

Fall 2010 Course Descriptions

MONDAY

History with Writing

Come delve into ancient history with Story of The World. This year-long, 14 week class will take students on a journey with ancient people and their lands. We will use expository and creative writing assignments, as well as group projects, geography, drama, and oral presentations to make that time in history come alive!. Each student will need their own copy of Story of The World Vol. One.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. Grades 7 – 8.

Writing & Language Arts

This yearlong class, which meets 14 weeks each in fall and spring will cover vocabulary, literature, creative and expository writing, focusing on strong sentence and paragraph skills. We will use Vocabulary from Classical Roots, Book A, and Write Source Grade 7, Handbook. The Instructor will be sharing her collection of classical literature for the students to use in the classroom.

Class Time 1 1/2 hours. Grades 6 – 8

Study Skills

Feeling overwhelmed or discouraged? Don't quite know how to tackle that load of homework? This 14 week class is for you! Learn how to study smarter, not harder. Nancy Brown will focus on 3 skills that, if implemented, will take you from average to superior! First, we will examine the difference between an average and excellent student. Next, we will learn how to create a master schedule to organize school work around our lives. Lastly, we will learn how to annotate (take notes) with a learning log.

We will spend the rest of the semester applying these techniques to the student's classes, spending 2 weeks each on Literature/Writing, Math, History and Science.

A spiral notebook is required and the book, A Students Guide to How To Study Smarter Not Harder, available at the Center for Home Education.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a one 14-week semester, class totaling 14 weeks.

Mastering the Verbal SAT

Scoring high on the SAT is critical to any student, but for the homeschool student it is even more crucial, serving as the only validation for the impressive grades on the homeschool transcript. The new SAT test is different from the previous version. It still measures reasoning ability and problem-solving skills, but it now includes a writing section that requires students to demonstrate their ability to express and organize their thoughts. Students must write an essay that takes a position on an issue and use examples to support their position. They will also be tested on how well they use standard written English.

The purpose of this eight week class is to prepare your student for the PSAT/SAT by focusing on the verbal and writing sections of the SAT. Nancy Brown will teach strategies to improve critical thinking, reading and writing scores and increase vocabulary. These strategies, if implemented, along with classroom practice, will enable your student to produce a logical persuasive essay in response to a prompt. Because each week covers a strategy for a different section of the test, we will meet on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 6. The class will culminate one week before the Oct. SAT. Each student will need the new CollegeBoard 2nd Edition Official SAT Study Guide with 10 tests. (Available in our store)

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. **8 WEEKS August 16th- October 4th**

[Exploring Geography HS - US and World](#)

In this college preparatory class students will embark on a journey around the world in 32 weeks. This adventure will launch an investigative study of peoples, places, cultures, governments and more. Students will learn how climate, location, topography and history influence a people and their culture.

This class will culminate with an invitation for you to capture the highlights of our travels. You too can experience the journey, meet the people, taste the food, and enjoy the music as you feel the heartbeat of God's people across His world. Homework will include a variety of fun research projects, map work, and the preparation of oral and visual reports.

This class provides a strong foundation for anyone wishing to study for and take the AP Human Geography exam for college credit.

Students will need Runkle Geography (Welcome to the Wonderful World of Geography), and the Geography Coloring Book, Third Edition, by Wynn Kapit (Author) which will be available at the Center.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. first semester will cover US Geography and the second semester, World Geography. This is a two 16-week semester, 8 month, class.

[Algebra / Geometry - Super-Math 7](#)

The fundamentals of algebra such as function concepts, symbolic reasoning, and basic graphing skills as well as rapid calculation skills are vital to Acing the SAT. This course is the foundation for all other high school math and is critical to the success of all students.

In Super-Math Seven, students will master all math operations including factoring, powers, roots, Super-Math rapid calculation and fractions.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two 14- week semester course totaling 28 weeks! Parents are REQUIRED to sit in on all the classes to learn the techniques of Accelerated Learning and to be able to help your students master the curriculum.

