

Waldorf School Curriculum

GRADE	HISTORY	LITERATURE	ENGLISH & GRAMMAR	FOREIGN LANGUAGES	GEOGRAPHY & SCIENCES	MATH	ART & HANDWORK	MUSIC	PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RHYTHMIC ACTIVITIES
1	Fairy Tales, Nature Stories, Poetry - All awaken feelings of reverence for Life.		Pictorial introduction to the Alphabet. Writing - Capital letters, words, speech exercises, drama, phonetics.	German, French or Spanish. Two languages taught conversationally.	Nature Studies & The Environment through observation, gardening, cooking.	Whole numbers, elements of Adding, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division. Counting (1-144), Mental Arithmetic, Roman numerals.	Drawing - Curves, lines, patterns, letters. Knitting - Helps develop small motor skills. Beeswax Watercolor painting.	Soprano recorder lessons, songs in pentatonic scale. Beat rhythms, seasonal songs, singing & action games.	Large muscle activities, circle games & movement exercises, string games, jump rope; clapping out meters, forms & rhythms. Eurythmy.
2	Fables & Folklore, Legends of Saints & Indian Stories.		Small letters, sentences, rhyming words, reading, plays & speech work.	Counting, names of animals, family members, parts of body, foods, seasons, colors, months, etc.		Whole numbers, time tables, number patterns, column adding, situation problems, time, working with money.	Drawing - Symmetry, mirror drawing, form drawing. Watercolor painting, beeswax modeling. Knitting & purling, crocheting.	Continue pentatonic recorder, songs to accompany fables, folk songs.	Large muscle activities, developing a sense of directionality, circle games, hop scotch, jump rope, rhythmic games, string games. Eurythmy
3	Biblical Stories as a part of ancient history, American Indian Tales, & Fables, Poetry & Reading Pertaining to Main Lesson Subject. Old Testament.		Grammar - Sentence structure, verbs, nouns, adjectives, punctuation. Dictations - Simple sentences & paragraphs. Spelling, Writing, simple descriptions, plays		Practical Studies: House Building - Cave, tent, cliff & lake dwellings to modern house - social implications. Farming - Soils, farm life, grains, roots, leaf & stem vegetables, cycles of year. Garden work.	Whole numbers, time tables, number patterns, measurement, building, carrying, borrowing, prime numbers, problems in time.	Form drawing, watercolor painting. Beeswax modeling. Knitting & crochet work.	Tonality through octave in song & recorder. Begin Music Notation, Recorder playing in parts. Begin instrumental Music.	Circle games, line games, work games, songs. Tumbling. Ball handling skill of throwing, catching, kickball. Eurythmy.
4	Local history through geography. Development of local areas by early settlers, how they developed natural resources, etc.	Norse Sagas, Poetry - alliteration, learning to appreciate inner beauty of poem.	Verb tenses, plural, prepositions, abbreviations, personal pronouns, adverbs, memorize rules of grammar, writing, compositions & letters. Oral book reports, spelling, plays, & speech work.	Above, plus grammar begins, written work, simple reading, first dictations.	Learn awareness of geography; map making. Zoology - human & animals. Animals & their relationship to humans.	Review arithmetic operations, times tables, word problems, averages, long division, factoring, proofs.	Geometric drawing, form drawing, watercolor painting, clay modeling. Cross-stitch, embroidery & sewing.	Chorus & Orchestra time, values, harmony, the Major & Minor 3rd, Rounds & Canons, read music from notation.	Running, jumping & throwing games, folk & square dancing, More sophisticated jump rope skills. Eurythmy.
5	Ancient India, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt & Greece up to Alexander the Great.	Greek Mythology, scenes from Ancient History, biographies of great men & women.	Active & passive verbs, subject & predicate, use of capitals, part of speech, syntax, punctuation, composition, letter writing, book reports, spelling - 15 words/week.	Simple text, syntax, short talks & descriptions; learn Sanskrit poems & Greek phrases.	United States Geography. Zoology - Adaptation of animals to their environment. Botany - Study of the plant in relation to the earth.	Decimals, fractions, mixed numbers, reciprocals, Metric System.	Free geometric drawing, form drawing, watercolor painting. Sock knitting, woodworking, carving & clay work.	Chorus & Orchestra, three part singing, Major & Minor scale, playing above the octave, Rounds, & Canons in Major & Minor. Greek music.	Rhythmic exercises, gymnastics, Greek pentathlon-javelin, discus, wrestling, long jump, distance running. Basketball, volleyball, softball skills, kickball. Eurythmy.
