

ALABAMA WALDORF SCHOOL

Curriculum Overview (page 1)

	Mathematics	Sciences	English & Grammar	Literature	Foreign Languages	Geography	History
First Grade	Whole numbers, four processes, counting, Roman numerals	Nature studies	Capital letters, reading from own writing, phonics, short plays, choral recitations	Rhythmic poems, Fairy tales	Songs, games, poems, stories; colors, numbers, basic vocabulary	Nature through observation	
Second Grade	Times tables, columnar addition and subtraction, carrying and borrowing	Nature studies	Lower case letters, reading typed print, cursive, plays, speech and recitation, phonics	Legends and animal fables, tales of heroes	Days, months, seasons, fables, family vocabulary	Environment through observation	
Third Grade	Measurement, time, long division and columnar multiplication	Farm life, food production	Simple grammar and writing, speech work, plays	Hebrew stories, poetry, reading	Conversations, time, food, basic grammar, complex commands, simple stories	House building, farming, clothing	Old Testament stories as part of ancient history
Fourth Grade	Word problems, averages, fractions, factoring	Zoology: descriptive study of animals	Parts of speech, grammatical rules, writing poetry and stories	Norse sagas, poetry, African, Creek, and Cherokee legends	Writing, reading, plays, verb tenses, spelling, short dictation	Map making from classroom to home, region	Alabama history, Native Americans
Fifth Grade	Decimals, fractions, mixed numbers, reciprocals, freehand geometry	Zoology: lesser known animals, botany	Active and passive, subject and predicate, syntax, writing	Greek, Indian, and Egyptian mythology, biographies	Literature, grammar, proverbs, conversation	United States geography	India, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Africa
Sixth Grade	Percentage, ratio, money interest, proportion, business math, freehand geometry	Physics, geology, mineralogy	Grammar, descriptive and expository writing	Tales of chivalry, poetry, ballads	Literature, history, grammar, geography, conversation	North and South America	From ancient Rome through the Middle Ages
Seventh Grade	Business math, graphs, algebra, perimeters, areas, powers	Chemistry, physiology, nutrition, first aid, anatomy, meteorology	Creative writing, research papers, business letters	Arthurian legends, historical novels, poetry	Reading, writing compositions, conversation, grammar, biographies	Africa and Europe, map reading	1400 – 1700: Exploration, Reformation, Renaissance
Eighth Grade	Practical mathematics, percent, equations, plane and solid geometry, and algebra	Organic chemistry, physiology, physics,	Grammar, compositions, business and practical writing	Shakespeare, epic and dramatic poetry, folklore	Sentence structure, reading and retelling of stories, review of learned material	Asia, Australia, Antarctica; global contrasts, global commerce and economics	1700– present: Revolutions: French, American, Indian, Industrial, Civil Rights movement OVER--->

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	Drawing	Painting	Handwork	Modeling Examples	Movement Education	Music
First Grade	Curves, straight lines, patterns, alphabet, fairy tale pictures	Wet-on-wet painting using primary colors	Finger knitting, Two-needle knitting, cast on, bind off, finishing	Beeswax: simple figures, scenes from fairy tales	Seasonal games, cooperative games, circle games and activities, jump rope, hand clapping games, simple dances	Interval flute, seasonal songs
Second Grade	Symmetry, mirror drawing, running forms, animals from fables	Painting using secondary colors, animal and plant forms	Purling, increase, decrease, combine knit and purl	Beeswax: scenes from fables, legends, etc.	Tumbling, hop scotch, jump rope, hand clap games, Weaving in and out of the circle, improving basic gaits, circle dances	Pentatonic flute, folk songs, simple rhythms
Third Grade	4 quadrant symmetry, metamorphoses	Nature paintings, Old Testament images	Crochet – chain, single, double, seaming	Beeswax: scenes from main lesson work	Ring games, line games, circus arts, jump rope, circle dances	Diatonic flute, octaves, rounds, basic notation, rhythms
Fourth Grade	Interlocking and negative forms, Native American motifs, Norse myth illustration	Local landscapes and animals	Cross stitch, embroidery, braiding and cords	Clay modeling: animals, geometric shapes, etc.	Running, jumping and throwing games, obstacle courses, athletic lead-up games, improve posture and running forms, folk dances, Native American games	Notation, time values, major and minor third; beginning violin
Fifth Grade	Freehand geometric drawing, dynamic drawing, illustration of Greek, Indian, and African myths	Greek and Indian architecture, work from darkness into light	Five-needle knitting: felted slippers.	Clay modeling: Greek vases, clay tablets Plant shapes	Greek games: javelin, discus, long jump, sprint, Ring wrestling, focus is on form and appreciation of movement	Major and minor scales, harmony; violin
Sixth Grade	Exact geometric drawing, black and white drawing	Landscapes, color contrasts	Hand-sewing, pattern design, quilting	Bas-relief in Roman style	Circus arts, archery, team sports, fencing with staves, teamwork games and activities, Medieval games	Descant, alto and tenor recorders, string and wind instruments
Seventh Grade	Perspective drawing, platonic solids	Transparent colors	Waldorf dolls	Clay modeling: hands, feet, bones	Track and field, juggling, fencing with staves, teamwork games and activities	Choir, Strings Ensemble, recorders
Eighth Grade	3-dimensional drawings, volumes	Space in color	Machine sewing, weaving	Human head in clay	Fencing, teamwork activities, team sports, track and field	Choir, Strings Ensemble, writing music OVER→