

Richmond Waldorf School Grade School Curriculum

G	History	Literature	English & Grammar	Foreign Language	Geography	Sciences	Mathematics
1	Fairy Tales Poems with strong rhythm		Drawings: form to letter Capital letters Short plays Simple words Phonetics Speech exercises	German and Russian are taught through imitation of songs, games, poems, and plays	Nature	Nature studies Cooking	Whole numbers Four rules (0-24) Counting (1-144) Rhythms, mental arithmetic, Roman numerals
2	Fables Saint legends		Plays and speech work Simple sentences Lower case letters Rhyming words	Counting Names of animals, family members, parts	Nature Environment	Nature studies Cooking	Whole numbers Times tables Column adding Situation problems Number patterns
3	Biblical stories as part of ancient history Native American tales and fables	Old Testament stories Poetry	Structure of a sentence Noun, verb, adjective, adverb Punctuation Spelling Simple descriptive composition Plays and speech work	of the body, foods, etc. Seasons Months of the year	House building Farming	Soils, farm life, grains, root, leaf and stem vegetables. Cycles of the year Gardening	Whole numbers Times tables Number patterns Measurement and weight Carrying and borrowing Time Money
4	Local history Why the early settlers chose your particular geographic area to live in and how they developed the natural resources	Norse and Celtic sagas Poetry Alliteration	Verb tenses, prepositions personal pronouns, plurals Abbreviations Grammatical rules, composition, letter writing Oral book reports, Plays and speech work	Grammar begins Written work Simple reading First dictations Move from choral speaking to more individual expression	Home surroundings	Zoology	Review operations Long division Word problems Averages Factoring proofs Fractions

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5	India, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece to Alexander the Great	Greek myths Ancient History	Active, passive verbs Subject, predicate Synonyms, antonyms, homonyms Composition Book reports, letter writing Spelling, dictionary work	German only: Simple text Syntax Short talk and descriptions Sanskrit poems Greek phrases	United States	Zoology Botany	Number theory Fractions Mixed numbers Decimals Reciprocals Metrics
6	Troy – Rome, the life of Christ, the Crusades, the life of Mohammed & Islamic peoples Medieval society Cloister, Castle, City	Age of chivalry Medieval literature Poetry & ballads Scenes from Medieval history	Subjunctive mood Diagramming sentences Composition: emphasis on exposition Outlining, business letters Spelling, dictionary work	Simple reading Free translation	Canada Latin America and South America World geography	Physics: sound, heat, light Mineralogy Botany Intro to horticulture	Percentage Interest, profit, loss Ratio Proportion, exchange Estimation Equations
7	1400-1700 Age of Exploration Age of Discovery Reformation Renaissance	Arthurian legend Historical novels Biography Scenes from the Renaissance Humorous stories Tales of adventure	Review all grammar Development of plasticity of language Summaries, essays, research papers Poetry forms	Reading and conversation Grammar and structurals Drills	Africa Europe World geography: tides, maps, weather	Combustion Physics: mechanics, magnetism, electricity Astronomy Physiology	
8	1700-present	Shakespeare World folklore, poetry, epics	Review all grammar Newspaper reporting Skits and short plays Spelling, dictionary work	Continuation on all of above with emphasis on vocabulary building and directed dialogue	Asia Australia Antarctica	Metals, gases, solids Physiology Physics: hydraulics, aerodynamics, meteorology	Percentage Signed numbers Equations

All upper grades classes incorporate drawing, painting, choral singing, recorder, handwork, modeling, woodworking, violin and eurythmy