



grades

K-8

Oak Meadow

Curriculum & School

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“We love to be with our children. We enjoy the freedom that teaching our children at home offers both in subject matter and schedule. The individual attention, the calm and quiet environment, and the pride of our accomplishments are the true gifts of home education.”

Welcome to OAK MEADOW

Congratulations on taking the first step on the path to homeschooling with Oak Meadow. We are ready to support your home education with our innovative curriculum, our distance learning school, our experienced teachers, and our knowledgeable and friendly office staff who are happy to answer any questions that arise along the way. We are honored to be a part of the growing homeschooling movement and to have been involved in the education of thousands of students from around the world.

Who we are...

Founded in 1975 and based in Brattleboro, Vermont, Oak Meadow is a leader in developing curriculum materials designed for success in the home environment. Our accredited K–12 distance learning school has over 600 enrolled students worldwide, and our curriculum materials are used by thousands of homeschooling families and school classrooms every year. Our staff and faculty work closely together in our Vermont office to maintain the quality of our publications and ensure that teachers and students have the support they need to develop an effective and rewarding educational relationship.

...and what we do

Oak Meadow combines solid academic standards with an understanding of the developmental needs of children. We focus on developing a strong intellect while engaging students artistically and experientially. We do this by offering academic lessons that immerse students in the creative arts and hands-on projects. Because our curriculum is designed to effectively address a variety of learning styles, children are able to learn successfully and enjoy the learning process. Our goal is not simply to provide factual information but to inspire your child to thrive as an active, engaged learner.

Where we've come from...

Cofounded by current president Lawrence Williams, Oak Meadow grew from his experiences as a Waldorf teacher and his desire to offer homeschooling families a way to bring academics alive in an imaginative way. Our curriculum has been written to honor the intelligence and natural curiosity of children, and we believe homeschooling helps children become strong, creative, independent human beings. Our founding philosophy continues to guide every aspect of the Oak Meadow organization.

...and looking ahead

Over the past 35 years, it has become clear that homeschooling is no longer considered a radical educational choice. Homeschooling has emerged as an innovative model of distinguished academics, capable of empowering children and parents to build a profound and lifelong experience of true learning. All of our publications are continuously reviewed and updated as part of our commitment to delivering effective, relevant, and engaging materials to homeschooling families. We hope you enjoy learning more about what we have to offer, and as always, we welcome your feedback!

Eaddy Sutton, Executive Director 

“Oak Meadow is comprehensive, flexible, creative, interesting, and provokes my children to think for themselves. I am delighted that they are learning through their own experience! I find Oak Meadow to be a beautiful, thoughtful, relaxed approach.”



“Homeschooling has opened up the ability for my kids to learn at their own pace. It has rearranged our relationship in a wonderful way.”



“My child learns to interact with all age groups, not just one. We are always out in the community socializing with a wide range of people, and I feel this is a great benefit to her development as a confident young person.”



“Learning is a part of life...I am both a teacher and a learner.”

Choosing to Homeschool

When you are considering homeschooling for the first time, it can be reassuring to learn more about the thousands of satisfied families around the world who are successfully educating their children at home. At Oak Meadow we enjoy speaking with homeschooling parents in every phase of the journey, from the initial curiosity and questions to the excitement of first-choice college admissions.

Why do parents choose homeschooling? Parents enjoy spending time with their children, discussing, exploring, and learning together as a family. Homeschooling becomes part of the family’s natural daily rhythm of life, and learning can happen anywhere and at any time. True learning is cultivated as parents experiment and discover side by side with their children.

Homeschooling parents are delighted they have the opportunity to tailor the curriculum to their children’s interests and abilities. Each child’s unique needs and gifts can be nurtured and encouraged without pressure or testing. Students have time to really experience each subject and pursue interests both broadly and deeply.

For the student, the benefits are many. Homeschooled students learn to pace themselves, to be self-directed and self-motivated. They become disciplined about getting work done and take responsibility for their own learning. Most important, they have time for themselves, to investigate, play, wonder, breathe, and just be children.



Learning with Oak Meadow

Our curriculum has been carefully developed over the past 35 years to reflect our principles of learning:

An Approach Built Upon Academic Standards

We have thoroughly studied state standards nationwide and have effectively developed a curriculum that is in line with rigorous standards while maintaining our commitment to a creative, innovative, and child-centered education. We offer a unique hybrid of accredited standards delivered with imagination and heart.

Involve the Whole Child

Education is often considered to be a matter of teaching facts, but we believe that true education involves more than just the intellect: it engages and integrates every aspect of the child. We believe that true intelligence arises when children are given opportunities to engage their hands and hearts as well as their heads. Our curriculum includes assignments that ask children to read, write, and think, and also to paint, draw, play music, write poetry, and build things, encouraging balanced and healthy development.

Support the Natural Development of Children

An understanding of the developmental needs of children is the foundation of our curriculum. We seek to foster healthy development by introducing subjects and skills in a carefully considered sequence. We are mindful of keeping subjects well-grounded in a familiar reality for the young child, and we gradually introduce abstract concepts as the grades advance. Imagination, creativity, and inquiry are carefully balanced through the grades in a way that keeps wonder and excitement alive in childhood.

Adapt to Each Child's Unique Learning Style

It is well known that we all learn in a variety of ways, or styles, and that each learner has an approach to a subject that suits him or her best. Our curriculum is written to accommodate visual, auditory, and physical learning styles and provides opportunities for all children to learn easily, successfully, and enjoyably.



“Thanks and appreciation for all the encouragement and support you have provided to us over these past six years. It was always nice to know we had the help of a warm and welcoming staff to address any of our concerns or questions. You’ve made the experience of homeschooling all the more rewarding.”

Options for Learning

At Oak Meadow, we offer different options to meet each family's unique needs. You can enroll your child in Oak Meadow School or you can use our curriculum without school enrollment. Both options utilize the renowned Oak Meadow curriculum, either printed or online, used by thousands of students, parents, and schools around the world.

CURRICULUM

A creative, well-rounded, and academically complete curriculum designed for homeschooling families.

Many families use our curriculum as the foundation for an exciting homeschooling journey. Homeschooling allows the freedom to follow children's interests and temperaments. We offer both printed and online curriculum and supplies.

Homeschooling with the Oak Meadow curriculum in grades K–8 ensures that you are providing your child with an exciting and academically complete education. When you purchase our curriculum materials, you will receive everything you need to homeschool your child for an entire school year. Each course includes 36 weekly lesson plans in each subject area, including a variety of assignments, activities, and readings. We also offer a teacher's manual and any supplementary materials required for that course.

You and your child can get started right away knowing that you are working with a comprehensive, innovative curriculum that provides a solid foundation for the balanced development of your child.

SCHOOL

All of the benefits of learning at home with teacher support and full academic credit.

Enrollment in Oak Meadow School is an option for families who would like to receive full academic credit and the support of an experienced teacher during their home-based educational journey.

Oak Meadow School is an internationally accredited kindergarten through twelfth grade distance learning institution with over 600 students. Enrolled students send their lessons to Oak Meadow teachers who complete written assessments, and students' cumulative records are maintained in the Oak Meadow office. Through our nationally and internationally recognized accreditation, Oak Meadow credits are transferable to other educational institutions throughout the world.

Our caring and dedicated teachers develop meaningful, individual relationships and provide support for both students and parents during their educational journey.



Oak Meadow Curriculum

Acclaimed by homeschoolers worldwide as the leading creative curriculum for over 30 years.

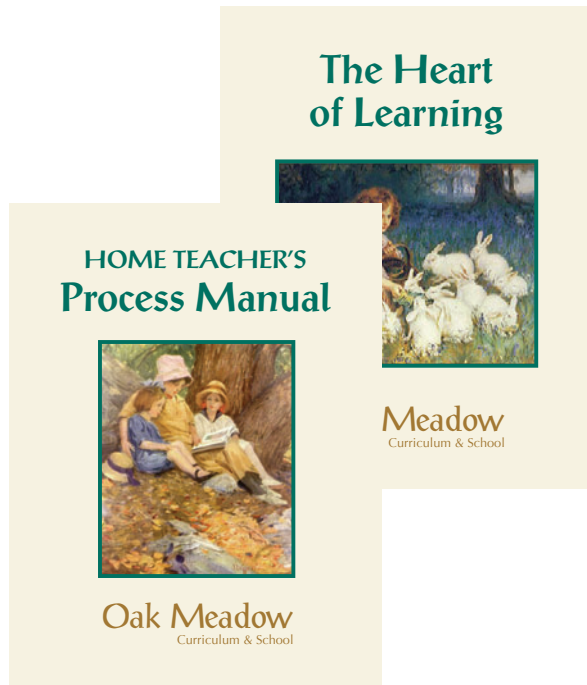
Families at the beginning of the homeschooling experience face many challenges and changes. Yet, after those tentative first few weeks, a shift occurs as the family finds their rhythm and recognizes what has been made possible by this exciting choice to educate at home.

Oak Meadow's K–8 curriculum stands out from other homeschooling curriculum in several ways. Our unique weekly schedule can be liberating to families coming from a more rigid, daily school structure. Through all the grades, we offer assignments that address different learning styles by giving students a choice in how they present their work. This method enables students to select the assignment that intrigues them and to take greater ownership of their efforts. There is a substantial amount of personal, creative, and expository writing, and students are encouraged to develop and express strong, clear opinions. Our curriculum is an excellent option as a complete package across all subjects, or as stand-alone subjects to be used in combination with a curriculum of your own design.

