



ART OF TEACHING

WALDORF EDUCATION

Kindergarten Art of Teaching Course Description

The Art of Teaching Kindergarten is a practical introductory immersion workshop for teachers, assistants, caregivers, and home school parents. Discussions will include the importance of movement, working with parents and colleagues, classroom management, the power of simplicity, and much more. Participants will practice storytelling, learn to sew a simple table puppet, and even perform a simple puppet play for the group. Eurythmy as well as biography work will also be offered. Participants will develop an understanding of child development in the kindergarten-aged child, practice multiple seasonal circles, and understand the primary importance of play and rhythm in the kindergarten. The Art of Teaching Kindergarten is a great class for anyone new to teaching kindergarten or wishing for new inspiration!

[Art of Teaching Kindergarten Sample Schedule](#)

Art of Teaching Kindergarten Course Instructors



Led by Annie Bosque



Tavia Pagan



Becky Page



Art of Teaching Grades Course Description

In the Art of Teaching at Golden Valley, all the grades will be split into their grade level groups for curriculum studies that pertain to their specific year. We will also meet in larger combined groups for studies that apply across the grades, such as Eurythmy, music, storytelling, and biography work. It will be a beautifully enriching and balanced week that will provide all grades teachers with a solid foundation upon which they can build their upcoming school year.

The Art of Teaching Grades 1 -3

The Art of Teaching 1-3 Grade – In the Art of Teaching for the lower grades we will provide guidance for teachers to help form their classes at the beginning of the year, curriculum support for teaching main lessons, and supplemental material to bring beauty and activity into your classroom. We will cover Fairy Tales, Fables, Saints and Tricksters and stories to support you in the lower grades. We will work with the writer’s workshop and with introducing math in a meaningful way. There will be discussion about the developmental needs of each of these lower grades. The lower grades training is being taught by [Allie Brooks, Jenni Walthard, Lee Pope and others.](#)

[Art of Teaching Grades 4-5 Sample Schedule](#)

The Art of Teaching Grades 4 -5

The Art of Teaching Grades 4-5 – In the Art of Teaching for the middle grades, we will focus on meeting the needs of students whose capacities are expanding. We will provide support for the main lesson work and block rotations, storytelling for the middle grades, and academic support for meeting a more academic student body. We will cover Norse myths, and the stories of the Ancient civilizations. Math studies will focus on fractions and decimals. We will provide movement and games for energetic and enthusiastic students. The Art of Teaching 4-5 will be taught by [Richard March, Zachary Phillips, Brianne Hidden and others.](#)

[Art of Teaching Grades 4-5 Sample Schedule](#)



The Art of Teaching Grades 6 - 8

The Art of Teaching - 6th - 8th Grades – The upper grades are a time of amazing growth in capacity, critical thought, and independence. It can also be a time of both inner and outer turbulence as the young adolescent begins the real work towards self-actualization through their questioning and searching. The curriculum for the upper grades rises up to meet the students where they are at, in this unique time in-between childhood and adulthood. The upper grades Waldorf curriculum is designed to speak to these changes and developments across multiple disciplines such as history, writing, science, and fine arts.

Some of the topics covered are:

History: Ancient Rome, Medieval History, Age of Exploration, Renaissance and Reformation, Age of Revolution, US History

- The Arts: Geometric Drawing, Perspective Drawing, Music, Eurythmy
- Math and Science: Platonic Solids, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology
- Language Arts: Wish, Wonder, Surprise; Storytelling; Biography; Short Story
- Chalk Drawing
- Classroom management in the middle school
- Bringing our journey as a class to a healthy end

and more...

[Art of Teaching Grades 6-8 Sample Schedule](#)

Art of Teaching Grades Course Lead Instructors



Grades 1-5 led by Zachary Phillips



Grades 6-8 led by Ryan Sutton