



Second Grade Block Rotations

Mr. Keith Davis, Class Teacher

Subject	Date of Study
Fables & Legends	September 8 - 30
Mathematics: Four Processes	October 5 –November 6
Geometry	November 9 - 30
Class Play	December 1 - 18
Place Value and Higher Algorithms	January 4 – 29
Nature Studies	February 1 - 26
Story Problems and Problem Solving	February 29th- March 25th
Legends and Folklore of Heroic People from Around the World	April 11th- May 6th
Higher Level Algorithms 2	May 9th- June 10th

Block Rotations within a Waldorf Inspired Curriculum:

In the Waldorf grades program, the school day begins with a long, uninterrupted lesson. Within this morning lesson one topic of study is the main focus; wherein many skills are developed for several weeks at a time. This long main lesson allows the teacher to develop a wide variety of activities around the subject at hand. In the younger grades, lively rhythmic activities, games, songs and dances help the children wake up and develop social intelligence; they recite poems connected with the main lesson, practice tongue twisters to limber up speech, and work with concentration exercises using body movements.

In the upper grades, project based learning and lessons designed to reach multiple intelligences and diverse learners permeate the morning lesson. The activities vary depending upon the subject studied, the developmental needs of the class, and the individual students.

All students participate in all basic subjects regardless of their special aptitudes. The purpose of studying a subject is to awaken and educate capacities that every human being needs. The arts and practical skills play an essential part in the educational process throughout the grades. They are not considered luxuries, but fundamental to human growth and development.

Outside of the main morning lesson, SMS offers workshops for the further development of essential skills. Reading, writing, and arithmetic are practiced daily in these workshops. Additionally, we offer Spanish, Strings, Garden, Handwork, Games, and Mandarin (upper grades) during our workshop times. Please see the SMS weekly schedule for when these classes are offered.