



EMERSON

Waldorf
SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

VIRTUAL TOUR

LOWER SCHOOL

grades 1-5

DEVELOPING PURPOSE



FROM WONDER TO WISDOM

- 54 acres of forest, hills, trails, meadow, and farm
 - Founded in 1984
 - Preschool through High School
 - 250 students
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- Classes average 18 students
Max of 25 students
 - School Day: 8:30 am to 3:15 pm
 - Drop-in after care available until 6 pm



WALDORF EDUCATION

- Educational philosophy guided by a deep understanding of child development
- Teachers educate and guide students within academic, artistic, social and emotional realms
- School work revolves around doing, thinking and feeling activities
- Use performing, visual, and practical arts to teach academic subjects, deepening understanding of subject matter
- Ample time in nature: listening, observing and playing





MAIN LESSON

- The school day begins with verse recitation and singing
- Then, students begin main lesson



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The four Math operations, Reading and Writing are the primary focus of Main Lesson in 1st through 3rd grade



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Advanced math concepts,
history, grammar, geography,
and science are incorporated
into Main Lesson starting in 4th
grade



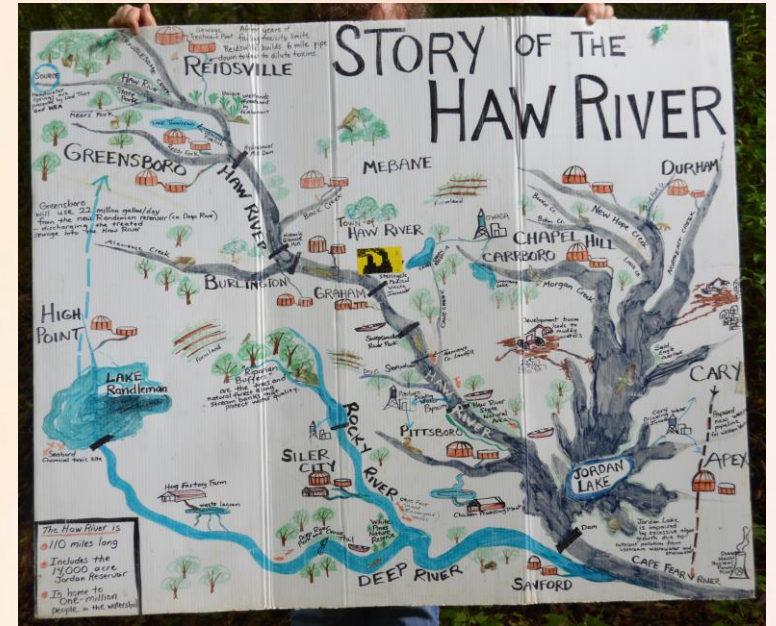
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Teachers use art,
music, movement
and storytelling to
engage young
learners



