

THE WALDORF GRADES CURRICULUM

Grade	History	Literature	English and Grammar	Foreign Language	Geography and Sciences	Math	Art and Handwork	Music	Physical Education and Movement
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.	Spanish language taught conversationally.	Nature studies and the environment through observation, gardening, cooking.	Whole numbers, elements of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, counting (1-144), mental arithmetic, Roman numerals.	Drawing- curves, lines, patterns and letters, beeswax modeling, watercolor painting, knitting- helps develop fine motor and number skills.	Pentatonic flute lessons, songs in the pentatonic scale, beat rhythms, seasonal songs, singing and action games.	Large muscle activities, circle games and movement exercises, string games, jump rope, clapping out meters, forms and rhythms, cooperative play. Eurythmy when available.
2	Fables and folklore, legends of Saints.		Small letters, sentences, rhyming words, reading, plays and 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.	Drawing- symmetry, mirror drawing, form drawing, watercolor painting, beeswax modeling, knitting and purling, crocheting.	Continuing pentatonic flute, songs to accompany fables, folk songs.	Large muscle activities, developing a sense of directionality, circle games, hope scotch, jump rope, rhythmic games, string games. Eurythmy when available.
3	Old Testament as part of Ancient History, Poetry and reading pertaining to Main Lesson subject.		Grammar- sentence structure, verbs, nouns, adjectives, punctuation, dictation- simple sentences and paragraphs, spelling, cursive writing, simple descriptions, plays.			House building- cave, tent, cliff and lake dwellings to modern houses and the social implications. Farming- farm life, soils, grains, roots, leaf and stem vegetables, cycles of the year. Garden work.	Whole numbers, time tables, number patterns, measurement, building, carrying, borrowing, prime numbers, time, working with money.	Form drawing, watercolor painting, beeswax modeling, knitting and crochet work.	Begin Soprano recorder, tonality through octave in song and recorder, begin music notation, recorder playing in parts.
4	Local history through geography, development of local areas by early settlers.	Norse Sagas, poetry, alliteration, different literature genres, Native American studies.	Verb tense, plurals, prepositions, abbreviation, personal pronouns, adverbs, memorizing grammar rules, compositions, oral book reports, spelling.	Continuation of 1 st - 3 rd grade work, along with grammar work, writing, simple reading, beginning dictation.	Awareness of geography from immediate environment to the state of Wisconsin, map making, map skills, zoology- human and animal, animals relation to humans.	Review arithmetic operations, times tables, word problems, averages, long division, factoring, fractions.	Geometric drawing, form drawing, watercolor painting, clay modeling, cross-stitch, embroidery and sewing. Beginning woodworking.	Recorder, singing in unison and simple harmony, Major and Minor, rounds and canons, reading music from notation. Beginning strings: intro to violin, viola and cello.	Running, jumping and throwing games, folk and square dancing, more sophisticated jump-rope skills, continued ball skills. Eurythmy when available.
5	Ancient India, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt and Greece up to Alexander the Great.	Greek Mythology, scenes from Ancient History, biographies of great men and women.	Active and passive verbs, subject and predicate, use of capitals, parts of speech, syntax, punctuation, composition, letter writing, book reports, spelling.	Simple text, syntax, short talks and descriptions.	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 and clay work.	Chorus, Major and Minor scale, playing above the octave, rounds and canons, 3 and 4 part harmonies, strings continue with option to move to recorder.	Gymnastics, slackline, juggling, team sports, Greek Pentathlon- javelin, discus, wrestling, long jump, distance running. Eurythmy when available.
6	Fall of Troy to founding of Rome, republic and empire. The life of Christ, the Crusades, the life of Mohammed and the Islamic people, Medieval society.	Tales of Chivalry, poetry, ballads, scenes from Medieval history. Historical fiction of the Roman Era.	Subjunctive mood, conditional sentences, transitive verbs, possessive nouns, comparative adjectives, sentence diagramming, composition, exposition, narration, description, outlining.	Simple reading texts, humorous stories, free translation.	Geography biomes, geography of Canada, Latin and South America, the earth's configurations and contrasts, Physics- sound, heat, light, magnetism, static electricity, Geology- minerals and crystals, Botany continued.	Percentage, money, mathematical sentences, proportion, estimates, equations, business math- interest and profit loss ratio.	Geometric string design and drawing, mosaic pictures, black and white drawing, shadows, landscapes, advanced hand sewing, 3-dimensional fabric animals, woodworking- using saws and rasps, 3-dimensional clay structures.	Chorus, 3 and 4 part harmonies, minstrel songs and song of the Middle Ages, Roman music, complex rhythms, strings or recorder continue.	Team sports- kickball, basketball, volleyball, archery, folk dancing, juggling, slack line. Eurythmy when available.
7	1400-1700, the Age of Exploration, the Age of Discovery, reformation, Renaissance.	Arthurian Legends, historical novels, biography, humorous stories, tales of adventure and discovery, poetry, scenes from the Renaissance, tribal stories.	Review all grammar, original and writing summaries, essays, comparisons, research papers, poetic forms, calligraphy, spelling.	Reading and conversation, grammar and structural drills, poetry, quotations, word study.	Geography of Africa and Europe, tides, map reading, weather, Chemistry- combustion, chemical transformation, Physiology- 9 systems, nutrition, first aid, Physics- light, magnetism, static and current electricity, mechanics, Astronomy- study of galaxy.	Business math continues, graphing, pre-algebra, perimeters, areas, roots, powers, formulae.	Watercolor painting, exact geometry, perspective drawing, black and white drawing, doll-making, advanced hand sewing, making clay masks, woodworking- using mallets, gouges and chisels.	Chorus, motets, madrigals, ballads, oratorio, Renaissance music, leadership and technique, strings or recorder continue.	Free gymnastics, tumbling, exercises contrasting heaviness and lightness, team games and sports, soccer, folk dancing, archery, juggling, slack line, frisbee golf, track and field. Eurythmy when available.
8	1700- the present, Industrial Revolution through to modern history, American History.	Shakespeare, epic and dramatic poetry, stories about people of the world, folklore and poetry, reading of various literature.	Review all grammar, original writing, essays and research papers, business and practical writing, spelling.	Continuation of above, emphasis on grammar, syntax, and vocabulary.	Organic Chemistry, Physiology- bones, muscles, the eye, body chemistry, Physics- sound, heat, current electricity, hydraulics, aerodynamics, meteorology, Geography of Asia, Australia, Antarctic.	Algebra, practical math, percentages, signed numbers, equations, number bases, set concepts, platonic solids.	Three dimensional drawing, solid geometry, charcoal drawing, watercolor painting, woodworking, clay, machine sewing projects- clothing, pajamas, messenger bags.	Chorus, Elizabethan songs, symphonic forms, American music, leadership and technique, strings or recorder continue.	Team sports- basketball, volleyball, soccer, kickball, softball, juggling, slack line, frisbee golf, track and field. Eurythmy when available.