

Sample Minimum Course of Study Ages 9-11

Child's Name

School year (2020-2021)

1. **Basic Communication skills, including reading, and writing**
 - Parts of speech (predicates, prepositions, interjections, adverbs)
 - Sentences (fragments, imperatives, run-ons, complex)
 - Mechanics (apostrophes, colons, contractions, quotations & dialogue)
 - Vocab + usage (base words, idioms, denotations & connotations, homograph)
 - Writing (personal narratives, comparative writings, business letters)
 - Spelling
 - Reading (comprehension, determining central ideas & themes, inference)
2. **Basic Communication skills mathematics**
 - Fractions (equivalent, extending, multiplying, dividing, adding & subtracting)
 - Geometry (points, rays, angles, perimeters, area, volume, coordinate planes)
 - Word problems (graphs, probability, + - through 6 digits, multiplying through 4 digits by 3 digits, dividing through 5 digits by 3 digits)
 - Negative numbers
 - Decimals and percentages and place values
 - Measuring (length, speed, weight, volume, liquid)
3. **Citizenship, History, and Government in Vermont and the United States**
 - Map skills (continental divide, biomes, world time zones)
 - Explorers of north America (John Cabot, Hernando Cortes, Jacques Cartier, Sir Francis Drake)
 - American Indians (culture, beliefs, customs, trade)
 - VT (local community & government, Bennington Battle Monument, Robert Forst, Normal Rockwell)
4. **English, American and other literature:**

Books will include

 - Stuart Little by EB White
 - The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B White
 - Ellie's Story: A Dog's purpose Puppy tale by W. Bruce Cameron
 - Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
 - The Underground Railroad by Bonnie Bader
 - The Lion, the With and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
 - Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
 - Revolving Rhymes by Roald Dahl
 - Who Were the Wright Brothers? By James Buckley Jr.

- Who was William Shakespeare? By Celeste Davidson Mattis
- Who was H.J. Heinz? By Michael Burgan
- Who was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart? By Yona Zeldis McDonay

5. **Natural Sciences**

- The world of weather (pressure, winds, air masses, cloud types)
- Composting (decomposition, basics to, worms, effects to environment)
- The world of plants and fungi (structures, growth and movement, nature walk studying local fungi here on Mt. Anthony)

6. ***Physical Education**

- Basketball, snowboarding, yoga, walking, hiking, tennis, soccer

7. ***Comprehensive Health Education including the effects of tobacco, alcoholic drinks, and drugs on the human system and on society**

- Nutrition & diet
- Basic first aid
- Preparing for puberty

8. ***Fine Arts**

- Singing, piano, sketching, painting (watercolors & acrylics), craft projects using modeling clay & beads, 3D art.