

Coastal Grove Charter School offers a highly successful curriculum, inspired by Waldorf education, educating the whole child by balancing artistic, academic and practical work. This holistic approach is both teacher-directed and child-centered meeting children at their appropriate stage of development.

"Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings, who are themselves able to impart purpose and direction to their lives."

- Rudolf Steiner

What makes this school unique?

Arts are integrated into the entire academic curriculum * Teachers advance with their classes for consecutive years. Main lesson is 2 hours of academic instruction * Main lessons are subject specific and taught in 4-week blocks * Children make their own lesson books as readers * Lessons are taught in the oral tradition of storytelling * Special subjects fill the remainder of the day * Practical work is an integral part of the curriculum * Computers are used in later grades * Foreign language begins in kindergarten * Sciences are taught experientially * Humanities cover a full sweep of cultural heritage * Each child's reading and writing skills are assessed according to his or her developmental stage * 4-H Animal Program.

THE CURRICULUM

Kindergarten: In a nurturing, rhythmical environment, imagination and imitation are encouraged during activities such as morning circle, painting, modeling, bread baking, gardening, and storytelling
♦ Introduction to letters, counting and phonemic awareness ♦ Interval flute

First Grade: ♦ Fairy tales, nature stories from around the world ♦ Reading approached through writing ♦ Pictorial and phonetic review of letters ♦ Qualities of numbers, introduction to the four processes in arithmetic, lower multiplication tables ♦ Pentatonic flute begins



Second Grade: ♦ Multicultural legends, folk tales, and fables ♦ Reading, writing, elements of grammar ♦ Arithmetic ♦ Flute

Third Grade: ♦ Ancient stories ♦ Nature Studies ♦ Study of practical life: Farming, housing, and clothing ♦ Reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation, parts of speech, cursive writing, and composition
♦ Multiplication tables, weights, measures, money, and time. ♦ Diatonic flute begins

Fourth Grade: ♦ Mythologies and legends ♦ Stories from California history
♦ Composition, letter writing ♦ Local geography and mapmaking ♦ Study of animals ♦ Fractions ♦ Flute ♦ Violin begins

Fifth Grade: ♦ Greek myths, ancient civilizations through Greek times ♦ Botany
♦ American geography as related to vegetation, agriculture, and economics
♦ Composition, grammar, spelling, and reading ♦ Arithmetic, decimals, ratio, and proportion ♦ Flute ♦ Strings

Sixth Grade: ♦ Roman and medieval history ♦ European and African geography
♦ Composition, grammar, spelling, reading, and biographies ♦ Introduction to algebra, geometry ♦ Botany, astronomy, mineralogy, physics, acoustics, electricity, magnetism, optics, and heat ♦ Flute ♦ Strings

Seventh Grade: ♦ Arthurian legends, voyages of discovery, the Renaissance
♦ World geography ♦ Composition, grammar, spelling, and literature
♦ Arithmetic and pre-algebra ♦ Mechanics, organic and inorganic chemistry, physiology, and astronomy ♦ Flute ♦ Strings

Eighth Grade: Literature, composition, grammar, and spelling ♦ Arithmetic, algebra, and geometry ♦ World economic geography ♦ American history ♦ Physics, hydraulics, organic chemistry, physiology, and meteorology ♦ Flute ♦ Strings

Special subjects: Music, foreign languages, dance, handwork, form drawing, painting, modeling, woodworking, drama, speech, gardening, and sports.