

Studying topics together in the same grade can build a sense of community in much the same way that common knowledge can bind the larger society together. A diverse society like ours has a need for commonly shared background knowledge. Students can also understand the shared dimension of knowledge, how subjects relate to one another and build over time as well as how history influences contemporary events. They can command the necessary vocabulary to comprehend the complex subjects that lie ahead as well as the increasingly complex world around them. They can, in other words, share the culture of the nation and the world. Even more importantly, they can have a share in it.

Source: Core Knowledge Foundation

Official HMS Core Knowledge Elementary Schools

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College Lane*
Coronado
Edison
Jefferson*
Mills*
Sanger*
Southern Heights
Stone*
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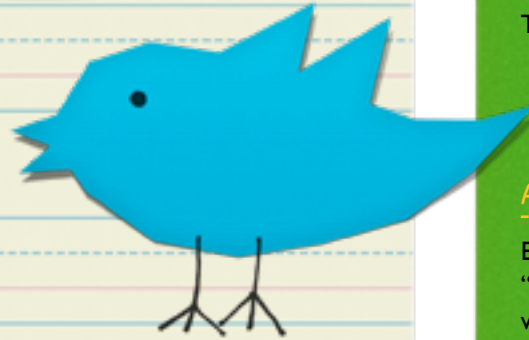
CORE KNOWLEDGE

•A STEPPING STONE CURRICULUM TO AN AGGRESSIVE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM IN HMS SECONDARY SCHOOLS

•IMPLEMENTED AT ALL 12 HMS ELEMENTARIES FOR CONSISTENT INSTRUCTION

•DEVELOPED FOR TEACHERS BY TEACHERS

To learn more about Core Knowledge, read ***What Your Kindergartner through 6th Grader Needs to Know*** or visit www.coreknowledge.org



CORE AT A GLANCE

GREAT LANGUAGE ARTS & HISTORY

Students are enthusiastic about learning as curriculum unfolds. Great literature is linked with historical and geographical facts to create an overall picture rather than individual subject matter.

MATH AND SCIENCE

The connection of math and science occurs as students view the world by asking questions, seeking answers, measuring and making qualitative observations.

ART

Each Hobbs elementary school features a "gallery" of 77 framed art prints deemed master works. Paintings such as Van Gogh's "Self Portrait" or da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" are often tied

to lesson plans in other subjects.

MUSIC

Musical instruction ranges from folk songs to classical works. Specially-trained music teachers work with classroom teachers to

integrate musical instruction with scheduled class units.

Hobbs students in kindergarten through sixth grade are exposed to a broad range of historical, scientific and cultural topics that build on one another or prepare them for later educational success. This wide array of subject content not only develops cultural literacy, it also builds the strong vocabulary and schema necessary for true reading comprehension. HMS is the only New Mexico

district to implement Core Knowledge at each of its 12 elementary schools. Core Knowledge units are taught in similar order at each school (ensuring district continuity) and are designed to develop cultural literacy in a systematic way. Yet

"I am for those means which will give the greatest good to the greatest number."

— Abraham Lincoln

there is ample room for student and teacher creativity. The curriculum eliminates gaps and repetition that characterize a more traditional curriculum. Core Knowledge was phased into HMS curriculum beginning in 2000. Currently there are ten "official" HMS Core Knowledge schools. HMS elementary curriculum is a combination of New Mexico state standards and the Core Knowledge Sequence.

