

Example Block Plan: Practice Block for 2nd 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 #4). It is for **Practice Block 1– Week One**. It would be the first month of school on the Block Rotation. 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)

Block Plan for Practice Block 1 (Week One) Week of September 3rd

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Skills Practice 15 – 20 minutes	Syllable Cards: Review Phonics Rules from 1st Grade (5 – 7 min.)	ibid	ibid	ibid	Informal Spelling Quiz of Sight Words (see chapter 3.6 #10)
	Mystery Words: Ibid	ibid	ibid	ibid	
	Sight Words: Introduce <i>please, play,</i> <i>very, friend,</i> <i>read</i> (5 – 7 min.)	Practice Sight Words (chants for <i>please</i> and <i>friend</i> ; symbol imagery for the rest)— include flash cards	ibid	ibid	
Transition 3 – 5 minutes	Caterpillar (Zoo Exercise) (www. movementfor childhood.com)	Teach “Dingle Dangle Scarecrow” song with movements	“Dingle Dangle Scarecrow” song	“Dingle Dangle Scarecrow” song	Crab Walk (Zoo Exercise)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Introduction & /or Review 10 – 15 minutes	Introduce Phonics Rule 9: Word Families: Activity: Decode and encode Phonics Rules from 1 st Grade using new process	Review Word Families Activity: ibid	Mini Lesson from Kid Writing And/or Practice decoding / encoding with Word Families	Ibid	Ibid
Bookwork 15 minutes	Reading Group # 1 Rest of Class: Kid Writing. Topic: A funny thing that happened over the summer	Reading Group #2 Rest of Class: Kid Writing: Topic: A vacation I took over the summer	Reading Group #3 Rest of Class: Kid Writing: Topic: My favorite place to play	Reading Group #4 Rest of Class: Kid Writing: Topic: An incident involving my pet (or a friend's pet)	Reading Group #1 Rest of Class: Kid Writing on whichever topic occurred on their reading group day