

MIDDLE SCHOOL grades 6-8 DEVELOPING PURPOSE

FROM WONDER TO WISDOM

- 54 acres of forest, hills, trails, meadow, and farm
- Founded in 1984
- Preschool through High School
- 270 students Total
- Classes average 19 students
 Max of 25 students
- School Day: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- After School registration available until 5:45 pm

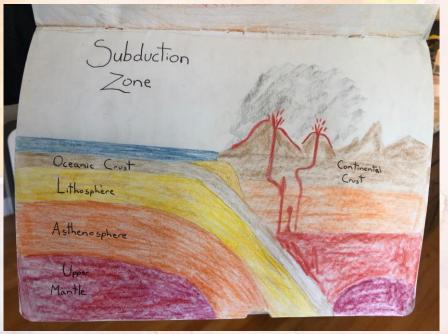




WALDORF EDUCATION

- 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
- Our teachers have a College Degree plus 2 additional years of Waldorf teacher training in Waldorf philosophy, curriculum & child development







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





MAIN LESSON

Students start the day studying language arts, advanced math concepts, history, grammar, geography, and science in main lesson





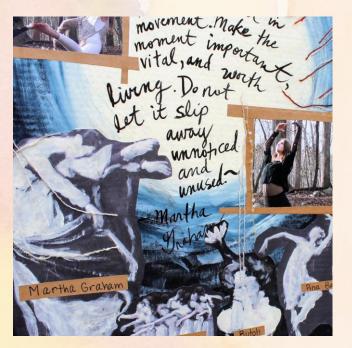
MAIN LESSON

Teachers use art, music, movement and storytelling to engage students and deepen their understanding of subject matter



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Curriculum trips and project-based learning are incorporated into the curriculum









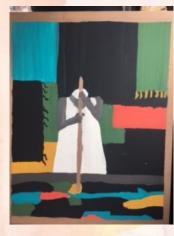


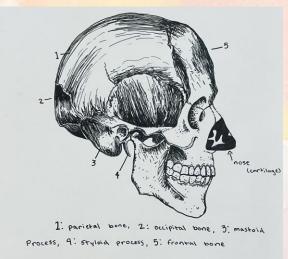
MAIN LESSON BOOKS

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: SPANISH

- By the end of grade school, students can have guided conversations, read unabridged articles and stories, and write free style paragraphs utilizing a variety of verb tenses
- The curriculum also continues to develop the powers of imaginative thinking and feeling, using songs, ageappropriate stories, dialogues, poetry, biographies and history
- Students finish middle school with an openness and appreciation of the many aspects of Hispanic culture and the Spanish language





SPECIAL SUBJECT: MUSIC

- Students enter the orchestral music program by studying the ukulele, guitar, banjo, violin, or the dulcimer. The students continue to deepen their abilities and knowledge with all of these instruments through the eighth grade.
- Students sing every day. They participate in informal, community singing and, as they enter the middle school years, they also begin to learn to sing in more formal ways, such as in a variety of arranged, choral styles.









SPECIAL SUBJECT: HANDWORK

- Handwork enhances math skills through counting rows and stitches, measuring patterns, and creating three-dimensional items
- Students learn to sew by hand in middle school and then learn to use a sewing machine
- Students learn to correct their mistakes and value quality, utility, and hard work







SPECIAL SUBJECT: WOODWORKING

- Beginning in the 6th grade, students take classes in the practical art of woodworking
- Students make practical objects out of wood and metal
- Using only hand tools, children concentrate on exactness, developing endurance and skillfulness of hand
- This helps train the senses and will
- It enhances their understanding of Geometry, Biology, Physics, and other similar subjects







SPECIAL SUBJECTS: MOVEMENT & EURYTHMY

- In middle school, students develop the skills necessary to play a variety of sports strenuously and by the rules
- In 7th & 8th Grade, team sports support the development of physical strength and mastery of one's body, as well as, teamwork and good sportsmanship
- 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







- Students are in outdoor classroom spaces for the day.
- 30-minute outdoor snack and recess 10:30am-11am.
- 40-minute lunch and recess
 12:40pm-1:20pm
- All movement and farm classes are outside







- EWS athletics teams are inclusive, all students are welcome to participate regardless of ability or skill
- Athletes must commit to attend practices and competitions, as well as, maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5

Soccer (Co-Ed Grades 8-12)

Cross Country (Grades 7-12)

Basketball (Grades 7-12)

Ultimate Frisbee (Co-Ed Grades 7-12)

Volleyball (Girls Grades 8-12)





TECHNOLOGY & HOMEWORK

- Our classes 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, participate in team sports and engage in family life
- Technology is introduced into classroom learning in High School
- Middle schoolers can expect 60 minutes of homework
 2-3 times per week



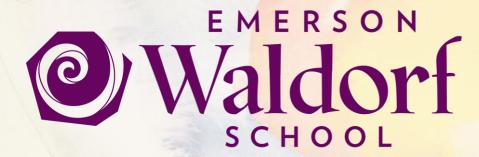


- Teachers meet with parents in October and February one-on-one for parent-teacher conferences
- Students do not receive report cards, but they do start receiving numerical grades on projects in preparation for High School
- They receive bench-mark progress reports
- Teachers expect middle schoolers to assume more responsibility for their own progress and learning



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PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12

