

Example Block Plan: Main Lesson Block for Second Grade

The following plan is based on the curriculum set forth in the book: *The Roadmap to Literacy: A Guide for Teaching Language Arts in Waldorf Schools Grades 1 through 3* (see chapter 5.3 #5).

It is for Language Arts Main Lesson Block 1 Week One, which would be your second block of the year (See Section 5.3 #2). It shows one week of a four-week block plan.

Use the example below as a guide to make your own.

Example Block Plan (for one week of a four-week block)

Monthly Block Plan for Main Lesson Block 1 (Week One) Week of October 1st

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Opening 12-15 minutes	Song: "Good Morning to You" Attendance Poem: "Two Frogs": Teach lines 1 - 4 Morning Verse	Ibid except teach lines 5 -6 of Frog poem	Ibid except teach lines 7 - 8 Frog poem	Ibid except teach lines 9 – 10 of Frog poem	Ibid—except say Frog Poem lines 1 – 10
Skills Practice 30– 35 minutes	Syllable Cards and Mystery Word (10 min. total) Introduce Sight Words: <i>down, around, try, goes, there</i> (10 min.) Decode: OY/OI and 2 vowels go walking words (5 min.) Encode: ibid (5 min.)	Ibid—except practice sight words (songs for <i>around, there</i> ; symbol imagery for <i>down, try, goes</i>)	Ibid	Ibid	Sight Word Spelling Quiz (10-12 min.) include check at end Spelling assessment dictation (old sight words and Phonics Rules)

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Transition 3-5 minutes	"High and Low" poem as IMA	Bean Bags to "Whiskey Frisky" poem	"Hokey Pokey"	Visit "Upside Down World"	"On the Day I Went to Sea" (<i>Pirate Song</i>) google
Introduction & / or Review 10 - 15 minutes	Continue Introduction of Phonics Rule 11: Diphthongs: OU/OW with key words: <i>ow</i> , <i>ouch</i> (Add to Phonics Rule Book) Activity: Brainstorm words with the /ou/ sound	Review Phonics Rule 11: Diphthongs: OU/OW Activity A: Open Sort Spelling Challenge (See Section 4.2 Rule 11)	Review Story from Tuesday Practice OU/OW if time (get a sense of how close they are to mastery)	Review Story from Wednesday Introduce AU/AW if class is ready; Otherwise, introduce a cursive letter.	Review Story from Thursday Introduce or Review AU/AW; Otherwise, introduce/revie w a cursive letter
Transition 3- 5 minutes	Directions: Set up for Bookwork (Give directions to each Group) + IMA	Ibid		Ibid	Ibid

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Bookwork 30 - 35 minutes	<p>Meet with Reading Groups 1 and 2.</p> <p>Rest of class:</p> <p>Kid Writing: Halloween Plans and Costume (15 min.)</p> <p>Phonics Worksheet: /oi/ sounds (15 min.) (for those who need more practice)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Silent Reading (15 min.)</p>	<p>Artwork for Tortoise and Hare: drawing of Hare napping while turtle passes him by</p> <p>Write caption under or next to picture: <i>The hare was so confident that he would win, he took a nap.</i></p>	<p>Handwriting Practice:</p> <p>Form Drawing: running forms to prepare for cursive</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Copy Brown Acrostic poem:</p> <p>The Many Shades of Brown: Bobcats are tawny Robins are soft Otters are sleek Wolves are frosty Nautilus are striped (add "brown to the end of each line)</p>	<p>Meet with Reading Groups 3 and 4.</p> <p>Rest of Class:</p> <p>Kid Writing: Halloween Plans and Costume (15 min.)</p> <p>Phonics Worksheet: /ou/ sounds (15 min.) (for those who need more practice)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Silent Reading (15 min.)</p>	<p>Artwork for Fox and Crow: Painting of fox under tree; crow in branches with cheese</p> <p>Write caption under or next to picture: <i>The witty Fox tricked the Crow into singing. The cheese fell right into the Fox's mouth.</i></p>
Transition 3 - 5 min.	<p>"On Our Way" poem Eve Merriam found in <i>Sing a Song of Popcorn</i></p>	<p><i>Caterpillar Zoo</i> exercise movementforchildhood.com</p>	<p>"Dingle Dangle Scarecrow" song (<i>do movements to lyrics</i>) google</p>	<p><i>Crab Zoo</i> exercise movementforchildhood.com</p>	<p><i>Clapping Rhyme</i>: "I clap my hands..."</p>
Story 15 – 20 minutes	<p>"The Tortoise and the Hare" by Aesop</p>	<p>"The Quarrel of the Quails" (Jataka Tale from India at www.sacred-texts.com)</p>	<p>"You Look Ridiculous" story by Bernard Waber</p>	<p>"The Fox and the Crow" by Aesop</p>	

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