The following pages give detailed information about the scope and sequence of the content and skills of our courses as well as specific information about how to customize a curriculum package that is right for your child.



“Thank you for providing families with such a high quality, alternative education for their children. I am most appreciative that it allows for a creative approach to educating the young (and not so young) mind.”



“My kids actually have time to dive deeply into a subject, rather than being hustled from subject to subject. They also have time for themselves, creating and exploring their interests and natural talents.”

Using our Curriculum

In addition to the following pages which describe our materials in detail, here are a few topics that require some additional information.

Teacher Manuals

Parents who are teaching their children at home for the first time are often eager to learn as much as they can to ensure the success of their homeschooling journey. Our K–3 Teacher Manuals provide both the inspiration and practical advice that many homeschooling parents are looking for. *The Heart of Learning* speaks with reverence and respect about the unfolding development of the child, and how to set up a learning environment and home routine that supports and nurtures the child’s natural rhythms, curiosity, and zest for learning. The *Home Teacher’s Process Manual* contains a wealth of information about the art of teaching, with specific instruction on presenting painting, drawing, music, storytelling, and handcrafts.

The Teacher Manuals for grade 5–8 contain evaluation keys for the English, Social Studies, and Science assignments for each grade. Answer keys are included with the Math book for each grade level. The Teacher Manuals contain extensive responses to the assignments in the curriculum, additional information about the topics in each lesson, and strategies and suggestions to support the home teacher.

Health (Grades K–3)

Designed to satisfy state health curriculum requirements, *Growing, Growing Strong* introduces topics on health and well-being, nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, emotions, and safety. Each chapter contains engaging family activities and thoughtful discussion topics, and families are encouraged to move through the book at their own pace, using it as a springboard for more in-depth study and conversation.

Music (Grades 1–4)

Students are encouraged to learn how to play a musical instrument and read musical notation. As part of the weekly lessons in Grades 1–4, we provide the opportunity for students to learn the recorder. Skills get progressively more advanced until Fourth Grade when students learn to play duets. Parents are encouraged to learn the recorder with their child so they can explore the world of music together.

Math

Oak Meadow’s Math program builds skills in a careful sequence. Since Math is a subject that some students excel in and move forward with quickly while others need more time to learn, parents are encouraged to look at the following curriculum overviews for each grade in order to choose the best grade level for Math.

View full sample lessons for each subject on our website, or call or email us to receive a printed copy.

Customizing Your Oak Meadow Education

As students develop skills and knowledge, many begin working at different grade levels in different subjects. We offer homeschooling families the option of customizing their child's education. In Fourth Grade, we offer Math in its own course book, and in Fifth and Sixth Grades, both Math and Science are in separate course books. In Seventh and Eighth Grades, all four core subjects are presented in individual course books. Information about the progression of skills and knowledge throughout the grades is presented in the following pages so parents can make an informed decision about grade level placement in each subject. We do not offer placement tests. As an added resource, sample lessons for each grade can be viewed on our website at oakmeadow.com. We encourage you to print out a sample lesson and look it over with your child.

When you purchase our curriculum materials, you will receive everything you need to homeschool your child for an entire school year:

- ≈ Course books with 36 weekly lesson plans
- ≈ Teacher Manual
- ≈ Supplementary texts, readers, and literature
- ≈ Craft Kits for each grade

You and your child can get started right away knowing that you are working with a comprehensive, innovative curriculum that provides a solid foundation for the balanced development of your child.

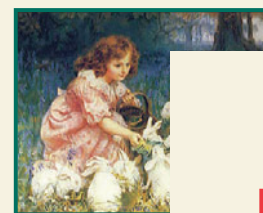


Preschool Curriculum

Our Preschool curriculum is creative and imaginative, and introduces your family to the fundamental principles of learning.

You and your child will engage in morning circle activities, singing, fingerplays, sand and water play, nature walks, bedtime rituals, and storytelling as you establish rhythms for learning that will benefit your child throughout the schooling years.

The Heart of Learning



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Learning Processes



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“Having a child experience his/her ‘firsts’ while learning at home, being able to witness every one of them, and to be the one helping and learning alongside him—this is the ultimate in parenthood.”

Kindergarten Curriculum

Oak Meadow’s Kindergarten curriculum reflects the openhearted and imaginative way that young children meet the world.

A rich tradition of oral language and classic stories provides the backdrop for your child’s first exploration into the world of literacy. Each week students are immersed in a language-rich environment as they listen to stories, recite poetry, and learn new songs. Familiarity with individual letters is achieved through activities that engage the student artistically, physically, and musically. Emphasis is placed on integrating the sounds and shapes of each letter in preparation for First Grade.

In Math, students are gently introduced to the world of numbers through play-based activities, crafts, and storytelling. Math skills are fostered through working with patterns, grouping and sorting, and learning to draw geometric shapes.

Science, Arts & Crafts, Music & Movement, and Health round out the Kindergarten experience. Each week students participate in nature walks, watercolor painting, puppetry, storytelling, circle songs and games, cooking, gardening, movement activities, and imitative games.

A healthy, nurturing rhythm of learning is established that will serve you and your child for years to come.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Leaf prints
- Flower pressing
- Sewing hand puppets
- Baking bread
- Making musical instruments
- Finger knitting
- Alphabet board
- Beeswax numbers

For a complete list of Kindergarten curriculum materials, please refer to pages 32–33.

Kindergarten Overview

	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
Language Arts/ Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uppercase letters A-I • Letter sounds and shapes • Stories, poetry, and songs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uppercase letters J-R • Letter sounds and shapes • Stories, poetry, and songs • Family history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uppercase letters S-Z • Letter sounds and shapes • Emotions • Local community
Science	<p>AUTUMN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature through the five senses • Falling leaves • Deer • Squirrels 	<p>WINTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeds and sprouts • Indoor plants • Goldfish • Ice formation • Magnet play 	<p>SPRING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather patterns • Clouds • Rainbows • Maple trees • Sprouts
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers 1-5 • Pattern recognition • Opposites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers 6-10 • Ordinal positions • Greater than and less than • Geometric shapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of numbers 1-10 • Length and height • Sorting • Geometric shapes • Size/volume relationship
Arts & Crafts	Throughout the year students engage in a multitude of art and craft activities including crayon drawing, watercolor painting, sewing, baking, nature crafts, collage, crafts from recycled materials, carpentry, model building, and working with clay.		
Music & Movement	Over the course of the year students participate in activities that help develop musical ability, bilateral awareness, rhythm, hand-eye coordination, and dexterity. Sample activities include making and playing homemade musical instruments, reciting poetry, singing and fingerplays, dancing, and playing catch and other kinesthetic games.		
Health	The book <i>Growing, Growing Strong</i> provides the basis for a yearlong health course. Families choose topics relevant to their child's growth and development. Topics include nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, community, emotions, and safety.		





“I love that your materials provide me with a core plan around which we add group activities, music lessons, etc. I like the relaxed approach that encourages respect for the child and joy in learning.”

First Grade Curriculum

Oak Meadow’s lively and engaging First Grade curriculum will help you guide your child toward solid reading and math skills while encouraging an active, inquisitive mind.

Literacy skills are developed through a language-rich curriculum that focuses on stories, poems, and songs. Students progress through learning how to print upper- and lowercase letters to a study of word families and consonant blends. The imagination is sparked through fairy tales, nature stories, and traditional verses as your child develops the necessary skills and confidence to read independently.

In Social Studies, students begin to develop a sense of time and place as they encounter classic tales, make their own calendars, and draw maps of their neighborhoods. Multicultural awareness is explored through community connections and a developing sense of good citizenship.

In the Math curriculum, stories are integrated into the study of numbers, and objects from nature collected on a walk become part of learning the four mathematical processes. Students also explore sequences, patterns, counting money, and geometric shapes.

Science, Arts & Crafts, Music, and Health round out the First Grade experience. Each week students engage in observations of the natural world, express themselves through painting and crafts, develop their recorder playing skills, and conduct inquiries into topics related to their healthy development.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Make a book of stories with summaries and illustrations
- Create your own store and marketplace
- Make a Native American teepee
- Make a weather vane
- Identify animal tracks
- Learn to knit
- Build a birdhouse

For a complete list of First Grade curriculum materials, please refer to pages 32–33.

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First Grade Overview

	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet • Long and short vowel sounds • Fairy tales and poetry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word families • Printing words • Phonics • Fairy tales • Form drawing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing words • Independent reading • Writing out sentences • Consonant blends • Word games
Social Studies	<p>HISTORY—Developing a Sense of Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic fairy tales • Daily and monthly cycles • Yearly calendar 	<p>GEOGRAPHY—Developing a Sense of Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local, regional, and world maps • Exploring one’s own community <p>ECONOMICS—Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making purchases • Growing food 	<p>CIVICS—Good Citizenship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and playing fair • Family jobs • Respect • Diversity
Science	<p>OBSERVING THE NATURAL WORLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phases of the moon • Life cycle of the seed • Animal tracks • Cloud formations 	<p>THE NATURAL WORLD IN WINTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal behavior • Deciduous and coniferous trees • Hibernation • Arctic and Antarctic • Growing an indoor plant 	<p>THE NATURAL WORLD IN SPRING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pond life • Forest life • Bird activity • Vegetable garden • Scientific inquiry
Math	<p>THE FOUR PROCESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The symbols $-$, $+$, \div, \times • Using manipulatives to explore the four processes • Numbers 10–80 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizontal format for equations • Counting by twos, fives, and tens • Odd and even numbers • Ordinal numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vertical format for equations • Length, weight, and size • Patterns and sequences • Counting and sorting money • Geometric forms
Arts & Crafts	<p>Throughout the year, students engage in a variety of Arts & Crafts activities. Emphasis is placed on meeting the child’s developmental needs and interests. Highlights include knitting, maintaining a seasonal display, wet paper watercolor painting, nature crafts, and creative sand and water play.</p>		
Music	<p>In addition to regular singing and movement exercises, students learn how to play the recorder. Instructions and simple songs are included in Oak Meadow’s <i>Beginning Recorder</i> book included with the course materials.</p>		
Health	<p>The book <i>Growing, Growing Strong</i> provides the basis for a yearlong health course. Families choose topics relevant to their child’s growth and development including nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, community, emotions, and safety.</p>		



SECOND GRADE Syllabus



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Intermediate Recorder



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First Book of Nature Crafts



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Second Grade Curriculum

Oak Meadow's Second Grade curriculum expands on your child's natural intelligence and growing confidence as a reader and writer.