[General Science](#)

Exploring Creation with General Science covers such topics as the scientific method, designing experiments, simple machines, archaeology, geology, paleontology, biology, and human anatomy and physiology. Its scope, therefore, is quite wide. Many hands-on experiments will make this class practical yet exciting .

Students who do not have a lot of experience taking tests which require them to truly master the course material might have trouble with this course at first. However, the study skills required for this course are absolutely essential for high school and beyond.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.

[History comes Alive](#)

Experience an in-depth look at the history of the ancient world from the earliest nomads to the last Roman Emperor.

What terrible secret was buried in Shi Huangdi's tomb? Did nomads like lizard stew? What happened to Anansi the Spider in the Village of the Plantains? And how did a six-year-old become the last emperor of Rome?

Homework consists primarily of map work, studying for tests, reading assignments and the gathering of information in preparation for written and oral reports. Students will also research one historic person from each period to do a presentation on. Projects may require outside materials such as project boards and materials for building dioramas.

Required texts: Story of the World Volume 1 paperback, student pages and tests.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two 14-week semester, 7 month, class.

[Foundation Station](#)

Check into the Foundation Station and set off on an enjoyable and interactive learning experience. This 2 1/2 hour class will meet twice a week and cover the foundational skills of reading, writing and math through active learning with peers. Children will enjoy exposure to music, art, science and social studies through creative hands on activities and games. Select themes will direct this learning bringing continuity to the classroom experience and opportunities to engage children with all learning styles.

Students will complete at home assignments to make this class a comprehensive course.

Class meets on Monday and Wednesday for 2 1/2 hours per day. 2 x 14 week Semesters

[Walking through World History](#)

Using Streams of Civilization: Earliest Times to the Discovery of the New World (Vol 1), we will cover over 3500 years of human history through a Biblical worldview using the text, historical fiction and current events. Too often the study of history is compartmentalized, but by tying history to current events, students can see the relevance of what they study. Talk about the Persian Empire, then discuss modern-day Iran, and students gain a whole new understanding of the power structure in the Middle East.

Hostage Lands by Douglas Bond will be read first semester. There will be a work of historical fiction assigned over Christmas break and one in the second semester, but they have not yet been selected.

Homework consists of learning vocabulary, reading the text plus outside historical fiction books, oral reports and projects, chapter and vocabulary tests.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two 16-week semester, 8 month, class.

[Super-Math 8](#)

The fundamentals of algebra such as function concepts, symbolic reasoning, and basic graphing skills as well as rapid calculation skills are vital to Acing the SAT. This course is the foundation for all other high school math and is critical to the success of all students.

Students will learn all the skills found in Super-Math Eight needed for Algebra and Geometry and rapid calculation skills to prepare your students to ace the SAT.

PRE-REQUISITE!! Must have complete Super Math 6 or 7!!

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two x 16 week-one-year course offered only in the fall! Parents are **REQUIRED** to sit in on all the classes to learn the techniques of Accelerated Learning and to be able to help your students master the curriculum.

[Anatomy & Physiology](#)

The Human Body, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, is our advanced biology course. Combined with Exploring Creation With Biology, it gives the student the equivalent of a university biology course. In other words, these two courses together cover the entire "advanced placement" (AP) curriculum. In order to take this course, the student **MUST** have completed a first-year biology course. It covers both the anatomy and the physiology of the human body's 11 organ systems in detail.

Curriculum:

The Human Body: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

The Anatomy Coloring Book

Class Time: 2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.

[Super Math 5 & 6](#)

For many homeschool parents math is the thorn in their side. If memories of your mathematical learning experience fails to bring a smile to your face, this may be the class for you!

Super Math is a concept ahead of its time. Using the techniques of Dr. Jones' famous Accelerated Learning Super-Math program, students and parents will work together to master the fundamentals of math. Students from ages 2 through High School can learn math on the same day using the same unique teaching style found only in Super-Math.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-semester course totaling 28 weeks! Parents are REQUIRED to sit in on all of the classes of at least one level to learn the techniques of Accelerated Learning to be able to help your students master the curriculum.

