

BASIC CURRICULUM FOR GRADE EIGHT

Textbooks:

Vimata mprosta 1 Epipedo 4, Tefxos 1 by University of Crete

Ellinika me tin Parea mou 2 by University of Crete

Margarita 5 by University of Crete

Mathaino Ellinika 5A, 5B Greek Ministry of Education

***Parents should provide opportunities for children to use Greek at home**

LISTENING SPEAKING	Carry on conversations with teacher and other students in Greek on a variety of topics Participate in discussions Topics studied in class, and extra-curricular topics Express feelings, wishes, plans Individual and pair/group projects. Formal and informal oral presentations in Greek - Topics determined by teacher Supplementary: songs, poems, word games Videos relating to Culture/History/Geography component
READING	Selected lessons from variety of texts listed above: Newspaper, magazines, internet Word study: new vocabulary, frequent review, use of dictionary *It is highly recommended that students purchase bilingual dictionary
WRITING SPELLING	Compositions consisting of a series of paragraphs on a variety of topics Journal: Entries 4 – 6 sentences written both at home and at school Dictation of 3 – 5 sentences from reading lesson Focus on spelling word endings correctly (Πχ. πλένετε - πλένεται, etc.) Use of dictionary as an aid in spelling
GRAMMAR	Review all parts of speech -Nouns, adjectives: All declensions -Auxiliary verbs Είμαι, Έχω, e.t.c -Verbs: Ενεργητική Παθητική φωνή -Add perfect tenses: (παρακείμενος/υπερσυντέλικος -Αντωνυμίες: Προσωπικές, Κτητικές, Αόριστες, Δεικτικές, Ερωτηματικές
CULTURE HISTORY GEOGRAPHY	Seasonal topics Alexander the Great: early life, his teacher, his conquests, his achievements Map study: The conquests of Alexander Videos: Excavations at Vergina Macedonia History and Religion based activities
CULMINATING ACTIVITY	An Interview group project: Greek traditional life Interview grandparents about traditional Greek way of life -Breadmaking, making prozimi, farming/fishing methods - preserving food for winter -making traditional food (hilopites, trahana) -wine-making -olive picking and olive oil production -traditional wedding, marriage customs from around Greece, etc. Written, oral and visual components required
DANCE	Zondaradikos, Rhoditikos, Sousta Dodekanisou, Tsamiko no Solo, Manara, Serenitsa, Kotsari, Zorba, Cretan sousta, Makedonia