Reading emerges from writing, and observations of animals and nature become the subject of poems, writing, and stories. The rhythmic nature of rhyming poems becomes a natural and playful means of working with phonetic letter sounds as students develop their independent reading skills.

In Social Studies, students continue to develop their understanding of history, geography, economics, and civics. Fables and folktales provide the backdrop for learning about ancient cultures, and universal human themes. Students explore the themes of good citizenship by learning about the lives of inspiring individuals.

In Math, the second grader's growing understanding of mathematics and confidence in manipulating numbers leads to work with the multiplication tables and gaining skill with the four processes.

In Science, students continue to develop their observation skills as they explore the world of animals. Themes such as interdependence, natural rhythms, and classification provide the foundation for close-up investigations into the plant and animal kingdoms.

Through hands-on and investigative activities in Art, Crafts, Music, and Health, students engage in explorations of color and craft, develop their recorder playing skills, and conduct inquiries into topics related to their healthy development.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Copy and illustrate poems
- Make books
- Perform puppet plays
- Grow an indoor plant
- Make an ancient mask
- Create a doll

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“Thank you for helping us
keep the beautiful wonder
in childhood.”

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Second Grade Overview

	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent reading Writing and reading own writing Consonant blends and word families Poetry Fables and other classic stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent reading Summarizing Consonant blends and word families Animal stories and fables Letter sounds/preparation for spelling rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent reading Summarizing Vowel combinations Vowel/consonant combinations Increased writing output
Social Studies	HISTORY—Stories from Ancient Cultures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Folklore of Ancient China Ancient Mali and Sundiata Ancient Celts and St. Bridget Family customs and traditions 	GEOGRAPHY—Studying Maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts of a map African geography Continents ECONOMICS—Natural Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bartering Community resources Using money and making choices 	CIVICS—Good Citizenship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value of kindness Honesty Aesop’s Fables and tall tales Inspiring Individuals: Rosa Parks and Susan B. Anthony
Science	OBSERVING THE NATURAL WORLD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The five senses Animals close up Natural rhythms Identifying trees Nature stories 	THE WORLD OF ANIMALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal characteristics Life of bees Animal homes and habitats Vertebrates and invertebrates Animal tracks 	ANIMALS & HUMANS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food chain Interdependence Communication Scientific research Life of a frog
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the Four Processes Review the symbols $-$, $+$, \div, \times Review written vertical & horizontal formats Story problems Multiplication tables: 2, 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radical division sign Numbers 1–700 Simple graphs Money Multiplication tables: 1, 3, 4, 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place value Numbers 701–999 Patterns and sequences Multiplication tables: 3, 4, 6, 7 Review
Art	Students explore color through watercolor painting and crayon drawing as they illustrate the many stories and poems presented in Language Arts.		
Music	Students continue to develop their recorder playing skills by learning several new notes and mastering simple songs.		
Crafts	Students engage in various hands-on activities that help develop fine-motor coordination and focus. Emphasis is placed on meeting the child’s developmental needs and interests. Highlights include crocheting a scarf, working with clay, and completing crafts from Oak Meadow’s <i>First Book of Nature Crafts</i> .		
Health	The book <i>Growing, Growing Strong</i> provides the basis for a yearlong health course. Families choose topics relevant to their child’s growth and development including nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, community, emotions, and safety.		





“Thank you for wonderful educational materials.

Oak Meadow makes homeschooling such a wonderful pleasure, such a rhythmic part of our day.”

Third Grade Curriculum

The challenging and practical tasks of Oak Meadow’s Third Grade curriculum encourage new skills and awareness through observation, precision, imagination, and creativity.

Classic children’s literature forms the foundation of a rich and effective Language Arts program that develops essential grammar and composition skills. A new interest in careful work is encouraged through the introduction of cursive handwriting and basic spelling rules.

In Social Studies, students develop a deeper understanding of history by reading about the legends, laws, and government of ancient cultures. Geography is explored as students investigate and map their own cultural heritage.

The Third Grade Math curriculum focuses on multiplication tables, place value to the millions, and counting with money while also learning how to carry and borrow, add and subtract three-digit numbers and solve division problems with remainders.

In Science, students observe weather patterns, interdependence in nature, local trees, and the changing of the seasons. Students are introduced to the scientific method through simple experiments that encourage careful observation and accurate reporting skills.

Art, Crafts, Music, and Health activities encourage students to explore through a variety of media including watercolor, clay, carpentry, cooking, and paper marbling. Students continue to develop their recorder playing skills, create their own book of music, and conduct inquiries into topics related to their healthy development.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Write imaginative stories
- Memorize poems
- Learn cursive handwriting
- Create multiplication designs
- Play math games
- Conduct a planet rotation experiment
- Make a tree collage

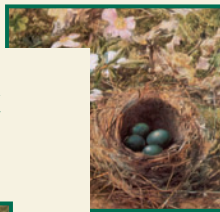
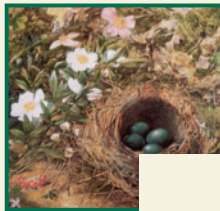
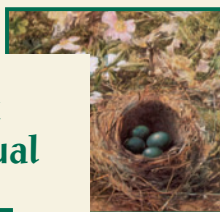
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Third Grade Overview

	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form drawing and cursive handwriting Read-aloud skills Basic grammar: sentences, parts of speech, punctuation Simple spelling rules Folk tales and classic literature: <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>, <i>Peter Pan</i>, <i>Pippi Longstocking</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cursive handwriting Read aloud with fluency Basic grammar: sentences, parts of speech, punctuation Simple spelling rules and spelling quizzes Poetry and classic literature: <i>Little House in the Big Woods</i>, <i>Winnie the Pooh</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cursive handwriting Read aloud with fluency Write summaries Review basic grammar: sentences, parts of speech, punctuation Simple spelling rules and spelling tests Poetry, folk tales, and classic literature: <i>Charlotte's Web</i>, <i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>
Social Studies	<p>HISTORY—Ancient Cultures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient Hebrew and Phoenician cultures Ancient Kush civilization Ancient alphabets Native American creation stories 	<p>GEOGRAPHY—Creating maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maps of familiar places Basic world geography <p>ECONOMICS—Global Interdependence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The marketplace Natural and human resources Specialization and trade 	<p>CIVICS—Laws and Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose of laws Laws in ancient cultures American government Declaration of Independence
Science	<p>SIMPLE EXPERIMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth's revolution around the sun The phases of the Moon Plants and oxygen The water cycle Weather patterns and phenomena 	<p>INTERDEPENDENCE IN NATURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal changes Global climate zones Tree study Photosynthesis 	<p>INTERDEPENDENCE IN NATURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earthquakes and volcanoes Erosion Ocean and freshwater biomes Extinction
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the vertical format Carrying and borrowing Review multiplication tables: 1-7, 10 Place value to the thousands Multiplication designs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying in multiplication Three-digit addition and subtraction Multiplication tables: 8, 9 Place value to the millions Roman numerals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Division with remainders Weights and measures Multiplication tables: 11, 12 Money value Math games
Art	Students develop their artistic abilities through watercolor painting, crayon drawing, and marbling paper.		
Music	Students continue to develop their recorder playing skills by learning how to read notes and time signatures. Music theory and songs to learn are presented in Oak Meadow's <i>Advanced Recorder</i> .		
Crafts	Students engage in various hands-on activities that help develop fine-motor coordination and focus. Emphasis is placed on meeting the child's developmental needs and interests. Highlights include cooking from Oak Meadow's <i>First Cookbook</i> , working with clay, and woodworking.		
Health	The book <i>Growing, Growing Strong</i> provides the basis for a yearlong health course. Families choose topics relevant to their child's growth and development including nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, community, emotions, and safety.		



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“I love having the ability to speed up when things are easy and slow down when things get tough.”

Fourth Grade Curriculum

Oak Meadow's Fourth Grade curriculum reflects the awakening intellect and independence of fourth graders.

Language Arts assignments in poetry, journal writing, and short story writing tap into the student's awareness of self, which is expanded through the study of classic children's literature. Lessons in basic grammar, parts of speech, and paragraph construction are reinforced with regular creative and expository writing assignments.

In Social Studies, the fourth grader's independence is reflected in a study of westward expansion and frontier life. Critical thinking and research skills are introduced and reinforced in several full-length projects on various topics of the student's choice.

Through geometric patterns in nature, a sense of wonder and reverence defines and shapes science explorations. Students study basic life science, animal behavior, and astronomy through close observation and investigative activities.

