

# THE PATH OF SUMMARY WRITING IN WALDORF @ HOME.



GRADES 1 TO 5



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GRADE 1: JUST LEARNING. SOME FIRST GRADERS MIGHT NOT BE WRITING AT FIRST AND WILL NEED HELP FOR THE FIRST MONTH OR MORE. PRACTICE HERE IS THE KEY. YOU WRITE OUT THE SUMMARY. SHORT, ONE SENTENCE. PRACTICE WRITING NAME. DO NOT WORRY ABOUT REVERSALS, GRAMMAR OR PUNCTUATION. BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THEY SHOULD BE WRITING ON THEIR OWN. ONE SENTENCE. REMEMBER, THESE SUMMARIES JUST FOCUS ON WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT. DISTILL IT DOWN. BEGIN MEMORY WORK WITH VERSES.

GRADE 2: THEY'VE BEEN WRITING FOR A WHILE, THEY HAVE THE BASICS OF WHAT BELONGS IN A SUMMARY DOWN. THEIR FORM DRAWING SHOULD BE PRACTICED REGULARLY TO HELP WITH HANDWRITING. THEIR SUMMARIES SHOULD BE 1-2 SENTENCES. NO FORMAL GRAMMAR. WORK ON READING. CONTINUE MEMORY WORK, INCLUDING TONGUE TWISTERS.

GRADE 3: THE FIRST STEPS IN UNDERSTANDING FEELING WORDS, NAMING WORDS, ETC. FROM A VERY CONCRETE PERSPECTIVE. NO WORKSHEETS. UNDERSTANDING TERMS BASED ON WORKING WITH THE SUMMARIES. "CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT ADAM WAS DOING" OR "LET'S NAME THE ANIMALS." BRINGING THE CONCEPTS IN ORGANICALLY AS THEY ARE BEGINNING TO GAIN A DESIRE TO PUT THEIR OWN THOUGHTS DOWN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. ALL SUMMARY WORK IS STILL WORKED TOGETHER FOR MOST OF THE YEAR. ALLOW EXPERIMENTATION IN THE LAST LESSON BLOCKS. LONGER VERSES AND POEMS FOR MEMORY WORK. THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO INTRODUCE CURSIVE.

GRADE 4: NOW YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE READY TO WRITE A BIT ON THEIR OWN. MAIN LESSON WORK IS MOSTLY OF THEIR OWN, YOU CAN HELP GET THEM STARTED, BUT REALLY WORK TO HAVE THE WORK BE THEIR OWN. THEY ARE BUILDING ON SKILLS LEARNED IN GRADE 3. NOW YOU GO DEEPER - TENSES, PLURALS, ADVERBS, ABBREVIATIONS, GRAMMAR RULES AND SPELLING RULES. SHORT REPORTS. SUMMARIES SHOULD BE ABOUT A PARAGRAPH BY NOW, NO SHORTER.

GRADE 5: CONTINUING TO BUILD. THESE KIDS SHOULD HAVE A GOOD HANDLE ON WRITING. THEIR SPELLING SHOULD BE PROGRESSING ALONG WITH THEIR READING. ALL MAIN LESSON SUMMARIES SHOULD BE THEIR OWN AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO WRITE MORE COMPLEX PIECES AND THEIR SUMMARIES SHOULD BE TWO+ PARAGRAPHS WITH EASE.