



A WALDORF INSPIRED SCHOOL

Reimagine Education

Bruno

From conception to maturity in two years.



The human being requires approximately 21 years to mature. The simpler the creature, the faster they develop. Why are we rushing our children? The Acorn School honors the childhood years, and we allow children to be children.

Why do we honor childhood? The neo-cortex, “the thinking brain” is the slowest to develop. Neuroscience tells us the neo-cortex completes its’ development in our mid-20’s. Piaget said humans are ripe for intellectual training around puberty. It is unwise to force feed intellectual training training in the kindergarten, right?

“Although it is highly necessary that each person should be fully awake in later life, the child must be allowed to remain as long as possible in the peaceful, dreamlike condition of pictorial imagination in which his early years of life are passed. For if we allow his organism to grow strong in *this non-intellectual way*, he will rightly develop in later life the intellectuality needed in the world today.”

-Rudolf Steiner, A Modern Art of Education.

A Waldorf Classroom, See the Difference?



THE STORY-BASED CURRICULUM

GRADE ONE—FAIRY TALES



If you want your children to be brilliant, tell them fairy tales. If you want them to be very brilliant, tell them even more fairy tales.

Albert Einstein



Students make their own books. Here is an example of first grade Language Arts book teaching the letter B. On the right is a chalk drawing of the letter M done by the teacher.



THE WHITE
BEAR DELIVERED
THE LASS TO
HIS CASTLE



GRADE TWO

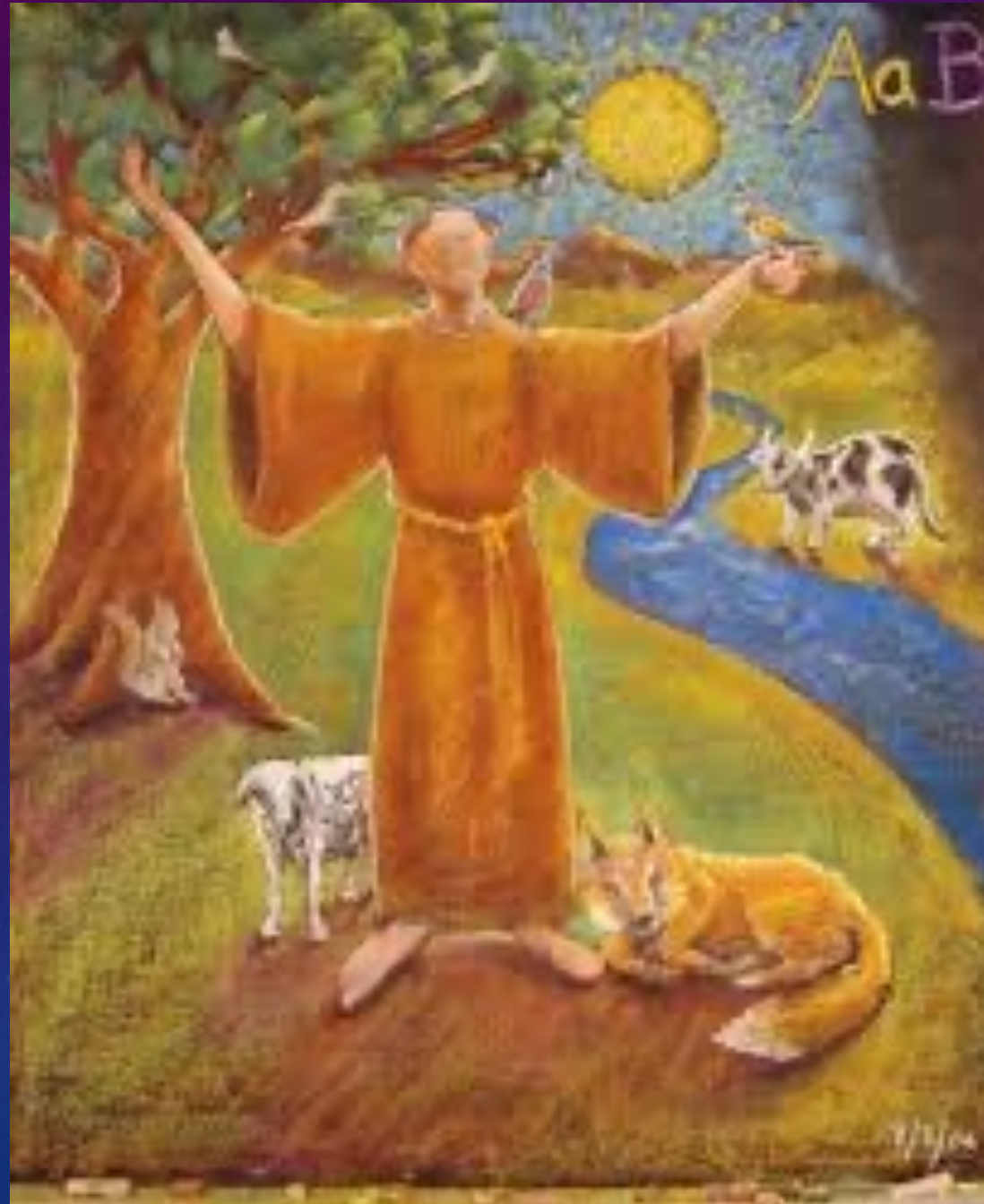
ANIMAL STORIES AND LEGENDS OF HEROIC MEN AND WOMEN



GRADE TWO

LEGENDS

While the animal stories depict human weakness, The Little Boy Who Cried Wolf for example, the legends are stories of men and women who have experienced human weaknesses and overcome them. Again, the value of human development, from the acorn to the mighty Oak, is woven into the lessons through the age-appropriate stories.



