

# 2008 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 2008 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”
  
- VIII.   Orientation in Space Use Simple Maps Demonstrate an Understanding of Basic  
       Geographic Concepts
  
- 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