Artistic expression is explored through an intensive study of perspective drawing and students have many opportunities to apply their drawing skills in assignments across the subjects. Students are encouraged to continue playing a musical instrument and Oak Meadow's *Recorder Duets* is offered for students who are interested in developing their recorder skills.

Math 4

The Math 4 curriculum expands the skills of multiplication and division, and features a comprehensive and creative introduction to fractions and long division. Math games, geometric patterns, rounding and estimating, and story problems provide a solid foundation for advanced math skills.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Write postcards from Stuart Little
- Make a miniature canoe
- Recite poetry
- Make a covered wagon
- Create a pictorial timeline of the American frontier
- Make a star box
- Make a mobile of the solar system

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Fourth Grade Overview

	First Trimester	Second Trimester	Third Trimester
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammar: Parts of speech and basic punctuation Spelling words and quizzes Three- and five-sentence paragraphs Research skills: note taking, drafts Daily journal entries Classic literature: <i>Stuart Little</i>, <i>The Search for Delicious</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammar: Parts of speech, dialogue punctuation Spelling words and quizzes Reading, writing, and reciting poetry Vocabulary words Daily journal entries Classic literature: <i>Heidi</i>, <i>Rachel's Journal</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammar review Spelling words and quizzes Reading and writing short stories Learning reflection Daily journal entries Classic literature: <i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i>, <i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>
Social Studies	<p>STUDY OF LOCAL AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topography observation and model Permanent and migrating animals Native American research paper Model of Native American village 	<p>STUDY OF YOUR STATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State geography and landforms State symbol, flag, and bird State history Squatters and settlers State research project 	<p>THE AMERICAN FRONTIER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pioneer life The California Gold Rush Stagecoaches The Pony Express Transcontinental Railroad
Science	<p>OBSERVATION & BASIC LIFE SCIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geometry and patterns in nature Seed study Seed sprouting Nutrition Basic cell structure 	<p>ANIMAL STUDY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals and humans: James Herriot's <i>Treasury for Children</i> Research project on animal behavior Beavers: <i>The Sign of the Beaver</i> 	<p>ASTRONOMY AND GEOGRAPHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar system Planet research project Measuring altitude Longitude and latitude
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review multiplication tables 0–12 Greater than, less than, and equal to Review carrying and borrowing Division with and without remainders Story problems Skip counting, patterns, & sequences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weights and measures Two-digit multiplication Introduction to fractions Adding and subtracting fractions Adding and subtracting with money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rounding and estimating Long division Dividing by tens Mixed numbers Improper and equivalent fractions Multiplying by hundreds
Art	<p>Students spend the year learning the seven laws of drawing perspective. Each law is explored in depth and students gain ample practice in using the various techniques including tonal drawing, foreshortening, overlapping, and shading.</p>		
Music	<p>Students continue learning to play an instrument. Oak Meadow's <i>Recorder Duets</i> is offered to students interested in taking their recorder playing further. Opportunities and suggestions are provided for holding recitals and other performances.</p>		





“We can’t help but wonder what took us so long to discover Oak Meadow. Thank you for the difference you’ve made in our lives!”

Fifth Grade Curriculum

The Fifth Grade curriculum awakens the student’s intellect and introspection through the lives of great people in history.

In English and Social Studies we combine geography, literature, and early American history to create an experience that challenges students to draw parallels across subjects. Studying the biographies of famous Americans prompts students to formulate their own opinions, make inquiries, explore, and experiment. Students write book reports and do research, concentrating on grammar, spelling, punctuation, and the parts of speech.

In Fifth Grade Science, students engage in investigations and experiments that cultivate essential scientific skills such as forming a hypothesis, conducting observations, and taking field notes. The lessons emphasize the scientific method, conservation ecology, meteorology, anatomy, and astronomy and lay the groundwork for more extensive scientific studies in the upper grades.

Math 5

The Math 5 curriculum presents a substantial review of all four basic processes and fraction concepts, with an emphasis on word problems and practical problem solving. Students will strengthen their foundational skills in preparation for moving into more advanced computational skills. Students in the Fifth Grade who have strong mathematical skills and are ready for the next challenge may consider working with the Sixth Grade Math curriculum.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Memorize a Patrick Henry speech
- Write a persuasive essay on the American Revolution
- Write a play about Andrew Jackson
- Plan a trip across the United States
- Make a quill pen
- Make a wetland model
- Make a simple microscope

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Fifth Grade Overview



First Semester

Second Semester

English

- Grammar: Review parts of speech, direct quotations, verb tenses, and sentence construction
- Vocabulary words and quizzes
- Writing: Research projects, essays, speeches, creative dialogue, letters
- Literature: *Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus?*, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, *Johnny Tremain*, *Ben & Me*

- Grammar: Plural nouns, contractions and apostrophes, review of parts of speech
- Vocabulary words and quizzes
- Writing: Research projects, essays, book reports, diary entries, and reflections
- Literature: *Children of the Wild West*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *The Story of Harriet Tubman: Freedom Train*

Social Studies

EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY

- Early explorers
- Christopher Columbus
- Pilgrims and colonial life
- Salem witch trials
- American Revolution
- The Constitution

AMERICAN HISTORY

- Westward expansion
- Pioneers and homesteaders
- The Civil War
- Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad
- Women in U.S. history

Science

BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

- Scientific inquiry
- Ecosystems
- Population ecology
- Protecting animals
- Biomes
- Bodies of water
- Pollution and recycling

BASIC LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

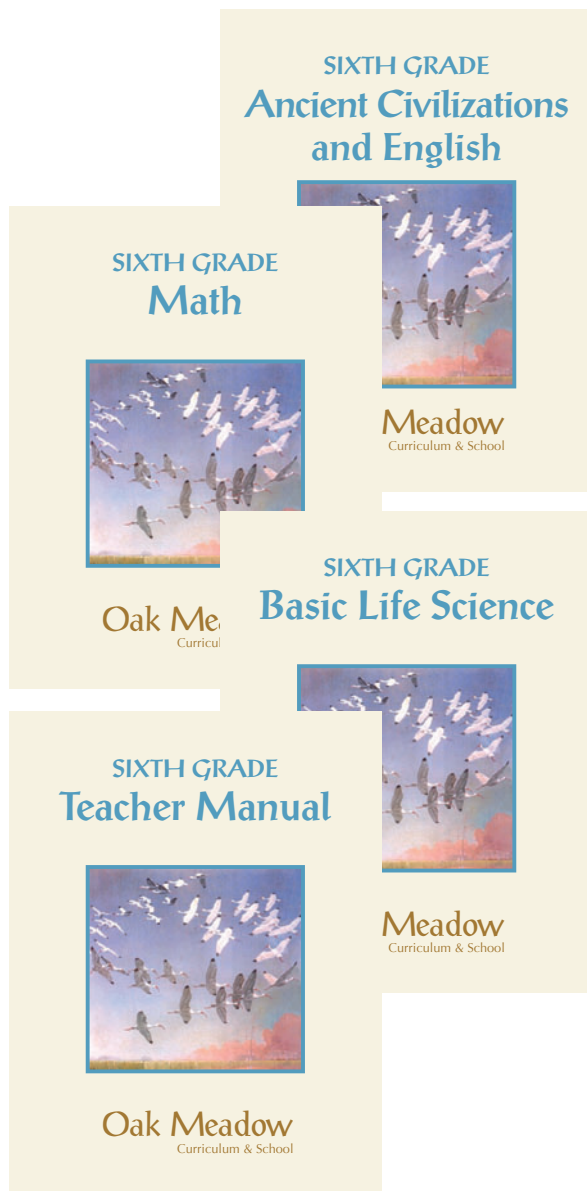
- Single-cell plants and animals
- Body tissues, systems, and structures
- Energy
- Expansion and contraction
- Light and sound energy
- Electricity
- Technology and design

Math

- Review carrying, borrowing, place value, and long division
- Measuring time, adding and subtracting time
- Word problems
- Borrowing across zero and borrowing from a borrowed digit
- Bar graphs and line graphs
- Roman numerals
- Multiplying large numbers
- Squares and square roots
- Creating fractions with remainders

- Adding and subtracting money
- Adding and subtracting common fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Reducing fractions
- Measuring weight
- Improper fractions and mixed numbers
- Adding and subtracting mixed numbers
- Common denominators





“I appreciate Oak Meadow as a trailblazer and think your materials are beautiful, creative, and thoughtful.”

Sixth Grade Curriculum

Oak Meadow’s Sixth Grade curriculum engages the emerging adolescent with dramatic stories of struggle and exploration.

Ancient world civilizations provide the foundation for an integrated experience that weaves together the history, geography, literature, government, and art of ancient cultures. We encourage critical and independent thinking by challenging students to understand opposing viewpoints and to write from the perspective of different cultures and time periods. Grammar lessons and activities are woven into writing assignments and students expand their vocabulary and composition skills. Art explorations include sculpture, drawing, calligraphy, mosaics, marbling, costume making, and mask making.

Sixth graders study Life Science, including plant cell division and reproduction, plant classification systems, invertebrates and vertebrates, animal life cycles, ecosystems, and the human body. Emphasis is placed on using the scientific method to help students analyze their findings and to make connections between the overarching themes of the course. Students develop skills in objective observation and accurate recording of data.

Math 6

The Math 6 curriculum begins with a comprehensive review of all previous skills, including multi-digit division and multiplication, and fraction concepts and processes. Students work with decimals, percentages, ratios, probability, and averages, as well as gain a solid introduction to the metric system and basic geometry.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Write a research paper on Ancient Egypt
- Draw a freehand map of the world
- Interview a person from the Stone Age
- Compose an adventure for Robin Hood
- Make a miniature Renaissance fresco
- Make up math problems using the Mayan number system
- Research carnivorous plants
- Dissect flowers

For a complete list of Sixth Grade curriculum materials, please refer to pages 32–33.

