



Third Grade Block Rotations

Mrs. Amy Schlatter, Class Teacher

Subject	Date of Study
Creation Stories 1: Iroquois Creation, Adam and Eve, China or Japan	September 8 - 30
Cooking/Sewing/Fibers: Trailing of the Sheep workshops and field trips week of Oct. 7-11 (Autumn with fibers, Julia with Basque traditions) Canning, preserving, pies for thanksgiving with Crystal	October 5 - 30
Measurement	November 2 - 20
Grammar	November 30 – December 18
Time and Money	January 4 - 22
Creation Stories 2 & Hebrew Legends Class Play March 3 rd	January 25 – March 4
Higher Level Algorithms	March 7 - 25
Shelters	April 11- 29
Farming and year's review	May 2- June 10

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 older 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.