6	Fall of Troy to founding of Rome through monarchy, republic & empire. The life of Christ, the Crusades, life of Mohammed & the Islamic people, Medieval society.	Tales of Chivalry, aTom Sawyer- Mark Twain, poetry, ballads, scenes from Medieval history.	Subjunctive mood, conditional sentences, transitive & intransitive verbs. Possessive & objective nouns, adjectives, comparative adjectives, & sentence diagramming. Writing - Composition; exposition, narration, description, outlining. Spelling - 15 words/week	Simple reading texts, humorous stories, free translation, learn Latin sayings & proverbs.	Geography - of Canada, Latin & South America, the earth-s configurations & contrasts. Physics - Sound, heat, light, magnetism, static electricity. Geology - minerals & crystals of the earth. Botany - Continued from above, introduction to horticulture.	Percentage, money, mathematical sentences, interest, profit & loss ratio, proportion, exchange, estimation, equations.	Geometric drawings, geometric string design, mosaic pictures, black & white drawing, shadows, watercolor landscapes, sewing, woodworking - using saws, rasps, etc. to make objects. Bas-Relief in clay. 3-dimensional fabric animals. Beginning dollmaking & advanced handsewing.	Two & three part choruses, minstrel songs & songs of the Middle Ages. Descant, Alto & Tenor recorders. Roman music, Chorus & Orchestra.	Team sports - rules; kickball, softball, volleyball, swimming, archery, folk dancing, juggling. Eurythmy.
7	1400 -1700. Age of Exploration, Age of Discovery, Reformation, Renaissance.	Arthurian Legends, historical novels, biography, humorous stories, tales of adventure & discovery. Poetry, ballads, scenes from the Renaissance, stories of tribal life.	Review all grammar. Original writing & summaries, essays, comparisons, research papers. Poetic forms. Spelling - 20 words a week & rules.	Reading & conversation, grammar & structural drills. Classical Languages - Latin & Greek Myths Poetry, Quotations Word Study	Geography - of Africa & Europe. Tides, map reading, weather. Chemistry - Combustion, chemical transformation. Physiology - 9 systems, nutrition, & first aid. Physics - Light, magnetism, static & current electricity, mechanics. Astronomy - Study of galaxy.	Business Math Graphing Algebra Perimeters Areas Roots Powers Formulae	Hand sewing, (embroidery); footwear - felted or leather. Woodworking - mallets, gouges, chisels. Clay - Black fired pottery. Watercolor painting, exact geometrical. Drawing, perspective drawing, black & white drawing.	Motets, madrigals, ballads. Opera, oratorio, recorder continues. Renaissance Music, Chorus & Orchestra.	Tumbling, free gymnastics, exercises contrasting heaviness & lightness. Team games & sports, soccer, folk dancing, archery. Eurythmy.
8	1700 - Present. Industrial Revolution to modern day. American History.	Shakespeare, epic & dramatic poetry. Stories about different people of the world, their folklore & poetry.	Review all grammar, original writing, newspaper reporting, business & practical writing, writing a short play. Spelling - 25 words a week.	Continuation of above. Classical Languages - Latin & Greek, life in Greek & Roman times, grammar & syntax, vocabulary.	Chemistry - Metals, gases, solids. Physiology - Bones, muscles, the eye, body chemistry. Physics - Sound, heat, current electricity, hydraulics, aerodynamics, meteorology. Geography - Asia, Australia, Antarctic. World Geography - contracts.	Practical Math Percent Signed Numbers Equations Number Bases Set Concepts	Drawing - Exact geometric drawing, 3 dimensional, theorems, volumes of solids. Solid geometry, black & white & charcoal drawing. Watercolor painting, wood-working, clay. Basketry. Machine sewing tailored shirts.	Elizabethan songs, Negro spirituals, symphonic form, American music, Chorus & Orchestra.	Greek wrestling, gymnastics with equipment, team games, team sports, kickball, softball, soccer, rhythmic exercise, folk dancing. Eurythmy.