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### **Florida Virtual School® Launches All New Elementary Curriculum**

**Orlando, FL (June 12, 2018)** – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®), a statewide public school district in Florida, is introducing a new 48-course elementary curriculum for the 2018-19 school year. Courses include English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, Art, Physical Education and Technology.

From Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, these courses are hands-on, empowering, and designed with elementary students in mind. Each course incorporates activities students can do in their own home, encourages them to use their personal experiences to power their learning, and includes plenty of teacher time to support individual students.

When students are working online, directions are clear, designs are fun, and learning is interactive. Courses are broken up into modules, lessons and pages, with students learning subjects in a variety of ways. A typical lesson includes bright, colorful photographs and illustrations, game-like activities for practice, videos, storybooks, activity sheets, and either a quiz or assignment. Offline opportunities ask students to “Try,” “Think,” “Write” or “Share” an activity with a friend or family member. These components are what make these courses so personal. Students can complete lessons following their own schedule, reflect on their own experiences to connect their learning, choose their own topics or materials for activities, and participate in online live lessons called “Class Time” with other students.

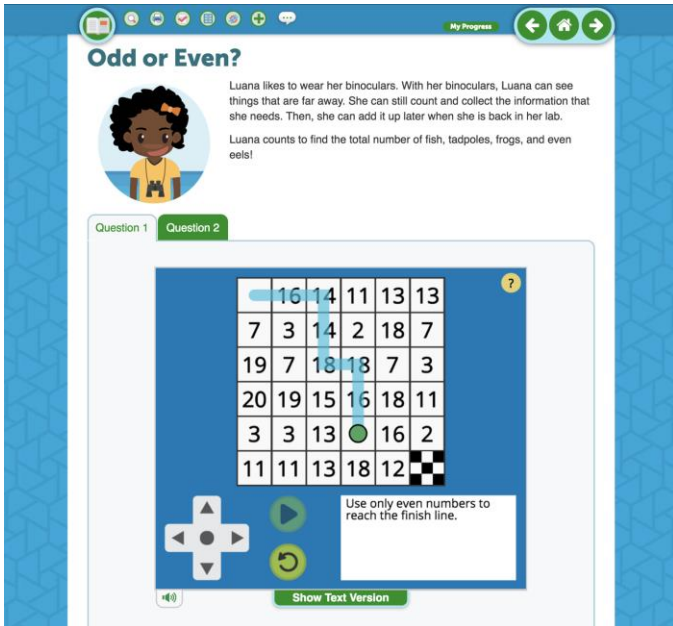
Custom activities were built specifically for the FLVS elementary courses to feel game-like, and fun storylines guide them through each module. In Spanish, students journey to a different country. In Science, they become an inventor in a toy factory. In Art, they go *inside* paintings to learn techniques. Throughout the courses, different characters guide students through their learning, making the experience feel more personal.

A virtual elementary school is unlike any school in the real world. In a virtual classroom, students can journey with an astronaut to see the stars in one module, and travel on safari to Africa in another. They can learn about plant structures, build a model at home, and go on a nature walk to find examples in their own environment. Students can learn about erosion while at the beach. The opportunities are limitless.

“Together with [Virtual High School](#) and [D2L](#), [FLVS](#) has developed engaging and interactive elementary curriculum,” said Dr. Jodi Marshall, president and CEO for FLVS. “We are proud of the unique learning experience FLVS is offering young learners and look forward to launching the new curriculum in the 2018-19 school year through FLVS Full Time, through two FLVS Flex options, and FLVS Global School.”

To learn more about FLVS Elementary options and how to enroll, families should visit [www.flvs.net/elementary](http://www.flvs.net/elementary).

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**About Florida Virtual School**

[Florida Virtual School® \(FLVS®\)](http://www.flvs.net) is a fully accredited, statewide public school district offering more than 150 courses to Kindergarten-12 students. Its certified teachers use a variety of personalized instructional programs to create individualized educational plans for every student. Since 1997, FLVS students have successfully completed more than 3.6 million semester enrollments. FLVS also provides its courseware and expertise to online and blended learning programs across the nation. Services include content licensing, FLVS Global School, District Virtual Schools, digital learning labs, and professional development. As a not-for-profit, FLVS reinvests revenue into the development of new educational technologies and the creation of the highest-quality courses, benefiting students in Florida and beyond. To learn more, visit [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net).

**About Virtual High School**

[Virtual High School](http://www.virtualhighschool.com) is an online course development company based out of Bayfield, Ontario, Canada that specializes in custom course development work. VHS has developed over 125 online courses ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 12, including its work with FLVS, and plans to expand its course development services in the future.

VHS is also a fully online high school offering Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) credits to students worldwide. VHS was created when its founder saw a need for a different approach to education that would allow flexibility and a student-centered approach to learning. Today, VHS's model supports learners of all types, with students able to start any day of the year and complete courses at their own pace, on their own schedules. VHS is expecting 9000 enrollments in 2018 and has issued more than 50,000 OSSD credits since 2001. To learn more, visit [www.virtualhighschool.com](http://www.virtualhighschool.com).

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