[Latina Christiana 1](#)

Introduction to Christian Latin. Did you know that studying Latin can help you learn English grammar? And that the French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Romanian languages are derived from Latin? Over half the vocabulary words in English are Latin-based, and the grammar structure is the same.

Each lesson consists of ten vocabulary words, a set of grammar forms, and a Latin saying. Exercises reinforce memory work, teach systematic grammar, and provide simple translation. Prayers, songs, conversational Latin, history lessons, maps, and games add interest and motivation. Through games, recitation and memorization, students will begin a course of study that will be helpful, not only in their daily lives, but on standardized tests all the way to the College SAT.

Books/Materials needed: Latina Christiana 1 (\$15.00), Latina Christiana Flash Cards (\$15.00), Latina Christiana Pronunciation CD (\$4.95), 3x5 index cards.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two 14-week semester, 7 month, class.

[Gospel / Show Choir](#)

Nothing is more moving than a well performed piece of music!

In the first semester, students will learn, rehearse and perform to several Christian Gospel songs in various forms such as Country, Pop, Negro Spiritual and Traditional Hymns.

Music Theory will be introduced as well as proper vocal training and professional theatre etiquette.

In the second semester, students will learn, rehearse and perform songs in various other forms such as Broadway and Classical. Students will perform in a recital at the end of each semester.

Class Time: 1 hour. This is a two semester, 14-week class.

[Speech](#)

This class focuses on the components of a successful presentation, introducing a variety of speaking styles including recitations, expository speaking, persuasive speaking, and impromptu. Students will build confidence as they work on developing physical and vocal expression. This class will provide students with the opportunity to overcome the fear of public speaking in an encouraging atmosphere.

This class provides the avenue for students to develop critical, lifelong communication skills.

The class will culminate with a Speech Showcase.

Classes are offered for grades 8 and up. Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a one semester course encompassing 14 weeks.

This class is not a requirement for joining the [SpeakOut Competitive Speech & Debate Club](#)

[Science is Fun](#)

Children are naturally inquisitive and want real answers to their questions. They also learn best through fun, hands-on experimentation. This class combines these two ingredients to guide students into scientific thinking and investigation while equipping them with the foundational knowledge they need to think critically about the world around them.

Science is FUN! uses RealScience-4-Kids, a comprehensive science curriculum geared towards the elementary grade levels, especially grades 3-5. Chemistry and Physics introduce fundamental concepts to begin to form a solid science foundation.

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Homework consists primarily of map work, study for tests, occasional reading assignments and the gathering of information on current events and preparation of oral reports. Emphasis is on memorization and gaining confidence in speaking in class.

Students will need Window on the World and Rand McNally Answer Atlas which will be available at the Center. Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates will be read over the Christmas break.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. first semester will cover US Geography and the second semester, World Geography. This is a two 16-week semester, 8 month, class.

[Stage Movement & Dance:](#)

Like to learn how to dance? Students will learn basic movements and routines to musical theatre and gospel numbers in various dance styles that include traditional, lyrical and pop. Dance Theory and Interpretation will be introduced as well as proper stretching/warm up routines and professional theatre etiquette. Beginners are welcome and encouraged! Students will perform in a recital at the end of the semester to show off their skills.

This is a 14 week, one semester, meeting for 1 hour per week.

[Exploring Writing: Grades 4 - 6](#)

Rosie's writing classes are lively and interactive and provide the direction and inspiration critical for any student. The program focuses on two major themes: First; building the desire and confidence to write, and second; giving children the tools with which to accomplish the task. These classes provide a non-threatening environment that will stimulate and nurture creative expression. Through the use of lively, interactive games and activities students will explore the beauty and riches of the written word, reaching beyond the mechanics of writing, and delighting in the art of invention.

Class Time: 2 hours. This is a one-semester writing forum, meeting once per month for 4 months. See schedule for exact dates.

[Wizard of Oz - Winter Musical Theatre Production Class:](#)

Little Dorothy Gale of Kansas, like so many girls her age, dreams of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her away over the rainbow to another world. Come join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion and Toto as they travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination.

