plan for students in grades 1 through 8. The author also demonstrates methods for designing curriculum schedules, daily schedules, and guidance for choosing curricula.

Christopherus offers complete curriculum for grades 1 through 5 and resources, including free downloadable rough guides, for grades 6 through 8. Each package contains full descriptions, lesson plans and materials for the year's lessons. The price of curriculum ranges from $275 for the full first grade package on up to $500 for the 5th grade program. I reviewed sample pages of this curriculum found on their website. The curriculum, presented in a three-ring binder, has a simple layout, and its pages are uncluttered, straightforward and easy to follow.

Math By Hand is a Waldorf-inspired math curriculum for grades 1 through 4 developed by an experienced Waldorf teacher, Marin Lipowitz. This resource seamlessly integrates components of art and language arts with a creative math curriculum. Lipowitz's method is all about keeping learning fun — especially math. Where was she when we were kids? Marin advocates using a multitude of modalities such as stories, movement, and drama to teach mathematical concepts.

From the moment children place their hands on this unique product, most will find themselves immediately engaged. The 2nd grade curriculum that I received came packaged in a vibrant orange bag containing a binder with a Waldorf curriculum overview (grades K through 8), bursting with stories, poetry, and songs that support daily math lesson plans. Also included are four bags of goodies, referred to as kits 1 through 4, containing colorful, quality materials. The Daily Lesson Plans book describes each day's activities in full detail, and a Form Drawing book is also provided. Form drawing is unique to Waldorf education and something you will learn more about in any Waldorf education book.

Students work with kits 1 through 4 sequentially, then interact with them throughout the year. Kit 1 introduces times tables 1 through 12 through an oversized wall chart that the students make. Kit 2 is labeled Rhythm and Games and focuses on movement games and recitation to improve math knowledge. This kit includes material to make a baseball and bases, a comet ball, and 2 colorful cubes. Favorite games are transformed into math teaching tools such as Baseball Math. A collection of poems, limericks, and stories are provided to memorize and to enjoy. Kit 3 uses hands-on manipulatives to teach regrouping and addition and subtraction. Kit 4, Tricks and Patterns, weaves form drawing, fables, and legends together with important math concepts. The materials provided are engaging, colorful, and well-made. Anyone looking to teach math using a fun, hands-on approach will find ideas to glean from this vibrant curriculum. Purchase price for the complete set (as reviewed here) is a reasonable $154. Resources can be purchased separately as well.

Maybe you've heard bits about this method of gentle learning but thought it too esoteric or complex to use in your own family.

Oak Meadow School is an internationally accredited kindergarten through 12th grade distance learning institution. Depending on which state you homeschool in, when you enroll in Oak Meadow School, you may not need to file an "intent to homeschool" with your local school district.

Strictly speaking, Oak Meadow is not a Waldorf curriculum. However, it is frequently mentioned in Waldorf homeschooling circles and is an option for those who appreciate the Waldorf principals but wish to introduce academics at an earlier age. It is also a viable option for Waldorf families lamenting the lack of such resources for older students. Oak Meadow co-founder and President Lawrence Williams was a Waldorf class teacher, and Waldorf influence is evident in this curriculum, particularly in the early grades. Just as with the Waldorf model, Oak Meadow students use Main Lessons books, learn to knit and play the recorder, and they study their letters and numbers through stories. Students often work with the same teacher over many years. However, the K and 1st grade program do incorporate literacy and numeracy, which represents a significant difference in approach from that of the traditional Waldorf model.

Oak Meadow's staff is an impressive bunch with standout academic and

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