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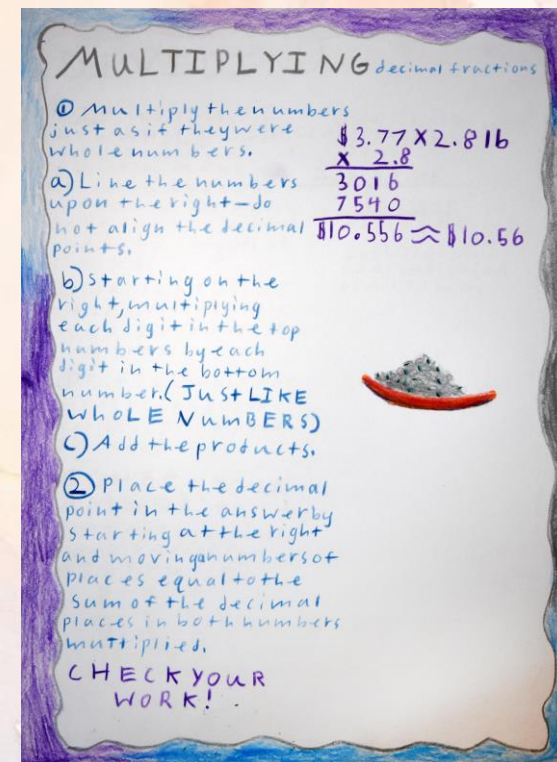
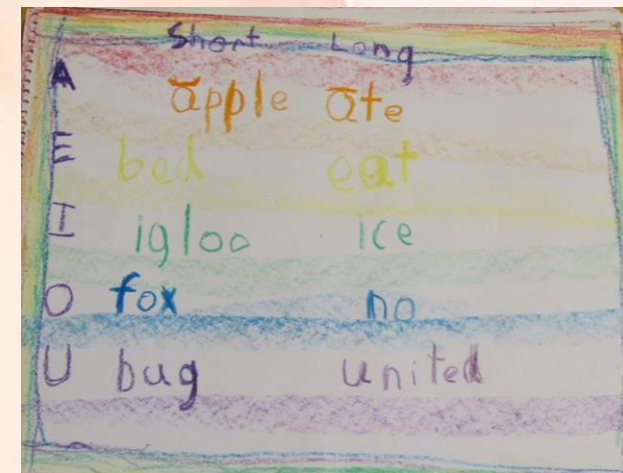
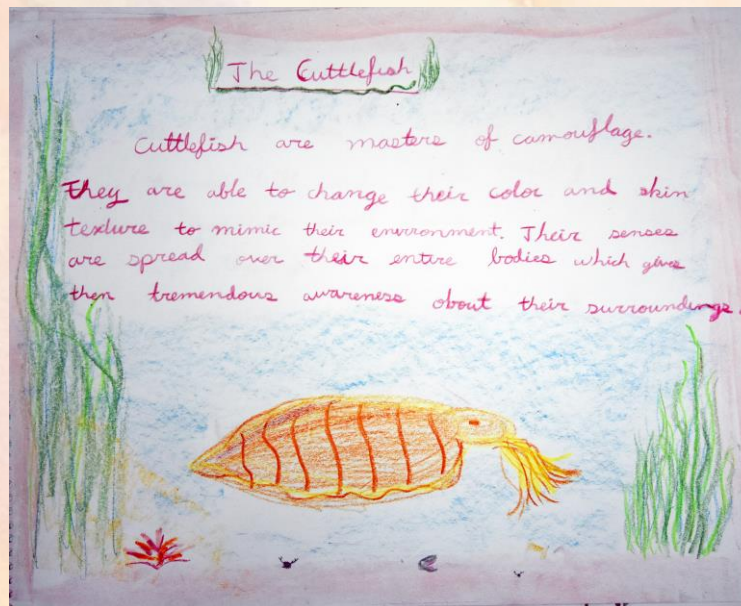
Curriculum trips and
project-based learning
begin in 3rd grade





MAIN LESSON BOOKS

- Students create their own textbooks in Main Lesson by writing and illustrating their work in a bound spiral book
- At the end of the year, they have a beautiful depiction of what they learned



SPECIAL SUBJECT: MUSIC

- Starting in first grade, students learn to play both the flute and the lyre
- In 4th grade, students choose to play violin, viola, or cello
- Students take two instrument lessons & two general music classes per week





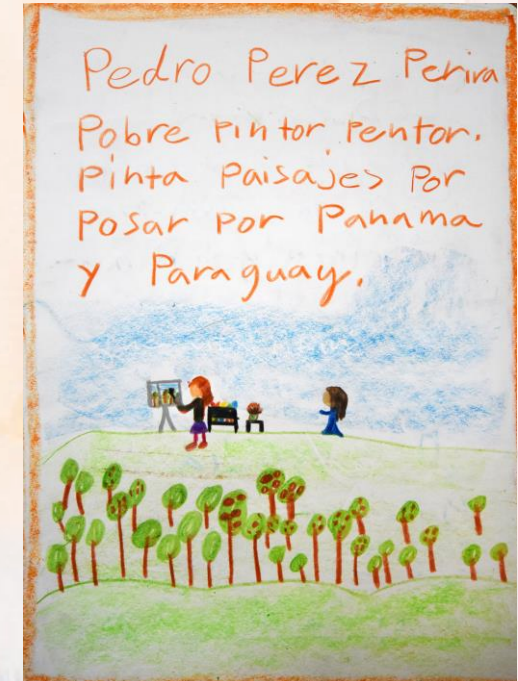
SPECIAL SUBJECT: HANDWORK

- Handwork enhances math skills through counting rows and stitches, measuring patterns, and creating three-dimensional items
- Students learn to knit in 1st and 2nd grades, crochet in 3rd, cross-stitch in 4th, and return to advance knitting in 5th grade
- Children learn to correct their mistakes and value quality, utility, and hard work



