

Waldorf School Sample Grades Curriculum

The following lessons and activities begin in First Grade, continue through Eighth Grade and are taught throughout the grades program:

- Spanish, German, Form Drawing, Recorder, Singing, Music Theory, Recitation and Drama, Watercolor Painting, Handwork, Modeling, Eurythmy, Games Class, Movement Education

Please note: The grade level at which various lessons are introduced may vary slightly depending upon the teacher's knowledge and experience of working with each unique class.

Grade One: Fairy tales and folk tales; Introduction to the alphabet and writing; Introduction to reading; Qualitative aspects of numbers; Arithmetic: the four processes (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division), mental math; Nature studies based on stories; Knitting

Grade Two: Fables and legends of Saints, local folklore; Reading, writing, spelling; Introduction to elements of grammar; Arithmetic: the four processes, whole numbers, times tables, column adding, working with money; Nature stories; Crocheting

Grade Three: Old Testament stories, Creation Stories; Cursive writing; Reading, spelling, grammar; Arithmetic: the four processes; linear, liquid and dry measurement, weight and time, carrying and borrowing, prime numbers; Practical studies: house building, farming, clothing, gardening and crafts

Grade Four: Norse mythology, Kalevala; Reading, spelling, grammar; Language arts; Arithmetic: the four processes, long division, fractions, factoring, word problems; Local history and geography; Zoology, comparative study of humans and animals; Cross-stitch, crafts; Part Singing

Grade Five: Greek mythology; Biographies of great historical figures; Language arts; Arithmetic: fractions, decimals; Ancient history: India, Persia, Babylonia, Chaldea, Egypt, Greece; North American geography; Botany; Zoology

Grade Six: Roman History, medieval history; Language arts; Arithmetic: percentage, geometrical drawing, ratio, proportion, introduction to equations, business math; South American or African geography; Physics; Geology; Botany; Sewing

Grade Seven: Renaissance and Reformation; Age of Exploration and discovery, 1400-1700; Creative Writing, poetry, research paper; Human Physiology, "Coming of Age", Chemistry: combustion, acid/base; Physics: mechanics and electricity; Astronomy; Algebra, formulae; European geography; Perspective drawing

Grade Eight: The Age of Revolution, Industrial Revolution, World History to Modern Time; Shakespeare; Signed numbers, equations, set concepts, practical mathematics, algebra, geometry, Platonic solids; World Geography; Human Anatomy; Chemistry; Physics; Meteorology; Original writing is done in all Grade Eight blocks; Grade Eight project, Research paper, oral presentation to community, hands-on model; Class trip