GRADE THREE

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Heaven lies about us in our infancy!
Shades of the prison-house begin to close
Upon the growing Boy,
But he beholds the light, and whence it
flows,

He sees it in his joy; ...

At length the Man perceives it die away,
And fade into the light of common day.

Wordsworth



In third grade, the children go through the nine-year change. They begin to experience themselves as separate from the world. They learn the truth about Santa Claus and the Easter bunny. This is a normal phase of childhood but can be unsettling for a child.

As depicted in this painting by Masaccio, being cast out of innocence is not fun. The Old Testament stories are full of heroic men and women that carried on in the face of adversity.

Other subjects are housebuilding, farming and gardening which inform them on how resilient humans are when facing obstacles and challenges.

GRADE FOUR--NORSE MYTHOLOGY



GRADE FIVE

ANCIENT CULTURES



Ancient Egypt
Ancient India
Ancient Persia
Ancient Greece

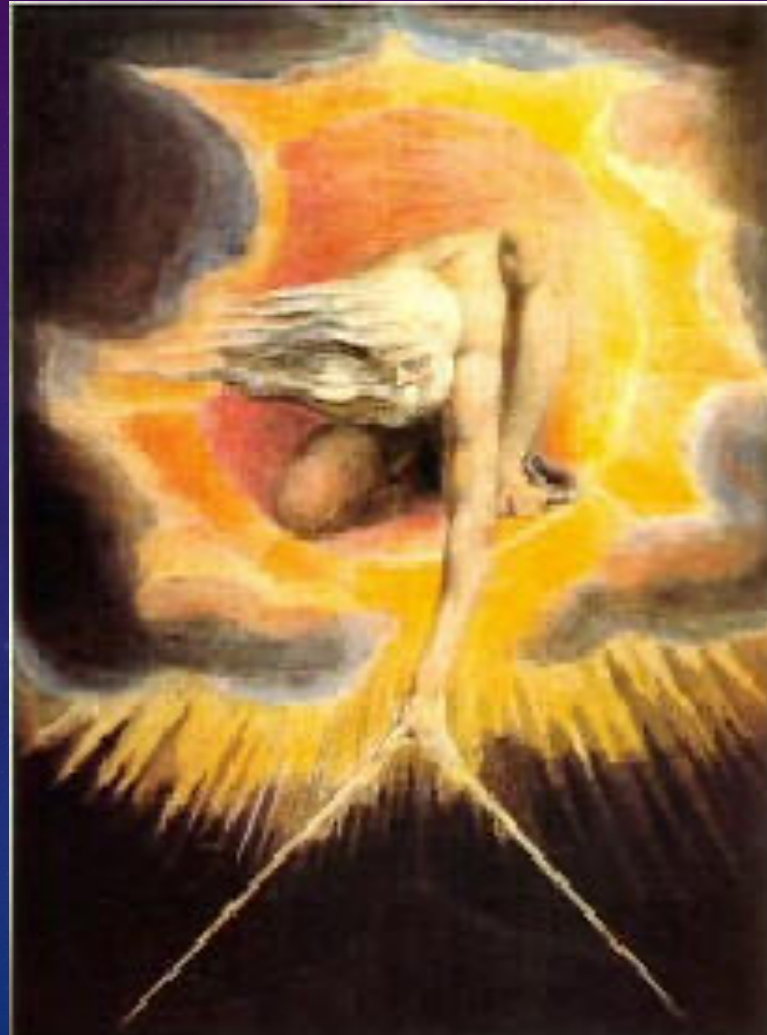
GRADE 6



Waldorf Schools Honor the Vast Spectrum of Human Intelligence

The human being is born like a garden
ready planted and sown. This world is too
poor to produce one seed.

William Blake



MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES



We expect our students to become “multi-dimensional.” In addition to learning the academic subjects, they also develop the artistic, practical and social intelligences. They play the recorder in grade one and in grade four they begin to learn an instrument, either violin or cello. From grade one on they have Handwork and Spanish class three times a week. Recorder playing is linked with Handwork as the knitting project in the first grade is creating their own recorder cases. We value hands on learning.

HANDWORK GRADE FOUR







OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE 2023

Are you interested in a fun-filled morning exploring an innovative elementary school with your children? The Acorn School open house events are for you! There will be craft activities, baking and a puppet show! This is your opportunity to explore the enchanted world of Waldorf Education.

You will meet the teachers and visit both the indoor and outdoor classrooms. You will learn about our play-based experiential approach to learning and explore the students work. Did you know that the grade school students make their own books?

Our open house events will take place on Saturday mornings at 10 am. Please don't miss the opportunity to visit, The Acorn School is one of a kind in Charleston.

1. Saturday, January 28, 10 am
2. Saturday, February 24, 10 am
3. Saturday, March 25, 10 am
4. Saturday, April 29, 10 am

Please reach out with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.