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Core Knowledge Language Arts Now Online for Free

(Charlottesville, VA, August 21, 2013) The Core Knowledge Foundation is pleased to announce that it has just launched its free Download Manager for Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA):
www.coreknowledge.org/download-ckla.

CKLA is a comprehensive English language arts program for preschool–grade 3 that is fully aligned with the Common Core standards. It has two strands: the Skills strand and the Listening & Learning strand. In the Skills strand, CKLA focuses on reading (with a systematic, synthetic phonics approach) and writing (with a plan, draft, edit process taught across multiple genres). In the Listening & Learning strand, CKLA has 2–3 week domain-based studies using fiction and nonfiction teacher read-alouds in literature, science, and social studies.

The Core Knowledge approach teaches students about the world with engaging fiction and nonfiction content from the sciences, history, and the arts. As students acquire skills in reading and writing, they also develop the broad vocabulary and background knowledge that will allow them to read with comprehension and think critically. From Aztecs to fables to the solar system, from basic sound and spelling patterns to essays based on close reading, Core Knowledge Language Arts has everything students need to get on the path to college and career readiness—and everything teachers need to meet the Common Core standards.

Said Linda Bevilacqua, the president of the Core Knowledge Foundation, “The Core Knowledge Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to increasing educational equity and excellence. We are pleased to offer Core Knowledge Language Arts—a research-based, Common Core-aligned program—for free download. We thank the many generous supporters who made the six-year process of developing and piloting of CKLA possible.”

Learn more at www.coreknowledge.org/ckla, then begin downloading your files. Please check back throughout the fall of 2013; the Foundation will be adding files weekly and expects the entire preschool–third grade program to be online before the end of the year.