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Sixth Grade Overview

First Semester

- English**
- Grammar: Sentence structure, parts of speech, direct quotations
 - Vocabulary words and quizzes
 - Writing: Research projects (topic sentences, outlining, taking notes, bibliography)
 - Literature: *The Old Testament*, *The Rainbow People*, *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*, *Tales from the Arabian Nights*

- Social Studies**
- ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS
- The Stone Age
 - Ancient Egypt
 - Ancient Israelites
 - Ancient China
 - Ancient Greece and Rome

- Science**
- LIFE SCIENCE
- Scientific inquiry
 - Cells
 - Green plants
 - Soil
 - Photosynthesis
 - Classification
 - Plant kingdom and animal kingdom

- Math**
- Multiplication with large numbers
 - Fractions with remainders
 - Two-digit divisors
 - Reducing fractions
 - Borrowing with mixed numbers
 - Common denominators
 - Multiplying fractions and mixed numbers
 - Dividing fractions and mixed numbers
 - Adding and subtracting with decimals
 - Adding and subtracting with money

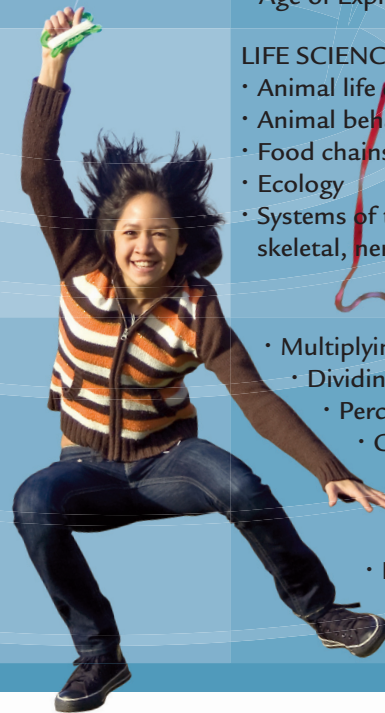
Second Semester

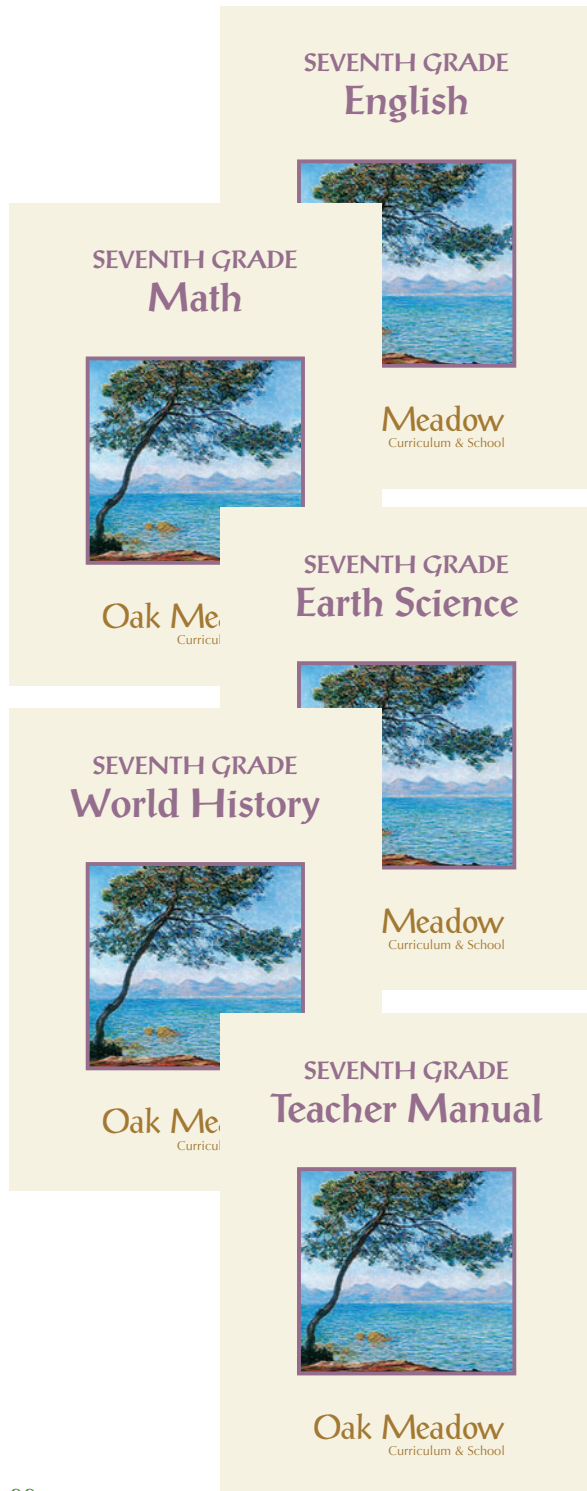
- Grammar: Verb tense, punctuation, prepositions, synonyms, and antonyms
- Vocabulary words and quizzes
- Writing: Essays, book reports, reflection, speeches, and diary entries
- Literature: *Celtic Myths*, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*

- ANCIENT HISTORY AND MIDDLE AGES
- Christianity
 - Barbarians and Celts
 - Middle Ages
 - Renaissance and Reformation
 - Ancient Mayans, Aztecs, Incas
 - Age of Exploration

- LIFE SCIENCE & THE HUMAN BODY
- Animal life cycle
 - Animal behavior
 - Food chains and food webs
 - Ecology
 - Systems of the human body: digestive, respiratory, circulatory, skeletal, nervous, etc.

- Multiplying and dividing with decimals
- Dividing decimals with remainders
- Percents
 - Converting percents, fractions, and decimals
 - Finding averages and ratios
 - Probability and chance
 - Area and perimeter and geometric shapes
- Finding missing numbers





Seventh Grade Curriculum

Seventh graders gain a global perspective through a study of *World History, from the Age of Enlightenment to the present.*

While immersed in subjects such as Far Eastern empires, the Industrial Revolution, and the Space Age, students will reflect and write about the people behind these events. Studying the literature of the time encourages a flexibility of thinking and perspective. The Language Arts curriculum emphasizes composition skills and helps students express themselves clearly and creatively in writing. Students continue to develop their grammar skills through a detailed study of sentence structure and common writing pitfalls. Art activities include art history, world music, pen and ink drawings, and collage.

In Earth Science, students make observations and perform experiments in astronomy, geology, meteorology, matter, and energy. Emphasis is placed on learning about the Earth's natural resources and thinking through practical solutions to current environmental issues. In conjunction with experiential explorations, students write persuasive essays and conduct research.

Math 7

The Math 7 curriculum introduces square roots, exponents, signed numbers, mean and median, formulas for area and volume, and angle measurement. In addition to further work with percents, ratios, and probabilities, students engage in a comprehensive review of all previous skills. Students enrolled in the seventh grade may elect to take Pre-Algebra or Algebra with teacher approval.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Write a biography of Amelia Earhart
- Memorize a Shakespearean sonnet
- Interview people who lived through the Great Depression
- Be a dictator for a day
- Learn a freedom song from the Civil Rights movement
- Keep a sky journal

For a complete list of Seventh Grade curriculum materials, please refer to pages 32–33.

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Seventh Grade Overview

First Semester

English

- Grammar: Homonyms/synonyms/antonyms, spelling rules, direct/indirect object, sentence types, narrative voice, commas
- Vocabulary words and quizzes
- Writing: Book reports, research projects, reviews, haiku poetry
- Literature: *Summer of the Monkeys*, *Lyddie*, *Amelia Earhart*, *Mama's Bank Account*

Social Studies

WORLD HISTORY TO WORLD WAR II

- Monarchs in Europe
- Asian empires
- Baroque and classical music
- Industrial Revolution
- Slavery
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- World War I
- The Depression
- World War II

Science

EARTH SCIENCE

- Scientific inquiry and measurement
- Astronomy
- Earth's rotation
- Rocks and fossils
- Volcanoes and earthquakes
- Glaciers and erosion
- Atmosphere and climate

Math

- Common denominators
- Multiplying and dividing fractions
- Decimals
- Exponents
- Square roots
- Order of operations
- Percents
- Converting percents, fractions, and decimals
- Missing numbers
- Negative numbers

Second Semester

- Grammar: Irregular verbs, compound sentences, possessives, auxiliary verbs, dangling modifiers, subject/verb agreement
- Vocabulary words and quizzes
- Writing: Biographical essays, persuasive essays, speeches, short stories, news reports, plays
- Literature: *Journey to America*, *Helen Keller*, *Goodbye, Vietnam*, *Martin Luther King, Jr.*, *Zlata's Diary*, *Water Sky*

