paint-soaked sponges or paper travels (for making insect parist) Photos of antity flower of prints) Photos of antity flower for making spider web; Photosis of antity flower for making spider web; Black construction paper circles (ladybug spider web) Brown paper grocery logic cut into vest that can be used to make costumes BLOCKS Plastic or rubber insects BROCKS Plastic or rubber insects Brocks about insects and spiders - be sure some are notificion and include prints or the brocks of the brocks of the prints in blooks to plastic) Writing paper cut in the shape of a spider or ladybug. Notebooks or notecarias (for recording information about insects as spiders) Recording of . The Flight of the mamberbere Recording of . The Flight of the language of the prints of the blooks of the prints of the blook and prints. Hall boops for making a path children can hop broough in they prement to be ercited; An art farm Child-safe binoculars and unbreakable magnifiers An art farm Ant farm An

NEW! Add & Enhance

Added in the winter of 2019, this component is designed to help you enhance the learning environment for each unit. Included are suggested materials to add to centers that integrate with the unit. There is one Add & Enhance included for each teaching unit. We also include a guide, "The Learning Environment & Gee Whiz" included on our website to help you address many of the areas commonly evaluated on Environmental Rating Scales. Please see page 12 of this catalog for details and a direct link to this document.

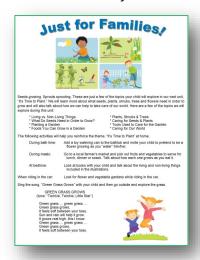
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FAMILY LETTERS

AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH & SPANISH!

2 Family Letters are included each month. Download and print as many copies as you need OR simply email to parents/ caregivers...the choice is yours!



ALL ABOUT MY WEEK REPORTS

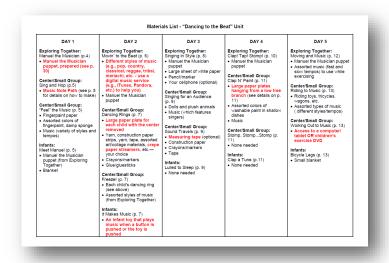
AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH & SPANISH!

These easy-to-use notes help you take a good look at each child as an individual and then help you share this information with parents or caregivers. Need 4 copies? Print 4! Need 2 copies? Print 2. The choice is yours.



MATERIALS LIST

A Materials List is included with each unit so you can gather the items you need ahead of time.



DIGITAL FAMILY NOTES

AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH & SPANISH!

4 Digital Family Notes are included each month.
These are .jpeg images (like photos) that you can download and then email or even text to parents.
Each note contains a simple activity parents/
caregivers can do at home to reinforce the concepts you are introducing in your program.



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What Do I Get Receive in the Gee Whiz Curriculum Each Month?

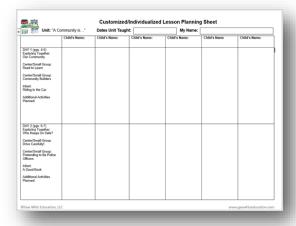


INDIVIDUALIZATION WEBS

A web is included for each Teaching Unit. This component helps you adapt and modify the curriculum based on each child's needs and interests. For detailed information on how the Individualization Web is designed to be used, please consult the Gee Whiz User's Guide. There is an entire section dedicated to individualization and authentic assessment. https://geewhizeducation.com/gee-whiz-curriculum-users

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NEW! CUSTOMIZED/INDIVIDUALIZED LESSON PLANNING SHEET

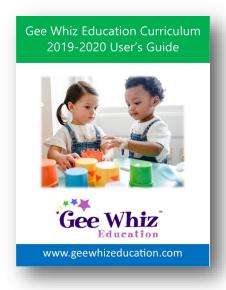
Each Gee Whiz unit now includes a Customized/ Individualized Lesson Planning Sheet you can use to help you record how you plan to adapt and individualize the Gee Whiz experiences + add your own. This planning sheet will come in extremely handy as you work with children with disabilities, suspected developmental delays or other special needs. This form is included in the program files for each unit. It is available in Word (so you can type in the boxes) or PDF (if you prefer to write).

