



## Saltwater School Classes 1–8

The first two hours of each school day are spent in main lesson. This is where the core curriculum is taught. As a Group 1 Independent School, we have course requirements and learning outcomes that must be consistent with the provincial goals of intellectual development, human and social development, and career development as outlined by the Ministry of Education.

Ministry of Education K – 8 Program Requirements:

English Language Arts

Mathematics

Social Studies

Science

Physical Education

Fine Arts (Drama, Music, or Visual arts)

Personal Planning (Career planning Grade 8)

Second Language (Grades 5-8 only)

The following provides an overview of the main lesson for each class:

Grade 1 – Fairy tales, folk tales and nature stories, pictorial and phonetic intro to letters, form drawing, reading approached through writing, qualities of numbers, time, intro of the four processes in arithmetic and lower multiplication tables.

Grade 2 – Legends of Saints, animal fables, reading, writing, arithmetic, elements of grammar (intro to nouns and verbs), cursive writing.

Grade 3 – Old Testament stories introduce history. Study of practical life; farming, housing and clothing. Reading, spelling, writing, original composition, grammar, punctuation, parts of speech, higher multiplication tables, more complex examples of math, weight, measures, time, money.

Grade 4 – Norse myths and sagas. Composition, parts of speech, verb tenses, letter writing, fractions, local geography & map making, study of the animal kingdom.

Grade 5 – Greek myths, ancient civilizations through Greek times, Canadian geography related to vegetation, agriculture and economics. Composition, grammar, spelling, reading, arithmetic, decimals, botany.

Grade 6 – Roman and medieval history, Arthurian legends, world geography; types of climates, longitude/latitude, trade winds, ocean currents, minerals and physics (acoustics, electricity, magnetism optics and heat) composition, grammar, spelling, biographies, composition, theatre, arithmetic – percentage, ration proportion, geometry, business math, algebra, statistics, drawing with instruments, woodworking, botany and astronomy.

Grade 7 – Voyages of discovery, the Renaissance, world geography economic & cultural focus. Physics (light, sound, electricity, magnetism, mechanics) practical physics – construction of a project and writing of an instruction manual. Physiology (cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, lymphatic,

endocrine and reproductive systems). Astronomy and biographies of various astronomers, inorganic chemistry, composition, grammar, spelling, literature, creative writing, poetry, metaphor/simile, focus on creative expression and drama, arithmetic, algebra, Pythagoras, square roots, ratios, review geometry and art history.

Grade 8 – Literature – short stories, letters, dramatic contrast in Shakespearean drama, composition, grammar, spelling, arithmetic – review of solids and measurement, algebra, geometry, equations, and practical math. World economics, geography, Canadian history, physics – hydraulics, organic chemistry and physiology.

## Saltwater School Curriculum Beyond the Main Lesson

Music - choir and musical instruments (recorder, guitar, flute, violin, cello, or other)  
Languages (German and French, Starting in First Grade)  
Art (from drawing, painting, clay and beeswax modeling, mosaics, calligraphy)  
Handwork (knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch, sewing, weaving)  
Woodwork in the upper grades  
Drama