

2009 Core Knowledge® National Conference Top-Priority Unit Topics ~ **Preschool**

Presentation proposals addressing any topics from the Preschool Sequence will be considered. However, units on the following topics and those that address multiple topics within one lesson will receive the highest priority as we select from among submissions for the “Share the Knowledge” sessions during the 2009 Core Knowledge National Conference.

Finally, note that submitting a unit on these topics does not guarantee acceptance as we have a limited number of presentation spaces available. However, note that completed units of high-quality will receive the highest priority among proposals.

- II. Autonomy and Social Skills
 Establish a Sense of Self and Personal Responsibility
 Function and Work Constructively in a Group Setting, Using Appropriate Social Skills

- III. Work Habits
 Develop Independent Work Habits

- IV. Oral Language
 Understand and Use Language to Communicate
 Understand and Use Language to Think
 Understand and Use Varied and Complex Vocabulary and Syntax

- V. Storybook Reading
 Units integrating Core Knowledge language and literacy skills with the specific **non-fiction** books

- VI. Emerging Literacy Skills
 Develop an Awareness of the Structure of Print
 Develop Phonemic Awareness
 Develop the Fine Motor Skills and Strokes Used in Writing

- VII. Orientation in Time Demonstrate an Awareness of the Passage of Time and of Periods of Time as “The Past,” “The Present,” “The Future”

- IX. Scientific Reasoning and Knowledge
 Demonstrate an Initial Understanding of the Living World: plants, animals, humans, with the exception of units on the five senses, which have been presented at previous conferences
 Demonstrate an Understanding of the Elements of the Material World: water

- XI. Visual Arts Explore and Create, Using Various Art Forms, Media and Techniques