



SUMMARY REPORT

Resource Name: Health for Kids Series

Disciplines: Health and Science

Producer: Core Learning

Grade Level: Grades 3 - 5

Curriculum Correlation

The *Health for Kids Series* supports topics and concepts related to human organ systems and how the body works to stay healthy in Health and Science curriculum in Grades 3 – 5.

Bias

This resource is presented from a balanced perspective. The characters represent diverse cultures and are portrayed in a variety of roles.

Content

Health for Kids Series, a two-volume software program, provides accurate and up-to-date information about the form and function of the respiratory, digestive, and immune systems. There are also sections on taste and smell, and on teeth and dental hygiene. The program provides interactive information for students, e.g., students click on different parts of the respiratory system and a close-up picture with text appears. A second component takes students through 18 animated episodes where characters tour the inside of the respiratory, immune, and upper digestive systems. New and unfamiliar vocabulary is highlighted and audible pronunciation prompts are provided.

Methodology

Health for Kids Series is presented in an animated, interactive and interesting format. Students begin on an introductory page where they can easily navigate either to the information or to the animated episodes. Throughout each of the screens and episodes, characters present information. The context and characters, along with the animated presentation style, are age-appropriate and appealing for the intended audience.

Assessment

Student feedback is provided through the short, content quizzes that are included as part of the animated “Explore Your Body” episodes.

Format

Navigation and installation are straightforward and intuitive-to-use. With a brief introduction, students could easily use this program independently at school or at home. The CD-ROM disks are packaged in a durable plastic case.

Recommendation

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