MAKE IT! SHEETS

4 sheets are included each month. These are totally optional activities that can be used to reinforce new ideas and concepts...particularly at home.

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Training & Support ... Included at No Additional Charge

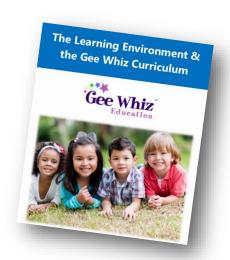


This helpful guide explains everything you need to know about the curriculum including the following:

- Your Role
- Anecdotal Notes, Observations & Individualizing the Curriculum + Formal Assessment Options & Gee Whiz
- Developmental Areas & Learning Indicators
- **NEW SECTION!** Meeting the Needs of ALL Children (cultural & linguistic responsiveness and addressing disabilities)
- EXPANDED! Philosophy & Research Behind the Curriculum
- Curriculum Components
- Materials to Collect, Recipes, Tips & Tricks ... and more

Access this document by following this link: https://geewhizeducation.com/gee-whiz-curriculum-users-guide/

NEW! This guide was added in the winter of 2019 to help you enhance the learning environment in your program and prepare for your Environmental Rating Scale assessment. This guide provides reinforces the importance of your role in the learning environment as well as materials you can offer children within different learning centers. You can access this document by following this link: https://geewhizeducation.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/geewhizenvironmentguidefinalv2.pdf





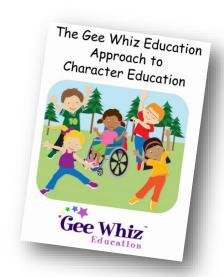
NEW! At Gee Whiz, we recognize that it is VERY important to both involve and engage parents/families. This guide is designed to help you do just that and more as you utilize the Gee Whiz curriculum. The guide packed full of information as well as a few printables designed to help you involve and engage parents/guardians/families. You can find the guide under the "Support" tab (Training Guides) or by following this link: https://geewhizeducation.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/geewhizfamilyinvolvementquidefinal.pdf

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NEW! At Gee Whiz, we know how important training is and that is exactly why we started the Gee Whiz Cohort. The cohort is designed to help Gee Whiz customers learn more about the curriculum while providing important information for all family child care providers and Quality Specialists as well. We also have numerous webinars we do throughout the year for providers. Recordings of these are posted on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCklYj0hTLIDxsdcB7Xftd9g as well as our website under the "Support" tab. Here is the link to the training videos: https://geewhizeducation.com/webinar-training-videos/. Certificates of Attendance can be requested after viewing these videos but you MUST complete the Post Assessment in order to receive one.

This guide helps you better understand what Character Education is and how it is addressed in the Gee Whiz Curriculum. Click this link to read the guide: https://geewhizeducation.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/charactereducationgw.pdf





At Gee Whiz, we are here for you! Need help understanding something about the curriculum? Have a question about your subscription? Interested in attending our next webinar? Want to share an idea? Just send us an email at

<u>customerservice@geewhizeducation.com</u> and we will get back with you as soon as we can.

Look What's Planned for 2019-2020!

At Gee Whiz, we try to plan activities and experiences around topics that are innovative and easy to expand in many directions. Our goal is to provide you with a starting point from which you can build a curriculum that addresses the unique needs of the children in your care. We will also have a STEM focus as well as a Character Education focus during each unit. Please note that letters and pre -literacy skills will be a part of ALL units PLUS they are also addressed in our new Letters & Literacy component. For more details, see our detailed outline at https://geewhizeducation.com/gee-whiz-curriculum-outline/

