



**Daily
Wonder**

Waldorf Morning Lessons

Grade 4

The Wonder of Grade Four

Scope & Sequence

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In Grade 4, your child is taking a further step toward independence. They are gaining a new awareness of themselves and beginning to look at their environment, and at you, with a more critical eye. This can feel upsetting if you forget that it is all part of their path toward independence. Take a deep breath and smile.

Local geography helps Grade 4 children find their confidence as they develop a sense of where they are in the world and gain skills to navigate from A to B. The Norse Myths offer wonderful tales of a wide spectrum of human characteristics that children at this age relate to. New challenges in report writing and fractions satisfy their growing appetite for independence.

Story theme: The Norse Myths; local geography and history; biographies of strength.

Underlying inspiration: “Where am I? Where do I belong? Who has come before me?”

Recommended morning lesson length: 1.5–2 hours, five days a week.

How this document is organized

This is an overview of what your child will learn throughout Grade 4. It is intended to support families and learning consultants who are evaluating Daily Wonder, and to help homeschooling families with reporting and documentation. It is not the curriculum itself. Purchasing a unit or a full grade gives you the daily lesson plans, materials lists, stories, and resources that bring this scope to life.

The document covers: a year-at-a-glance overview of the ten units; scope and sequence for each core subject (numeracy, literacy, social studies, science); notes on additional curriculum areas; and a closing section on standards alignment and reporting.

Year at a glance

Grade 4 unfolds across ten thematic units, each woven through with multiple subjects, social-emotional learning competencies, and First Peoples' Principles of Learning.

Unit	Subjects integrated	Core competencies	First Peoples' Principle
1. The Wonder of Geography	Social Studies · Language Arts	Personal and social awareness	Learning supports the well-being of self, family, community, land, spirits, ancestors
2. The Wonder of Norse Mythology	Language Arts · Social Studies	Creative thinking	Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story
3. The Wonder of Fractions 1	Math · Language Arts	Creative thinking	Learning involves patience and time
4. The Wonder of Poetry	Language Arts	Personal awareness; communication	Learning requires exploration of one's identity
5. The Wonder of Zoology	Science · Language Arts	Social awareness and responsibility	Learning is holistic, reflexive, experiential, relational
6. The Wonder of Fractions 2	Math · Language Arts	Communication	Learning involves patience and time
7. The Wonder of Norse Mythology 2	Language Arts · Social Studies	Personal awareness	Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story
8. The Wonder of Zoology 2	Science · Language Arts	Social awareness and responsibility	Learning supports the well-being of self, family, community, land, spirits, ancestors
9. The Wonder of Fractions 3	Math · Language Arts	Communication	Learning involves patience and time
10. The Wonder of Geography 2	Social Studies · Language Arts	Personal and social awareness	Learning recognizes the role of Indigenous Learning

Numeracy

Daily Wonder follows a Waldorf-informed approach to mathematics. New concepts are introduced experientially through story, movement, image, and hands-on work, then reinforced through daily practice in a grade-level math workbook chosen by the family. Each unit identifies a key math focus, allowing families to time workbook practice to match Daily Wonder’s introduction of each concept.

Key Grade 4 mathematics concepts

- Development of computational fluency with multi-digit numbers and the four operations
- Fractions are a type of number that represents a part of a whole or a part of a group
- Regular changes in patterns can be identified and represented using charts and tables
- Polygons are closed shapes with specific properties that can be described and compared
- Analyzing and interpreting experiments in data probability develops mathematical thinking

How math unfolds across the year

Unit	Math focus
1. Geography	Daily math review; mental math through map and scale work.
2. Norse Mythology	Pattern recognition and review of prior concepts.
3. Fractions 1 (immersive)	Fractions introduced through story and concrete work: halves, thirds, quarters, fifths.
4. Poetry	Daily math practice in workbook.
5. Zoology	Fractions and decimals reinforced through animal-related measurement and proportion.
6. Fractions 2 (immersive)	Equivalent fractions; addition and subtraction of like and unlike fractions.
7. Norse Mythology 2	Polygons and shape attributes through artistic and architectural study.
8. Zoology 2	Decimals introduced through measurement and money work; fraction review.
9. Fractions 3 (immersive)	Multiplying and dividing fractions; mixed numbers; word problems.
10. Geography 2	Patterns and review of all major Grade 4 concepts in geographic and map contexts.

