

## TCI Alive Curriculum (Science/Social Studies)

When Creekside teaches with TCI Alive whether it be science or social studies, our classrooms no longer look like ordinary classrooms. You don't see kids sitting in rows, taking notes, and nodding off. Students don't just read textbooks and answer questions. They discover information for themselves. They feel the emotions of historical figures. They reason through problems. They debate complex issues. TCI Alive programs get kids moving, thinking, and learning, sometimes all at the same time. In TCI Alive activities, students interact in pairs and groups so they are engaged in their own learning. There are also opportunities for personal reflection and processing. Giving students a variety of ways to experience content helps them better retain and recall key information. One of the most popular components of TCI programs is the Interactive Student Notebook. With the Interactive Student Notebook invites students to:

- Become successful note takers
- Get systematically organized
- Create a portfolio of individual learning for historical memory

The three key elements of the Interactive Student Notebook are:

### Preview Assignments

- Are short and engaging to introduce the topic
- Draw a parallel between key social studies concepts and students' lives
- Spark interest and activate prior knowledge
- Prepare students to tackle new concepts

### Graphically Organized Reading Notes

- Use graphic organizers
- Tap visual and linguistic intelligences
- Contain testable information

### Processing Assignments

- Require higher-order thinking skills
- Incorporate multiple intelligences
- Apply what students learned in the lesson



The foundation of TCI Alive is in its approach to teaching. Every TCI Alive program is designed to reach learners of all abilities using multiple intelligences teaching strategies and theory and research-based active instruction using Common Core standards. Students go in-depth and hands-on in every TCI Alive program. The result? Enriching instruction, excited learners, and improved test scores. Students participate in a tug-of-war to learn about the American Revolution. They conduct press conferences as historical figures. They take a walking tour of Florence to uncover details about the Renaissance. Our social studies program covers the concepts of world geography and map skills, history, government, culture and economics, people and places, ancient culture, American history, Native American history, and others. Students use both online and paper student handouts, videos, assessment tools, and enrichment resources giving the class all the tools they need to turn their social studies classroom into an engaging and stimulating experience. Most importantly, when students are engaged, they love learning. <http://www.teachtci.com/>

TCI Alive helps make social studies and science your students' favorite subjects.