

# Grade School Academic Curriculum Overview

## GRADE 1

Pictorial and phonetic introduction to letters

Reading approached through writing

Arithmetic: Introduction to addition, subtraction, multiplication, division

Fairy tales, folk tales, and nature stories

Begin foreign language study

Begin playing recorders

## GRADE 2

Reading and writing

Multiplication tables

Numerical patterns and forms

Legends, fables, and nature stories

## GRADE 3

Reading and spelling

Writing original stories

Grammar, punctuation, and parts of speech

Cursive writing

Multiplication with higher numbers

Weight, measurement, money

Time and calendar work

Study of practical life: Farming, housing, clothing

Old Testament stories as an introduction to history

Begin playing stringed instruments

## GRADE 4

Reading, storytelling, writing, composition, and grammar

Introduction to fractions

Nature study: The animal kingdom

Local geography and mapmaking

Norse myths and sagas

## GRADE 5

Reading, spelling, compositions, grammar, letter writing

Begin literature and library skills

Fractions, decimals, freehand geometry

Nature study : The plant kingdom

Physical and economic geography

Ancient civilizations through Greece

Begin woodworking

Begin orchestra

## GRADE 6

Letter writing, grammar, and essay writing

Literature and library skills

Earth science

Business math, geometry, pre-algebra

Introduction to physics

Physical and economic geography II

Roman and medieval history

## GRADE 7

Grammar, creative writing, essays, and compositions

Algebra and geometry

Physics II

Introduction to chemistry

Biology: Human physiology and health

Cultural geography

Renaissance, Reformation, and Age of Discovery

## GRADE 8

Creative and expository writing

Grammar review

Current events/news reporting

Review of basic arithmetic, algebra, and solid geometry

Physics III

Chemistry II

Biology II: Human anatomy and physiology

Cultural geography II

History: 1600 to present