SPECIAL SUBJECT: SPANISH

- In grades 1-3, imitative abilities are used to teach language with gestures, songs, poems, stories & games
- Numbers, colors, clothing, family, animals, verbs etc. become a vocabulary foundation without rote drills
- Children engage in conversation about their family and daily activities
- In grades 4 and 5, students start writing in Spanish by copying down the familiar poems and songs they learned in the earlier grades
- As reading and writing skills grow, the teacher draws attention to spelling and grammar rules and vocabulary connections





SPECIAL SUBJECTS: MOVEMENT & EURYTHMY

- In the early grades, students play imaginative games like running, jumping, skipping, and dancing which provide exercise and lessons in social interaction
- Eurythmy is a performance art that translates the creative elements in music and speech into physical movements
- It strengthens connection to your body, challenges balance, and increases concentration



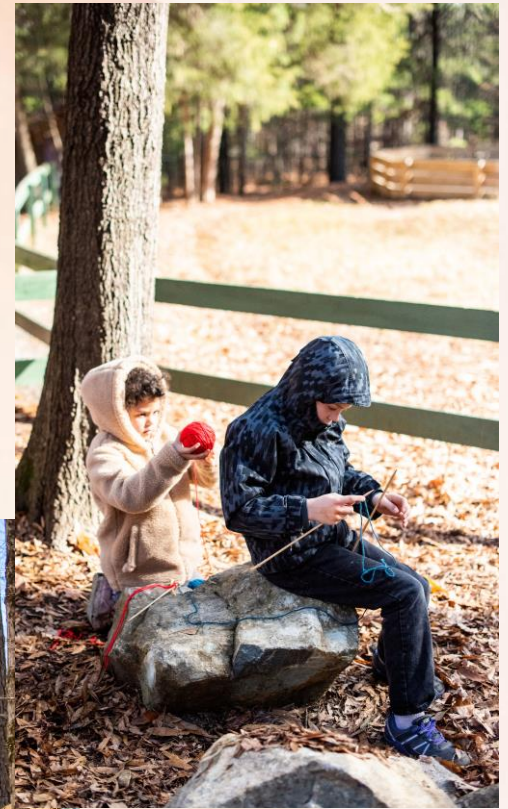
TIME IN NATURE

- Children enjoy a 30-minute snack & recess in the morning
- A 45-minute lunch and recess in the afternoon
- Main Lesson or any subject class may be held outside
- All movement and farm classes are outside

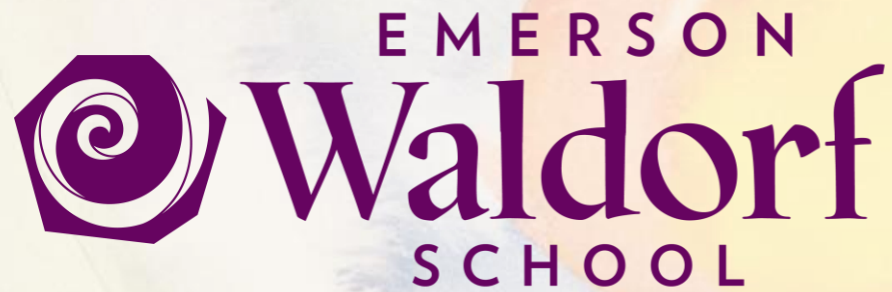


TECHNOLOGY & HOMEWORK

- Our classrooms are screen-free through middle school
- Teachers request students remain screen-free at home during the week & limit screen time on weekends
- After school, teachers expect students to play, read, complete homework, practice their instrument, and engage in family life
- Technology is brought into classroom learning starting in High School
- Homework starts in the spring of 3rd grade when executive functioning begins to develop



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