

Waldorf School of Princeton Grade School Curriculum

Grade	1	2	3	4
Theme of Year / History	Fairy Tales	Fables and Legends	Hebrew Scriptures / Pioneer Life	Norse Mythology / Native American Lenape Life
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Pictorial introduction to the alphabet ▣ Writing familiar poems / sentences, then reading them ▣ Choral recitation ▣ Story re-telling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Phonetic patterns ▣ Personal Writing into Reading ▣ Early Readers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Basic grammar ▣ Punctuation ▣ Sentence structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Framework for original compositions ▣ Grammar
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Number Quality ▣ Counting ▣ Imaginative introduction to arithmetic operations (+, - x, ÷) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Place Value ▣ Regrouping ▣ Rhythmic times table practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Long Division ▣ Measurement ▣ Rhythmic times table practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Fractions
Natural Science	Nature Stories and Exploration		Farming, Clothing, and Shelter	Preliminary Physiology and Zoology — Human and Animal
Geography	Home and School Surroundings			New Jersey / Mapmaking
Spanish	Songs, poems, and games			Grammar begins
Fine and Practical Arts	Annual Class Play / Personal Main Lesson Books			
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Singing in unison ▣ Pentatonic Flute 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Singing in rounds ▣ Soprano recorder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Singing in harmony ▣ String instruments
Drawing	Spatial orientation	Symmetry	4-way mirroring	Braided designs
Painting	Color Quality	Interplay of color	Gesture	Forms
Sculptural Arts	Modeling with beeswax		Modeling with clay / wax	Clay and/or Wood
Gardening			Wheat, Corn, Maple Sugar	
Handwork	Knitting		Crochet	Cross-stitch
Eurythmy	Moving in a whole circle	Moving in symmetry	Moving in (star) patterns	Facing front while moving
Movement	Rhythmic circle games; bean bags; jump rope; hand-clapping		Games featuring the individual within a group; cat and mouse	

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Grade	5	6	7	8
History	Ancient Civilizations — India, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece	Roman and Medieval History	Renaissance / Reformation, Age of Discovery	Modern History — Revolutions
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Descriptive Writing ▣ Direct and Indirect Speech ▣ Report Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Advanced Grammar ▣ Self-editing ▣ Expository, Descriptive and Narrative Writing ▣ Conditional sentences ▣ Latin sayings / proverbs ▣ Report Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Forms of poetry ▣ Research Papers ▣ Creative Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ History of English Language ▣ Shakespeare, Chaucer, Dickens ▣ Concise Summaries ▣ Research ▣ Reports and Essays
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Decimals ▣ Introduction to Metrics ▣ Averages and Area ▣ Freehand Geometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Business Math ▣ Percentages ▣ Exact Geometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Introduction to Algebra ▣ Rates, Ratios, Percents, Measures ▣ Geometric formulas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Algebra or Math Topics ▣ Platonic Solids
Natural Science	Botany	Physics — acoustics, optics, heat, magnetism and static electricity Geology	Physics — measurement Physiology — respiratory, circulatory, metabolic, and some nervous system Inorganic Chemistry — Lime Cycle — combustion and chemical reactions	Physics — fluids, aeromechanics, climatology Physiology & Anatomy — muscular and skeletal Organic Chemistry — Foodstuffs — human digestion, cooking, industrial food production
		Astronomy		
Geography	North America	European and World Geography with an in-depth focus on Africa, Asia, and South America		
Ongoing	Eurythmy / Spanish / Gardening / Sculptural Arts with clay and/or wood			
Fine and Practical Arts	Annual Class Play / Personal Main Lesson Books			
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ 3-part singing / alto recorder ▣ String instruments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Chorus ▣ Orchestra 		
Fine Art	Painting and drawing	Light and Shadow	Perspective drawing	Portraits
Handwork	Knitting Socks with 4 needles	Doll making	Embroidery / Hand sewing	Machine sewing
Movement / Sports	Pentathlon — 5 events Cross-country team, Tennis	Archery, Circus skills, Team games After school sports: Cross-country team, Basketball team, Tennis		