

Montessori Lower Elementary Curriculum This in an impressionistic aid for parents, not a literal scope and sequence!

Mishkah Academy	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Math	Concept & process in operations of + and – Skip counting: sequence of numbers Introductions to fractions Coin values/recognition Word problems Simple graphing Time Place value to thousands Memorization of + facts Measurement: length Critical thinking	Concept & process in operations of – and x Skip counting: powers of numbers; memorization +/- of like fractions Addition of coins; making change Word problems Venn diagrams Time Graphs Equivalence of fractions Place value to millions Memorization of – facts Measurement: length, weight, temperature Critical thinking	 Concept & process in operations of x and ÷ Multiples and factors +/- of like fractions Pre-algebra: parentheses etc. Mixed word problems Graphs Place value to billions Memorization of x and ÷ facts Measurement: length, weight, temperature, volume Critical thinking Money work: coins, bills, word problems, making change
Geometry	Basic concepts: point, line, surface and solid Names of geometric solids Study of lines: parts of lines; positions of one straight line; relations of two straight lines Complex geometric shapes; quadrilaterals, polygons, triangles	Study of angles: whole, straight, right, acute, obtuse; convex/reflex angels; angles formed by a transversal Names of plane figures, including triangles & polygons Using constructive triangles to create various quadrilaterals and triangles Study of triangles: sides, angles Uses geometry sticks to create various triangles and quadrilaterals	Detailed study of triangles Study of quadrilaterals (parallelogram, trapezoid, rhombus, rectangle, square) Study of polygons (pentagon through decagon) Similarity, congruence, and equivalence Measurement: area, perimeter Study of angles: angles formed by a transversal
Language	Word study: classifying, compound words, alpha order Mechanics: periods and capitals Phonics: short and long vowels, consonant digraphs Poetry and dramatic recitals Print handwriting The history of writing Spelling tests Journal writing Creative writing: beginning, middle, end, sentence expansion, outlines Reading groups: leveled by ability Public speaking	Word study: synonyms, suffixes, prefixes, antonyms Mechanics: periods, quotations marks, commas Phonics: blends, vowel digraphs; spelling tests Poetry and dramatic recitals Cursive handwriting begins Spelling tests Journal writing Creative writing: beginning, middle, end, outlines Reading groups: leveled by ability Public speaking	Word study: homophones, homonyms, homographs, guide words Mechanics: apostrophes for contraction and possession Poetry and dramatic recitals Cursive handwriting Spelling tests Journal writing Creative writing: paragraphing, Informative, persuasive, narrative, outlines, editing Literature groups: leveled by ability Public speaking Phonics
Grammar	The function of the "noun family": article, adjective, noun The function of the verb Introduction to sentence structure: "asking" vs. "telling" sentences; concept of a sentence as a complete thought	 Function of prepositions Function of adverbs Function of conjunctions Function of pronouns Function of interjections The four types of sentences: declarative, imperative, interrogative, exclamatory 	 Study of style: analyzing simple texts for frequency of parts of speech Sentence analysis: simple sentences with predicate, subject and object; indirect object, adverbial extensions

Zoology	 Parts of five classes of vertebrates: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals Classification of vertebrates & invertebrates Characteristics of and stories about animals 	Study of invertebrates Beginning research into animals Body functions of animals: movement, protection, support	Taxonomy: classification of animals according to a 5 kingdom model Research and guided report writing Body functions of animals: nutrition, circulation
Botany	 Parts of plants: seaweed, moss, ferns, pine trees, flowering plants, fungi Characteristics of and stories about plants Gardening 	 Functions of the plant Study of parts of the plant/ leaf/root Beginning research into plants Gardening 	 Advanced botany nomenclature (e.g. types of leaf margins, types of fruits, etc.) Research and guided report writing Gardening
History	Concepts of time: noticing changes in seasons, telling time Graphing child's family ages Passage of years: making a personal timeline of child's life History of names of days of the week and months of year	Study of fundamental human needs of various cultures Roman numerals The Gregorian calendar and BC/AD or CE/BCE timeline	 The "long black line" (an impressionistic overview of earth history) The "Clock of the Eras" The Time Line of Life: detailed research into the Paleozoic, Mesozoic, Cenozoic and Neozoic Eras
Geography	History of maps; puzzle mapping; cardinal directions Basic land & water forms Study of 2 continents per year based on biomes and needs of man Study of atmosphere Study of hydrosphere	 Parts of a flag; study of flags Beginning basic research on land & water forms Study of atmosphere Study of hydrosphere Study of 2 continents per year based on biomes and needs of man 	Advanced land & water forms Study of 2 continents per year Study of atmosphere Study of hydrosphere Mapping skills: latitude & longitude, making maps Research and guided report writing
Physical Science	 Work of water & wind (water cycle, erosion, etc.) Physics experiments: relating to the formation of the universe, gravity, inertia, volcanism, etc. 	 Sun and earth Work of water & wind Nature of the elements Physics experiments: relating to the formation of the universe 	Physics experiments: relating to the formation of the universe Work of water & wind
Astronomy	Study of the solar system	Study of the solar system	Study of the solar system
Geology	Layers & movements of the earth Composition of the earth	Layers & movements of the earth Composition of the earth	 Island project Layers & movements of the earth Composition of the earth
Practical Life	Food preparation Sewing activities Animal care Care of the environment Host/hostess duties Escorting Primary children to classes Reading to Primary students Grace and courtesy Human values: peace, integrity, honesty, etc.	Food preparation Sewing activities Animal care Care of the environment Host/hostess duties Escorting Primary children to classes Reading to Primary students Grace and courtesy Human values: peace, integrity, honesty, etc. (continues on into 3 rd level)	Food preparation Sewing activities Animal care Care of the environment Host/hostess duties Escorting Primary children to classes Reading to Primary students Stock market game: simulated stock portfolios Floating lab: marine science experiments on field trip
Personal Development	Responsibilities of self: concentration, task completion, use of time, independence organization Responsibilities to group: respect for rules, cooperation, contribution to the group, leadership skills Responsibilities to environment: care of plants & pets, environment, cleaning, lunch preparation, keeping individual work space tidy	Strengthening of responsibilities which began in 1 st year	Solidifying responsibilities which began in 1 st year