Literacy and Language Arts

In Grade 4, writing becomes a deliberate craft. Children move from reading and dictation toward independent writing, such as summaries, descriptions, letters, and poetry. The Norse Myths and Kalevala provide rich language and human archetypes.

Key Grade 4 literacy concepts

- Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works
- Language and text can be a source of creativity and joy
- Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and others
- Stories help us learn about diverse cultures, histories, and perspectives
- Writing is a process that takes time, attention, and revision

Progression across the year

Written summaries become a regular practice. Dictionary skills, structures and features of writing, the writing process, proofreading, dictation, root words, prefixes and suffixes, proper spelling, apostrophe use, and comma rules are all developed. Independent reading is expected daily.

Social Studies

Grade 4 social studies turns to local geography and history. Children make maps, study the geography of their own region, and learn the human story of the land around them. The Norse myths offer parallel stories of a different people's relationship to their land.

Key Grade 4 social studies concepts

- Demographic, political, and cultural changes shape the development of a region
- Indigenous peoples have lived on the land we live on for thousands of years
- Maps and globes represent the world in different ways for different purposes
- Stories from history shape our understanding of place and people

A note on religion and culture

Daily Wonder is not a religious curriculum. Where stories or verses touch on spiritual traditions such as Indigenous, Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, and others, they are offered for their cultural and human meaning, not as religious instruction. Across the K–7 years, children encounter many of the world's major spiritual traditions in their historical and cultural contexts. In Grade 1, the focus is gentler: stories from around the world that build a sense of diversity, belonging, and care for community.

Science

Grade 4 science is the study of the animal kingdom. Two zoology blocks introduce the diversity of life on Earth and the relationships between animals and their environments.

Key Grade 4 science concepts

- All living things sense and respond to their environment
- Living things are diverse, can be grouped, and interact in their ecosystems
- Energy comes in different forms and can be transformed
- Earth materials change as they move through the rock cycle

Additional curriculum areas

Beyond the four core subject areas, Grade 4 also provides regular opportunities to develop the following, which are particularly relevant for families in jurisdictions that require broader reporting.

Curriculum area	How Daily Wonder Grade 4 covers it
Applied Design, Skills & Technology (ADST)	Designing, creating, making, and evaluating — through unit projects, handwork, and practical activities.
Arts Education	Dance, drama, music, and visual art — woven through portfolio creation, painting, modelling, song, and cultural-immersion activities.
Career Education	Awareness of strengths, collaboration, adaptability, and resilience — through shared family work and household responsibilities.
Physical & Health Education	Intentional Movement Activities (IMA), rhythm, nutrition, and family well-being through daily life.
Social Emotional Learning	Each unit names a core competency focus and weaves it through story, reflection, and practical experience.
First Peoples' Principles of Learning	Integrated throughout every unit — each unit names the principle most strongly carried in its story themes, activities, and ways of working.

Standards alignment and reporting

Daily Wonder is aligned with the BC Ministry of Education learning standards, which emphasize core competencies and conceptual understanding across all subject areas. Because these competencies are shared internationally, Daily Wonder is used successfully by families around the world. While reporting requirements vary by location, the knowledge, skills, and capacities developed through Daily Wonder align with the expectations of most educational jurisdictions.

When completing learning reports, parents may reference this Scope & Sequence overview, the unit summaries and student work samples gathered throughout the year, and the First Peoples' Principles of Learning integrated throughout each unit. Because Daily Wonder is integrated, learning from a single unit may be reported across multiple subject areas.

Daily Wonder is not a school. We do not submit records or reports to any province, state, or governing body. Each family remains responsible for knowing and meeting the homeschooling requirements of their area.

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