WORLD HISTORY TO THE PRESENT

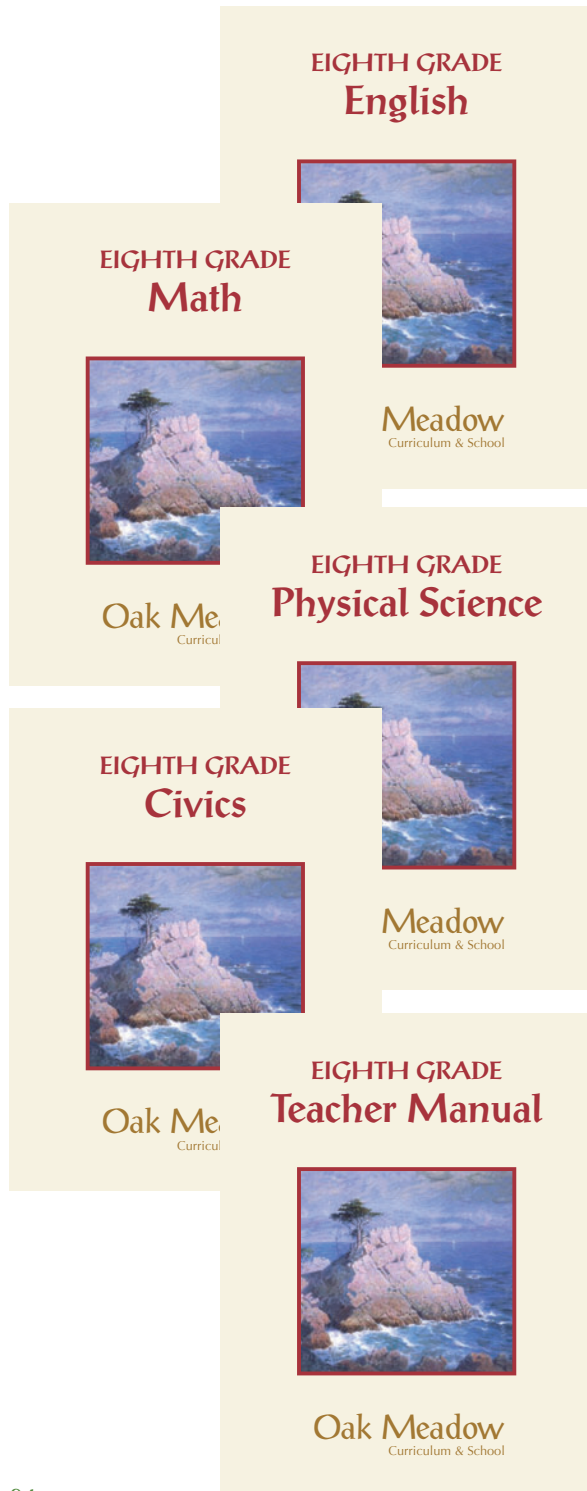
- Latin America
- United Nations
- Women in American History
- The Cold War
- The Vietnam War
- The Middle East
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Media literacy
- Space travel

EARTH SCIENCE

- Weather patterns
- Natural resources
- Human population
- Water cycle
- Oceans
- Pollution
- Energy sources
- Biodiversity

- Signed numbers
- Averages
- Probability
- Working with equations
- Ratios and proportions
- Pi and geometry
- Weights and liquids
- Prime numbers
- Angles and using a compass
- Polygons and geometric solids





Eighth Grade Curriculum

Oak Meadow's Eighth Grade curriculum introduces students to the concepts of civics through a study of the champions of freedom, federal, state, and local governments, and the economic system.

Students witness their local government in action, explore issues affecting their state, and also become aware of national issues. Our experiential approach to understanding social issues includes practical activities such as community service projects and interviewing local community leaders. Students are encouraged to learn how to make a difference on a local level by learning more about the people and businesses in their area.

In English, students read seven classic novels while studying vocabulary drawn from the reading and concentrating on grammar and composition skills. Weekly assignments in writing, grammar, and usage provide ample practice for the student preparing to enter high school.

The Science curriculum focuses on the principles of physical science, including mass and matter, force, energy, sound, light, color, electricity, magnetism, and mechanics. Emphasis is placed on preparing the student for more advanced science by including assignments that require the student to conduct experiments, perform mathematical calculations, and report on their findings.

Math 8

The Math 8 curriculum explores the advanced uses of fractions, decimals, and percents and then introduces beginning concepts of algebra in preparation for high school. Lessons include squares and exponents, the order of operations, coefficients, geometry, formulas, scientific notation, and graphing. Students enrolled in the eighth grade may elect to take Pre-Algebra or Algebra with teacher approval.

Projects, Crafts, & Activities

- Evaluate a Supreme Court ruling
- Participate in a community service project
- Interview a member of the fire department
- Write a science fiction story
- Create your own radio or television advertisement
- Research hybrid vehicles

For a complete list of Eighth Grade curriculum materials, please refer to pages 32–33.

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Eighth Grade Overview

First Semester

Second Semester

English

- Grammar: Prefixes, suffixes, punctuation review, run-on sentences, and sentence fragments
- Vocabulary words and quizzes
- Writing: Essays, short stories, writing exercises
- Literature: *The Giver*, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, *Lord of the Flies*, *A Wrinkle in Time*

- Grammar: Sentence construction, modifiers, and dangling modifiers
- Vocabulary words and quizzes
- Writing: Essays, poetry, fiction
- Literature: *The Call of the Wild*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Hobbit*

Social Studies

- CIVICS AND AMERICAN HISTORY
- American political heritage
 - The Constitution and The Bill of Rights
 - Freedom of Religion
 - Immigration and citizenship
 - Community service
 - Branches of the U.S. government

- CIVICS
- Criminal justice
 - Local government
 - Community leaders
 - Local politics and zoning laws
 - Economics and taxes
 - Communication
 - Making a difference

Science

- PHYSICAL SCIENCE
- History of physics
 - Scientific inquiry
 - Energy and thermodynamics
 - Force and gravity
 - Laws of motion
 - Machines
 - Waves: sound and light
 - Shadows, color, and lenses

- PHYSICAL SCIENCE
- Electricity
 - Magnetism
 - Matter
 - Heat and pressure
 - Aerodynamics
 - Modern machines
 - Energy use

Math

- Using a calculator
- Converting decimals
- Squares and exponents
- Signed numbers
- Order of operations
- Equations and variables
- Angles and using a compass
- Ratio and proportion
- Word problems

- Factors
- Prime numbers
- Equations with exponents
- Pythagorean theorem
- Pi and geometric solids
- Averages
- Fractions with exponents
- Scientific notation
- Coordinates and graphing a line
- Base 2



Oak Meadow School—Fully Accredited K–12 Education



“I love the close relationship that comes with learning at home.

It is so wonderful to watch my kids learn and to be amazed by every experience.”

To begin the enrollment process, please call our office to speak with an enrollment counselor.

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Over the past 35 years, Oak Meadow has helped thousands of students learn successfully, and this tradition of excellence has been recognized by major accrediting associations. Accreditation means that Oak Meadow School has been approved by an independent agency, which has determined that Oak Meadow meets accepted standards. These standards address the rigor of academic programs, the processing of records, business practices, and goals for long-term continued improvement.

Oak Meadow School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation. A student who receives school credits from Oak Meadow knows that these credits are backed by the prestige of these accrediting agencies. Additionally, Oak Meadow is an Approved Independent School in the state of Vermont.



Enrollment

Enrollment in Oak Meadow School is a choice for families who want full academic credit and the support of a teacher during their child’s educational journey. With enrollment, you combine the benefits of learning within the home environment with the support of an accredited school program.

With all new families, we review the role of the Oak Meadow teacher, your role as the Home Teacher, what you can expect in the Welcome Packet, and the ways in which the office can assist you through the year. Distance learning is a unique form of education, and we want to make sure everyone gets off to the best start in their Oak Meadow experience. When you enroll your child in Oak Meadow School, you have the confidence of knowing that your child is supported by a recognized leader in distance learning with over 30 years of educational integrity and expertise.

Course Materials

A Complete Curriculum for All Subjects

Our dynamic curriculum ensures that you are providing your child with a creative, well-rounded, and academically complete education. Our curriculum is developed by professional educators and is closely aligned with a broad range of state standards, as well as Oak Meadow's founding educational philosophy. In grades K–8, you will receive everything you need for a complete school year across all subject areas.

Oak Meadow School combines strong academic standards with an understanding of the developmental needs of students. We focus not only on developing a strong intellect, but also on engaging students artistically and experientially. We do this by providing lessons that are developmentally appropriate and that immerse students in the creative arts, music, and movement, as well as language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. Because our curriculum is designed to effectively address a variety of learning styles, children are able to learn successfully and enjoy the learning process. Our goal is not simply to provide factual information, but also to inspire your child to learn and thrive.

Our lessons are structured in a weekly format across all subject areas and are designed to be engaging, exciting, and supportive in the home learning environment.

Teacher Support

Dedicated, Individual Guidance for You and Your Student

When you enroll in Oak Meadow School, you will work closely with your Oak Meadow teacher to create a balanced education that is the basis for successful teaching and joyful parenting. An experienced, professional educator will join you in a partnership to create the best educational experience for you and your child. You will correspond with your Oak Meadow teacher concerning all aspects of the curriculum, and send in your child's work on a regular schedule. The teacher will respond with thoughtful and encouraging feedback on each lesson, and will provide narrative evaluations each semester. Your teacher may suggest additional activities and readings to accompany the lessons, and can help you tailor the curriculum to your child's individual needs and interests. In addition to helping students engage in the lessons, the Oak Meadow teacher is there to encourage the parent and support solid habits and strong academic skills in your student. The evaluations and transcripts provided by your teacher will become part of your child's official academic records, which are maintained in our office.

LESLIE DANIELS-VANZO

K–8 Faculty Member

My work with Oak Meadow began 22 years ago, and I find the special and unique relationship with my students very inspirational. I have consistently found that students flourish with the Oak Meadow curriculum as it has a remarkable way of reaching children and drawing out special gifts.

