



5th Grade Block Rotations

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Subject	Date of Study
Ancient Cultures: India and Persia	September 8-25
Mathematics: Geometry	September 28- October 16
Botany Field trip to Botanical Garden	October 19 - November 6
North American Geography through the economy	November 9 - 20
Mathematics: Decimals	November 30 - December 18
Mesopotamia, Egypt	January 4 - 22
Greek Myths	January 25 - February 11
Higher Level Math	February 16 - March 12
Play block Performance March 24 th	March 7- 25
Grammar and Language Arts with Botany Common Core testing	April 11 - May 6
Greek History	May 9-26
May 25th Pentathlon with Stanley School and Ketchum Montessori	
Field trip to Yellowstone	May 31 - June 3
Review of the Year	June 6-10

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.