

Waldorf Grade 3 Book Recommendations

At age nine, children go through an important shift in their consciousness. It's the time when they discover that the Tooth Fairy is their parents, there is no Santa Claus, and parents and teachers are flawed.

It is a time when loneliness sets in and the child realizes that she is alone. The Waldorf curriculum comes to support this inevitable consciousness change with rigor in the world of practical skills: Farming, making clothing, house building, measurement, and cooking. This explains to the students, through experience and building of competence, that they themselves can participate in the adult world and be self-sufficient. Loneliness is thus transformed into independence. The work done can help to make the world more beautiful. Stories remain important to children at this age. Quality literature and engaging tales filled with magic and wonder help the child to feel enchantment. Old Testament Stories are the literature of this age, with some Hebrew learning in the mix. The Patriarchs, Kings, Queens, and Prophets describe the willing, feeling and thinking to the nine-year-old.

For Curriculum Development in Waldorf Grade 3

- A Journey through Time in Verse and Rhyme* Heather Thomas
- [*A Handbook for Steiner-Waldorf Class Teachers*](#) Kevin Avison, ed.
- [*Active Arithmetic*](#) Henning Andersen
- [*An English Manual*](#) Dorothy Harrer
- [*And There Was Light*](#) Jakob Streit (also a reader)
- [*Children and Nature, Making Connections*](#) George Russell
- [*Immersion Learning: A Travelogue*](#) Frans Lutters
- [*Let's Talk and Play*](#) Jane Eliot
- [*Math Lessons for Elementary Grades*](#) Dorothy Harrer
- [*Second Grade Development, Observation, and Assessment*](#) Else Gottgens
- [*Spelling by Hand*](#) Jeremy Herrmann
- [*Teaching Science through the Grades*](#) David Mitchell, ed.
- [*The Waldorf Main Lesson*](#) Eric G. Müller
- [*To Grow and Become*](#) Rudolf Copple, ed.
- [*Verses and Poems and Stories to Tell*](#) Dorothy Harrer
- [*Voyage in Song and Story*](#) Jeannette Resnick
- [*We Will Build a Temple*](#) Jakob Streit (also a reader)
- [*What Animals Say to Each Other*](#) Jakob Streit

For Artistic Work in Waldorf Grade 3

- [*25 Plays*](#) David Mitchell, ed.
- [*Bare Hand Knitting*](#) Aleshanee Akin
- [*Basic Sculptural Modeling*](#) Hela Lowe
- [*Creative Form Drawing*](#) Rudolf Kutzli
- [*Creative Pathways*](#) Elizabeth Auer
- [*Exploring Shapes Creatively*](#) Arthur Auer
- [*Five Plays for Waldorf Festivals*](#) Richard Moore
- [*Hawthorne Valley Harvest*](#) William Ward, ed.
- [*Learning about the World through Modeling*](#) Arthur Auer
- [*Learning to See the World through Drawing*](#) Elizabeth Auer
- [*Painting at School*](#) Dick Bruin
- [*Pedagogical Theater*](#) Arthur Pittis
- [*Will Developed Intelligence*](#) Patricia Livingston and David Mitchell
- Xavier Sings of His Alphabet Friends Mary Lynn Channer

For Meeting Children's Needs in the Grade 3 Waldorf Classroom

- [*A Healing Education*](#) Michaela Glöckler
- [*Child Development and Pedagogical Issues*](#) David Mitchell, ed.
- [*Developing the Observing Eye*](#) Cynthia Lange
- [*Developmental Signatures*](#) David Mitchell, ed.
- [*Difficult Children: There Is No Such Thing*](#) Henning Koehler and Joseph Bailey
- [*Educating the Will*](#) Michael Howard
- [*From Images to Thinking*](#) David Mitchell, ed.
- [*Growing Up Healthy in a World of Digital Media*](#) Michaela Glöckler
- [*Helping Children on Their Way*](#) Elizabeth Auer
- [*Helping Children to Overcome Fear*](#) Hawthorne Press
- [*Learning about the World through Modeling*](#) Arthur Auer
- [*Rubicon*](#) Rudolf Steiner & Mona Ruef, ed.
- [*The Four Temperaments*](#) Helmuth Eller
- [*The Temperaments and the Arts*](#) Magda Lissau
- [*Will-Developed Intelligence*](#) Patricia Livingston and David Mitchell
- [*Working with Anxious, Nervous, and Depressed Children*](#) Henning Koehler and Joseph Baily

Readers for Waldorf Third Graders

[*As My Heart Awakes*](#) Arthur Pittis
[*Fee Fi Fum*](#) Arthur Pittis
[*Jonathan and the Tree*](#) Gilad Goldschmidt
[*King Thrushbeard*](#) Kelly Morrow
[*Lazy Jack*](#) Kelly Morrow
[*Liputto*](#) Jakob Streit
[*Little Bee Sunbeam*](#) Jakob Streit
[*Matt McFlack and His Flyaway Kite*](#) Kyra Robinov
[*Puck the Gnome*](#) Jakob Streit
[*Rukia Goes to School*](#) Susan Cook
[*Snip, Snap, Snout*](#) Arthur Pittis
[*Sylvain and Jacosa*](#) Kelly Morrow
[*Tatatuck's Journey to Crystal Mountain*](#) Jakob Streit
[*The Cricket and the Shepherd Boy, A Christmas Tale*](#) Reg Down
[*The Little Gnome Tender Root*](#) Jakob Streit
[*The Prince and the Dragon*](#) Kelly Morrow
[*The Sun with Loving Light*](#) Stephen Bloomquist
[*When I Hear My Heart Wonder*](#) Arthur Pittis

Read Aloud Books for Waldorf Third Graders

[*Jonathan and the Tree*](#) Gilad Goldschmidt
[*Little Bee Sunbeam*](#) Jakob Streit
[*Tatatuck's Journey to Crystal Mountain*](#) Jakob Streit
[*The Sun with Loving Light*](#) Stephen Bloomquist
[*To Grow and Become*](#) Rudolf Copple, ed.
[*When I Hear My Heart Wonder*](#) Arthur Pittis

Festivals in Waldorf Grade 3

[*Michaelmas*](#) David Mitchell, ed.
[*Traditions*](#) Erica Jayasuriya
[*Gazing into the Eyes of the Future*](#) David Tresemer
[*Waldorf Education: A Family Guide*](#) Pamela Fenner, ed.