Homeschooled children receive a healthy amount of one-on-one attention and have wonderful opportunities to discover their creative side. I have enjoyed developing a quality relationship with each student and family, many of which last for the nine years from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. It is a delight to stay in touch with my students from the past who are now far into their lives beyond college, and I am continually impressed by the direction their lives have taken. It truly has been an honor to be a part of so many children's exceptional educational journeys.

Enrollment for Grades K–4

Oak Meadow School

Our elementary teachers are dedicated to supporting and empowering the homeschooling parent and to working closely together with you to create a positive and successful learning experience for your child.

“I love being involved with my children’s education. Oak Meadow allows me to do just that. Having them enrolled in Oak Meadow School takes the guesswork out of choosing a curriculum and I feel that my children are getting a wonderful education.”

Because younger children learn primarily through imitation and doing, our K–4 curriculum features a great deal of healthy activity and movement. We provide lessons rich in experiential exercises that will stimulate learning through action and imagination. Your children will experience a multisensory education as they explore a world of letters, numbers, color, song, rhythm, and verse while learning about themselves and the world around them.

In grades K–4, the parent is the primary teacher for the child, and the Oak Meadow teacher serves to support the parent in the teaching process. Your teacher discusses your child’s progress with you by phone or email and serves as your guide and resource as you progress through the journey of discovery with your child. Teachers suggest additional activities and readings and can help you adjust the curriculum to your child’s needs and interests.

Using our curriculum, which is divided into 36 weekly lessons across each subject area, your teacher reviews your child’s work on a regular basis and completes

written assessments. These periodic narrative

evaluations become part of your child’s

official cumulative record maintained

in the Oak Meadow office. As we are

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Enrollment for Grades 5–8

Oak Meadow School

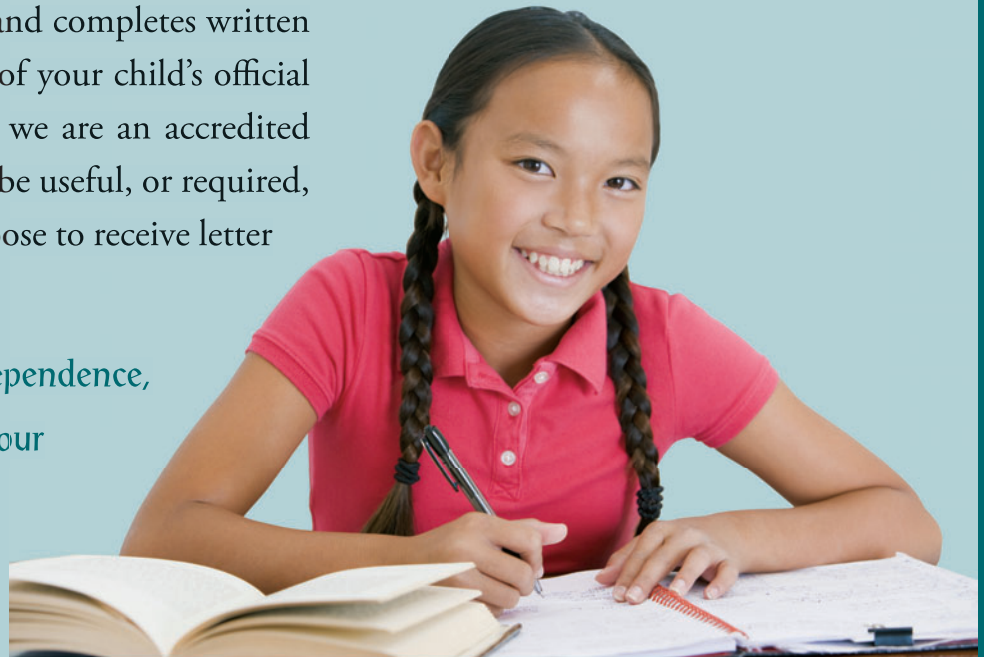
The Oak Meadow 5–8 teacher establishes a more direct relationship with the student, yet continues to work closely with parents. During the adolescent years, the parent’s role shifts from being the primary teacher to being a support for the student in the learning process. Our curriculum features challenging, creative assignments in all subjects to actively engage middle school students in their learning.

In addition to helping students engage in the lessons, the Oak Meadow teacher is there to encourage solid study habits and strong academic skills. As in the early grades, teachers suggest additional activities and readings to accompany the lessons, and can help you adjust the curriculum to your child’s needs and interests.

Using our curriculum, which is divided into 36 weekly lessons across each subject area, your teacher reviews your child’s work on a regular basis and completes written assessments. These periodic narrative evaluations become part of your child’s official cumulative record maintained in the Oak Meadow office. As we are an accredited school, these records are transferable to other schools, and may be useful, or required, documentation in some states. For grades 5–8, parents may choose to receive letter grades in addition to narrative evaluations.

Distance learning with Oak Meadow requires initiative, independence, and accountability, and our teachers are there to ensure that your student has a successful learning experience and makes a smooth transition into the exciting work of high school.

“Oak Meadow’s program is wonderfully flexible! Our family tends to travel a lot throughout the year, and homeschooling makes learning portable.”



The Oak Meadow Parent Handbook

The Parent Handbook is a valuable resource designed to be used throughout the school year.

Topics include:

- A checklist of the important forms included in your Welcome Packet
- An overview of distance learning
- Guidelines for submitting work to your teacher
- An article on creating a supportive learning environment
- School Policy section

The Parent Handbook is available for download on our website under the School tab.



How to Enroll

To begin the enrollment process in Oak Meadow School, **please call our office to speak with our Enrollment Counselors.** We welcome the opportunity to discuss your questions and the unique nature of our program. We are committed to helping you and your family get off to a good start in the new school year.

We offer **open enrollment periods**, so you may choose a Start Date best suited to your family's needs. Start Dates for both new enrollments and reenrollments are typically set at least 14 days from the date you call to enroll, in order to allow time for the curriculum materials and Welcome Packet to arrive.

The Oak Meadow Welcome Packet

After your enrollment has been processed, your curriculum materials will be shipped and you will receive a Welcome Packet from the Oak Meadow Registrar. The Welcome Packet includes contact information for your teacher, a Verification of Enrollment document, important forms for you to fill out and return to your teacher, and a comprehensive Parent Handbook.

Tuition

Our tuition includes all curriculum materials needed for a full school year across all subjects. Your Enrollment Period runs for 10 months from your Start Date. Your Oak Meadow teacher will contact you before your enrollment periods begins and can answer any questions you may have at the beginning of the school year.

For current tuition rates, please see the insert included with this catalog or visit our website at oakmeadow.com.

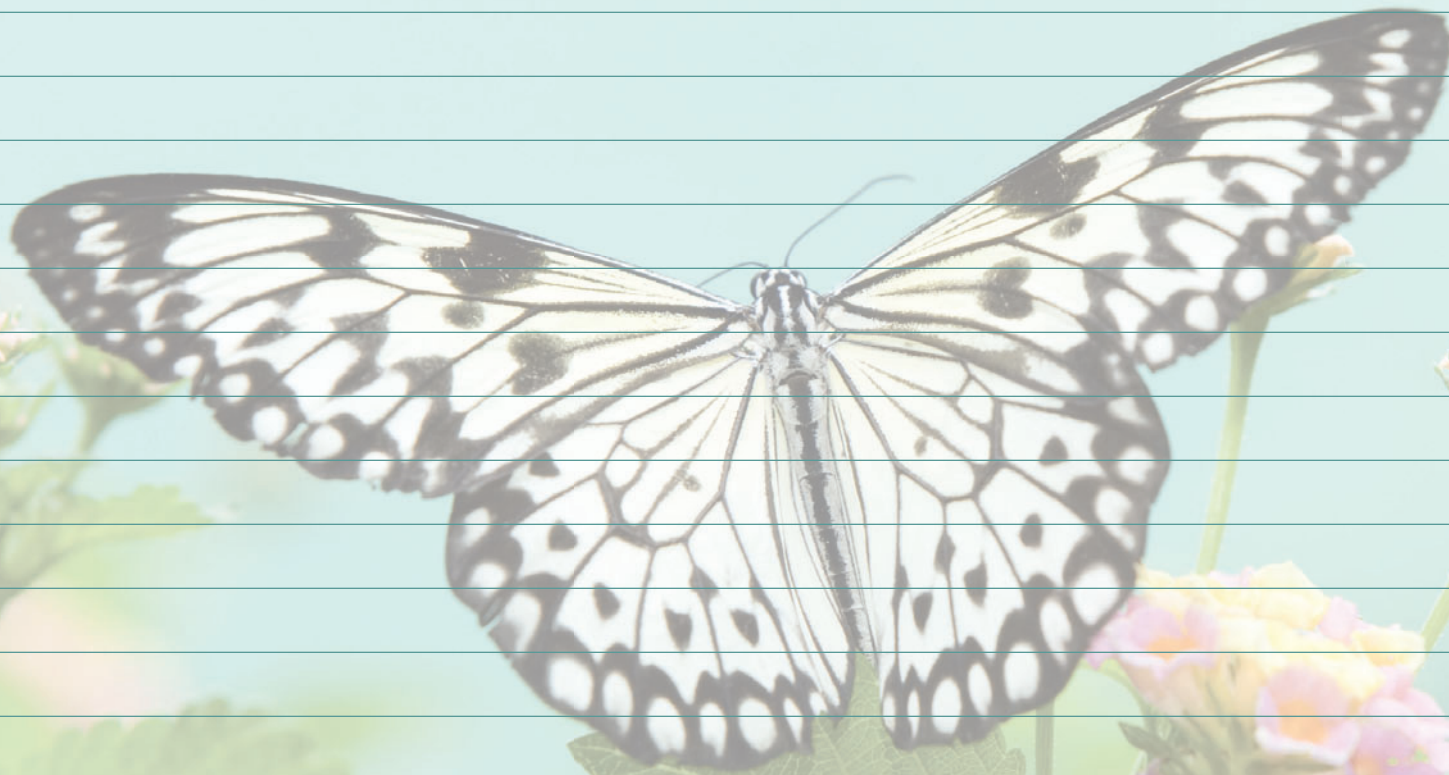
Payment Plan for Tuition

Our payment plan is structured so you may begin your Oak Meadow enrollment with a 40 percent downpayment of your tuition. The balance is due in equal payments over six months. Oak Meadow has partnered with the FACTS Tuition Management Program to handle our payment plans. To learn more about this option, please see the insert included with this catalog or visit our website.

