

Getting Started: Once logged onto TeacherFileBox.com, use the *Browse by Title* link at the top of the page to quickly select each book title and grade level suggested in this curriculum guide.

1. WARM UP



Use ***Critical and Creative Thinking Activities*** for imaginative activities to motivate students as they practice thinking in multiple ways about a variety of curriculum and theme-based topics.

- Print each unit you want your child to complete.
- The first and second pages of each unit invite the students to start thinking about the topic in several ways. The last page includes logic puzzles, riddle, or secret codes.
- Have your child complete the unit.
- Use the answer key to review answers together.

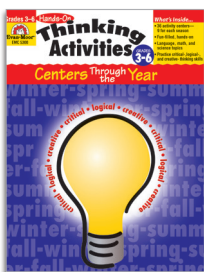
2. TEACH



Use ***Thinking Skills*** to teach your child creative, critical, and logical thinking skills with fun and engaging activities.

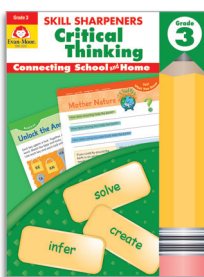
- Each unit includes a teaching guide with ideas for modeling and practicing thinking skills.
- Units are labeled as creative thinking, logical thinking, or creative thinking.
- Print each unit you wish to teach your child or “go green” and have him/her view these thinking activities on the computer screen.

3. PRACTICE and EXTEND



Use ***Hands-on Thinking Activities*** assignments for practice and to apply skills in new ways. These colorful, hands-on activities are great for workboxes!

- Each center activity is listed by topic, so you can easily click on each title you would like your child to practice.
- The center activities can be completed in any order, as long as the skills have been taught to the child.
- Print the center task cards and mats in color or black and white. Laminate if desired.
- Each center activity includes a follow-up activity for your child to complete.

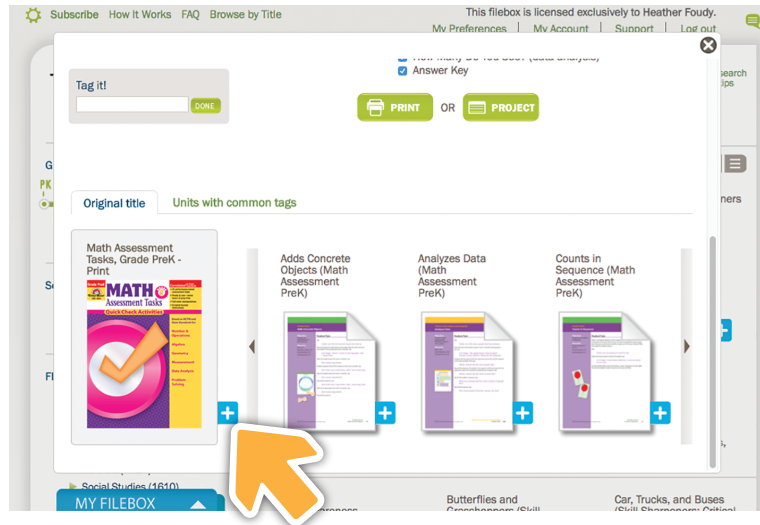


Use ***Skill Sharpeners: Critical Thinking***, a full-color activity book, to give your child extra practice in a fun format.

- Each unit practices a variety of critical thinking skills, which are listed on each activity page.
- Print each of the theme-based units as your kids need them.
- Each unit includes an art project or hands-on activity so that your child can use critical thinking skills to create.

More Tips for Using TeacherFileBox

- Every title includes teacher support pages to help you, such as “Scope and Sequence” or “Teacher Resources.” Look for these links under each title to help you plan your instruction.
- If you want to add the entire book’s units to your filebox, find the “Original Title” tab under the lesson preview graphic. By clicking on the blue “+” next to the book’s image, you can save all of the lessons into the folder of your choice in your filebox. Create a file folder for each title for easy reference.



- If your child is finding a lesson too easy, you can search TeacherFileBox for the lesson in the next grade level. You already have access to all grade levels as a TeacherFileBox subscriber!
- For Daily Practice activities: Print weekly units and organize them in a 3-ring binder for your child to complete during the week. Or “go green” and have your child view the daily problems on the tablet or screen and write the answers in a notebook.
- Using the answer key is a great opportunity to make notes about what your child found to be easy or difficult.
- Your child can work independently if he/she seems to understand the lesson. If your child is not confident with the new skills, you can use these activities to work with your child to make sure he/she understands and practices the new skills correctly.