This class is an actual theatrical production and requires a mature and professional attitude as well as a strong commitment. Students will not only gain the experience of a theatrical performance but will receive life lessons in teamwork, perseverance and leadership.

Students must audition for this class.

For an audition appointment, contact Anicia Brown at: 817-571-9839 or

thecottagetheatre@centerforhomeeducation.com

Auditions for Wizard of Oz will be held on: November 15 or 17th @ 4:30 p.m.

Auditioners need to make an appointment and have a 1 – 2 minute song prepared with accompaniment CD or accompanist.

Call backs: November 19th starting at 4:30 p.m.

Class rehearsals will be Mon & Wed 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
starting on November 29th, 2010

Tech Week: February 14th - 17th, 2011 - 6:30 - 9:30pm
Pick up Rehearsal February 23rd

Performances: February 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 @ 7:30pm and February 20 @ 2:30pm

<http://centerforhomeeducation.com/thecottagetheatre.aspx>

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TUESDAY

Exploring American History

Using a curriculum designed by a homeschool mom, students will learn about the history of our nation from the Explorers to the present in this year-long class.

The curriculum will provide the basic skeleton of learning, and the class discussions and additional research projects will add the meat. Join us as we explore the history of our nation and its relevance for us today.

Required texts:

Fall Semester:

All American History Vol. I --Student Reader All American History Vol. I --Student Activity Book

Spring Semester:

All American History Vol. 2 --Student Reader All American History Vol. 2 --Student Activity Book

Class is offered for Grades 7 - 9.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two 16-week semester, 8 month, class.

Kindermusik

Coming this fall! (ages newborn - 7years)

Kindermusik is a classroom learning experience. We teach children music so they can become better learners. It's not about making little Mozarts. It's about developing skills in the whole child - ages newborn to 7 years - cognitive, physical, social, emotional, language and musical. For more than 25 years, we have believed music is the best conductor for learning.

Family Time - Newborn and Up

Village - Newborn to 18 months

Sign & Sing - 6 months to 3 years

Our Time - 18 months to 3 years

Imagine That! - 3 to 5 years

Young Child - 5 to 7 years

Adventures Camps - Newborn to 7 years

ABC Music & Me - 2 to 6 years

Class Time: 1 hour. Semester 14 weeks

[Spanish Immersion](#)

Learn to communicate in Spanish 3 to 5 times faster than by traditional language courses.

Using illustrated dialog of literature classics, students learn via extensive contact with interesting stories in a way that is easily comprehensible. This material and methodology has been tested for decades. The art and science of accelerated learning of languages is taught by Judy Schuldt utilizing the Super-Language Course by Dr. Miles Jones.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours twice per week- This is a two-semester course totaling 32 weeks!

[Spanish Immersion 1](#) - Introduction to Spanish Immersion

Materials: 1 " 3 Ring Binder, Spanish/English Dictionary, Spanish Verb Book, and Spanish Flipper (The Flipper is sold in our bookstore).

Curriculum: Super-Spanish - Tom Sawyer - 1st Semester & Super-Spanish - Huck Finn - 2nd Semester

[Spanish Immersion 2](#) - Pre-requisite, Spanish Immersion 1 or two prior years of Spanish.

Materials: 1 " 3 Ring Binder, Spanish/English Dictionary, Spanish Verb Book, and Spanish Flipper (The Flipper is sold in our bookstore).

Curriculum: Super-Spanish - Black Beauty (1st Semester), Super-Spanish - 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, 2nd Semester

[Super Math 3 & 4](#)

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[Government/Current Events](#)

This course goes beyond basic graduation requirements by applying the study of Government to current events - both national and international. (1/2 credit each)

Knowledge of our Constitutional Rights help us protect our freedoms. Using current events, The Constitution and the Notgrass Government curriculum, we will explore the Christian foundations of our nation and learn about the role and process of government.

This rigorous, college preparatory class is offered for grades 9-12. Political theories and philosophies makes this a class requiring a high-level of thinking.