	Unit #1	Unit #1 Focus	Unit #2	Unit #2 Focus
September 2019	My Home. Your Home.	Families & Homes	Dancing to the Beat	Music, Dance, Instruments
October 2019	A Community Is	All about the Community	A Kaleidoscope of Colors	Exploring Colors
November 2019	We Can Count	Counting & Numerals A Focus on 3	Shapes. Shapes. Shapes.	Basic Shapes Symmetry & Patterns
December 2019	Rockin' Rhymes	Nursery Rhymes Letters & Words	Creative Me!	Painting & Drawings Famous Artists
January 2020	Awesome Opposites	Opposites Positional Concepts	Up in the Sky	Animals & Machines that Fly Sun, Moon, Clouds
February 2020	Deep in the Rainforest	Rainforest Animals, Plants & Insects	Let's Go!	Transportation Traveling
March 2020	In the Time of Dinosaurs	Dinosaurs Fossils	When the Wind Blows	Learning about Wind Things that Move in the Wind
April 2020	Fun on the Farm	Farm Animals Growing Things	Growing Up	Babies & Baby Animals Growth & Change
May 2020	Pond Pals	Pond Animals & Insects Pond Plants	Backyard Adventure	Exploring the Backyard Playing in the Backyard
June 2020	Beach Treasures	Pirates & Treasure Beach & Ocean	Balls, Blankets & Boxes	Different Types of Boxes Working Together
July 2020	It is Picnic Time!	Picnic Foods Picnic Places	Super Storytellers	Dressing Up & Pretending Fairy Tales & Fables
August 2020	Healthy & Strong	Exercise Muscles & Balance	Fantastic Friendships	Friendship Playing with Friends

Freebies for Everyone because Gee Whiz Loves Providers!



At Gee Whiz, our goal is to support providers in what they do! The Freebies section of our website includes numerous tools to achieve this goal. These printable materials are FREE to anyone...customers and non-customers alike. Just visit our homepage and click on the tab titled, "FCC Tools" to see what we have to offer!





Commonly Asked Questions & Answers

Question: Do I need to sign up for a whole year?

No! You control the length of your subscription. Once you sign up, you may cancel your recurring payment at any time.

Question: Do I need to buy a subscription for each child?

No! One subscription covers your entire program...up to 12 children. If you happen to be with a center, you will need to set up a subscription for each classroom. If you have questions about how to do this, just email us at customerservice@geewhizeducation.com for details.

Question: Does the curriculum cover basic skills (e.g., colors, numbers, shapes and letters)?

Yes! These important skills are integrated into the activities. This is a meaningful way for children to learn these concepts. <u>All of these skills are covered within the teaching units</u>. Letters are also covered in our new Letters & Literacy component that is included with each unit.

Question: Is this curriculum going to be shipped to my house?

The Gee Whiz curriculum is digital. This means that it lives online. Using this approach enables us to keep the product very inexpensive and gives you the flexibility to print exactly what you need. In addition, many of the components (e.g., Family Letters) can be emailed instead of printed to save time, paper and money.

What other materials am I going to need to do the curriculum?

Once again, to save you time and money, we use common household materials like clothesbaskets, blankets, plastic kitchen spoons, mixing bowls, etc. in the activities. There is no reason that these types of materials can't be used as "teaching materials!"

Does the program address my state standards?

More than likely...yes! We are still working on creating alignments in some states but most are complete. Just visit our homepage... www.geewhizeducation.com ... and scroll down to the map of the United States. There you will find a pulldown menu that includes the standards documentation. Gee Whiz is also approved for QRIS programs in many states.

Does the program include an assessment tool?

The Gee Whiz curriculum does not contain a formal assessment tool BUT is designed to be comprehensive enough that providers can choose the formal assessment tool they feel will work best for their children. Keep in mind that the curriculum addresses ALL 10 developmental areas and is extremely intentional by design. At Gee Whiz, we assert that if you are using the curriculum as designed, your children should score well on any formal assessment tool. Please see our User's Guide for more information.

Question: Is the curriculum rewritten each year?

We redesign/revamp the curriculum each year.



The Price is Right and Ordering is Easy!

Because Gee Whiz is a digital curriculum, ordering is literally as easy as 1...2..3! You can set up your subscription at any time of the day or night on our website www.geewhizeducation.com. Just choose the payment option you want and get started! We look forward to having you as part of the Gee Whiz family in 2019-2020! Be sure to use the discount code below to save \$10!



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Just click this link to go to our subscription page.

https://geewhizeducation.com/our-pricing/

SAVE \$10 on your first monthly, quarterly or yearly payment!* Just use discount code CAT1920.

Questions? Send us an email at customerservice@geewhizeducation.com. We are happy to help!

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