



FAQs

What is the typical length of a lesson?

KinderBound can be used as either a half-day or a full-day program, with a pacing guide available for both. In a half-day program the teacher may need to pick and choose among the weekly centers depending upon time and student need, but a full-day program should be able to make full use of all the centers.

KinderBound is set up as a 4-week program. Can it be modified at all for a 2-week program and still yield the same results?

KinderBound is designed to be a four-week program. Although there is a repetition of skills, a two-week program will not be able to cover the same number of skills in the same depth. KinderBound's flexible grouping is designed for classes of varying skills levels. A teacher could set up different classes based on where student struggle most as indicated by assessment results. You would not expect the same results as a 4-week program, but this might be a way to give children extra support where they struggle most.

The larger concern with a 2-week program would be the assessment. Because the initial assessments take approximately 30-40 minutes per student, the program director would need to ensure that the initial benchmark was given before the program started. Also, because it is recommended that student be retested after 4-weeks, a teacher should refrain from doing the final assessment in a program of only 2-weeks.

Are the manipulatives mainly for the assessment or are the lessons very hands-on?

Manipulatives are not just used in the assessment; the lessons are hands-on, activity-based and developmentally appropriate. In addition to whole- and small-group activities, the program provides Center Time for Math, Movement, Writing, Library and Listening, Science, Social Studies, ABC, and Creativity Centers.

Is KinderBound only assessing PreK children or can it be used as a Kindergarten screening test?

KinderBound can be used to assess incoming kindergartners, though it really is more of a diagnostic test than a screening test. The purpose is the same for incoming kindergartners as it is for preschoolers - to make sure all students are ready for the start of kindergarten.

Is KinderBound correlated with the Head Start Performance Standards?

Yes, there will be a correlation to Head Start in ConnectEd by the release date.

Are there any consumables in KinderBound?

The only consumable in KinderBound is the Student Record Sheet. The teacher will not need this if she is recording using the computer or a handheld, and a pdf will also be available online if they want to print their own.

What if teachers don't have time or don't want to administer the assessment; can they use the curriculum by itself?

It is not recommended that the teacher use the curriculum without the assessment piece. Because the differentiations for each activity in the curriculum are based on student responses in the initial assessment, the teacher would have to use other criteria for assigning students to groups or would not be able to use the differentiations at all. The program is designed to differentiate the curriculum based on the individual needs of each child, and this will strength will be lost without the assessment piece.