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Oak Meadow Curriculum Materials Grades K–8

PRESCHOOL RESOURCES

The Heart of Learning
Learning Processes

Supplementary Materials

Toddlers Sing CD
Beeswax Crayons (block)
Preschool Paint Kit

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Syllabus
Heart of Learning
Home Teacher's Process Manual

Supplementary Materials

Fairy Tales
First Book of Crafts
WeeSing CD
Growing, Growing Strong
Craft Kit

FIRST GRADE

First Grade Syllabus
Heart of Learning
Home Teacher's Process Manual

Supplementary Materials

Beginning Recorder
Songbook
Music CD
Fairy Tales
Word Family Reader
Little Bear
Little Bear's Visit
A Kiss for Little Bear
Frog & Toad Are Friends
Frog & Toad Together
Mouse Soup
Mouse Tales
Growing, Growing Strong
Craft Kit

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SECOND GRADE

Second Grade Syllabus
Heart of Learning
Home Teacher's Process Manual

Supplementary Materials

Intermediate Recorder
Clay Fun
First Book of Nature Crafts
Animal Stories
Just So Stories
Ben & Meg
The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle
Fables
Animal Friends
Growing, Growing Strong
Craft Kit

THIRD GRADE

Third Grade Syllabus
Heart of Learning
Home Teacher's Process Manual

Supplementary Materials

Advanced Recorder
First Cookbook
Folk Tales
The Wizard of Oz
The Velveteen Rabbit
Charlotte's Web
Pippi Longstocking
Winnie the Pooh
Little House in the Big Woods
Peter Pan
The All-New Woodworking for Kids
Growing, Growing Strong
Craft Kit

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Grade Syllabus
Math 4
Teacher Manual 4

Supplementary Materials

Recorder Duets
Jeweler's Loupes
The Search for Delicious
Rachel's Journal
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Heidi
The Trumpet of the Swan
Stuart Little
Treasury for Children
Indian Legends
The Sign of the Beaver

FIFTH GRADE

U.S. History/English 5
Science 5
Math 5
Teacher Manual 5

Supplementary Materials

The Story of Harriet Tubman: Freedom Train
Ben & Me
Johnny Tremain
Little House on the Prairie
Sarah Morton's Day
The Witch of Blackbird Pond
If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620
Where Do You Think You're
Going, Christopher Columbus?
Children of the Wild West

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SIXTH GRADE

Ancient Civilizations/English 6
 Basic Life Science 6
 Math 6
 Teacher Manual 6

Supplementary Materials

The Adventures of Robin Hood
D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths
Rainbow People

SEVENTH GRADE

World History 7
 English 7
 Earth Science 7
 Math 7
 Teacher Manual 7

Supplementary Materials

Mama's Bank Account
Journey to America
Helen Keller
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Amelia Earhart
Lyddie
Goodbye, Vietnam
Zlata's Diary
Summer of the Monkeys
Water Sky

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EIGHTH GRADE

Civics 8
 English 8 includes *Writing for 100 Days*
 Physical Science 8
 Math 8
 Teacher Manual 8

Supplementary Materials

The Giver
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
A Wrinkle in Time
The Hobbit
Lord of the Flies
The Call of the Wild
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
The Elements of Style

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APRIL WATERMAN—Shipping & Receiving Manager

Over 13 years ago, I started with Oak Meadow in one small room with eight shelves, with each and every book made by hand: photocopying, running the binding machine with different glues, and putting each book through an industrial cutting machine to keep the edges even. All shipping labels were written by hand as well, and the daily printing, binding, and shipping kept our small crew quite busy! Sometimes local homeschooling families would come by to pick up materials, and the kids really enjoyed seeing this process and the great mess of paper cuttings and scraps littering the floor.



We are now in a large, expansive old mill building and our current shipping room has dozens of shelves filled with over 100 original publications. The printing volume is far beyond what we are able to keep up with and I now work very closely with large printing companies to ensure the quality of materials meets our high standards. In addition to fulfilling orders for families, I am responsible for ensuring that all of the revisions and updates to our publications are delivered to our printers and returned to us accurately. We are in the midst of adding new courses and revising existing ones and this complex process really keeps me on my toes.

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Problem solving is a lot of what I do every day. Tracking packages, replacing and exchanging items, and processing returns and refunds is a daily part of my work.

I like making people happy and that includes working with each customer to make sure they have what they need to get the school year started in the best way. I am committed to getting materials out the door on time and resolving any problems in the delivery of these materials. While I do tend to speak with customers who are experiencing some difficulty, often what comes through is gratitude—every day I hear from families who are so happy to have found Oak Meadow. It is very rewarding not only to help solve problems, but to hear about the deep satisfaction families experience with this unique education.

Good to Know



How many students are homeschooling in the United States?

The popularity of homeschooling has grown consistently every year and shows continued signs of growth. There were an estimated 1.5 million homeschooled students in 2007, or 2.9 percent of the school age population (U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2007). This represents an impressive 74 percent relative increase over the eight-year period from 1999 to 2007.



How well do homeschooled students do academically?

Students who are homeschooled score 34 to 39 percentile points higher than the norm on standardized achievement tests (National Home Education Research Institute, 2008). Another report states, “The home educated in grades K–12 have scored, on average, at the 65th to 80th percentile on standardized academic achievement tests in the United States and Canada, compared to the public school average of the 50th percentile” (Academic Leadership Live online journal, Volume 6, Issue 3, April 14, 2008). These statistics prove what homeschooling parents know: in addition to many other benefits, the individualized, personal learning environment in the home fosters strong academic skills that prepare students for success in college, career, and life.



What about socialization?

How well do homeschooled children do in the “real world”?

Although few formal studies have been conducted, empirical data and anecdotal reports from homeschooling families indicate that students who are being educated outside the peer-group classroom setting have a tremendous social advantage. A 2007 National Household Education Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Education revealed that 88 percent of parents reported choosing to homeschool because of a “concern about the school environment.” Because they often spend so much time out in the community and engaged with a variety of people across all age ranges, homeschoolers tend to have more varied and meaningful social experiences. Field trips and travel, book discussion groups, classes in the arts, and playgroups with other homeschoolers involve children with a wide variety of people and social settings. Indeed, being in the “real world” everyday is a true benefit of homeschooling.

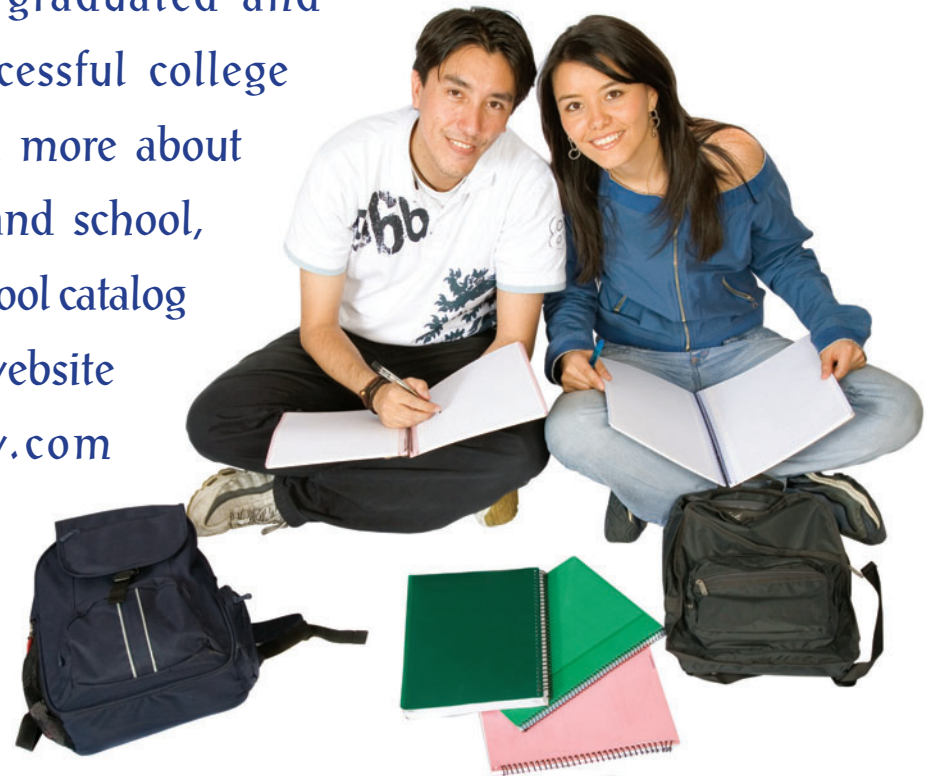
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