This class provides a strong foundation for anyone wishing to study for and take the AP Government and Politics exam for college credit.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two 16 week semester, 8 month, class.

Chemistry with Lab

This course is designed to be a first-year high school chemistry course and gives the student a rigorous foundation in chemistry, in order to prepare him or her for a college-level course. The course covers significant figures, units, classification, the mole concept, stoichiometry, thermochemistry, thermodynamics, kinetics, acids and bases, redox reactions, solutions, atomic structure, Lewis structures, molecular geometry, the gas laws, and equilibrium. Students who take and understand this course will be very well-prepared for a tough university chemistry course.

Pre-requisite: Algebra 1

Apologia Chemistry 2nd Edition.

Class Time: 2 hours - This is a two 16week-semester course totaling 8 months or 64 hours of class time!

Zoology 1 / Astronomy

Fall Semester - Zoology 1, Flying Creatures on the Fifth Day.

In this class, your children will begin exploring the dynamics of flight and animal classification, understanding why the design we see in these incredible creatures points us to our Creator God. Then, get ready for the exciting adventure of learning about birds. Your children will learn how to attract various bird species to your yard and identify them by looking at their special physical characteristics, diverse nests, and interesting domestic practices. They will also learn the anatomy and the glorious design that enables birds to do remarkable things. The text contains actual experiments on the preferences and habits of the birds your children see. These experiments further enrich the learning experience.

Text: Apologia Zoology 1 Text and Notebooking Journal

Spring Semester - Astronomy

This Astronomy class will take you on a fantastic journey through the solar system covering subjects such as supernovas, red shift, the planets, and much much more! We will learn about major constellations and bright stars, how different objects move through the heavens and the effect those motions have on the earth, seasons, and our calendar. Students will uncover the philosophy and history of astronomy. Students will build models of the solar system: the Earth as planetary model, the moon, terrestrial planets and moons, gas giant planets and moons, asteroids/comets/meteors and the formation of the solar system. This unit offers a variety of investigative, exploratory and cooperative lessons that engage students in becoming active learners. Students will also utilize math, language arts and graphing skills during this unit.

Text: Apologia Zoology 1 Text and Notebooking Journal

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a 14-week, Two-semester class.

Algebra 1

Algebra 1 covers all topics in a first-year algebra course, from proofs, statistics, and probability to algebra-based, real-world problems. Tests and quizzes are given in class.

Prerequisites: Saxon Algebra 1/2, other pre-Algebra curriculum, or approval of instructor.

Materials: Spiral notebook, notebook paper and pencils will be provided. Calculators will not be used. Graph paper and a ruler are required.

Textbook: Ron Larson, Laurie Boswell. Algebra 1 Texas Edition McDougal Littell, 2007

Class Time: one 1 1/2-hour class each week for 32 weeks

Spanish Reader's Theatre

Bienvenidos al Teatro de Espanol!!!! Do you love to act? Are you taking Spanish? Then, Spanish Reader's Theater is for you.

We will take a short play written in Spanish and act it out. You will improve fluency and expand your acting ability. You will be responsible for creating your simple costume for this drama.

This is a 14 week, two-semester class. Class Time: 1 hour.

Exploring Writing: Grades 4 - 6

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Class Time: 2 hours. This is a one-semester writing forum, meeting once per month for 4 months. See schedule for exact dates.

Life Science

This yearlong course will use the BJU Life Science book. This course is comprehensive, with rigorous lab activities. Topics include cells, creation, life processes, microbiology, zoology, and ecosystems. and will provide a solid foundation for Biology. The class will cover the textbook material through a variety of activities including experiments, oral presentations, and projects. Materials required: BJU Life Science textbook; notebook; colored pencils (available at our bookstore). Cost of the course includes dissection specimens.

Parent must supervise the timely completion of all reading assignments, homework, and preparation for unit tests.

Bob Jones Life Science.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two 16 week-semester course totaling 8 months or 48 hours of class time!

American History and Bible (Two High school Credits)

This rigorous, college preparatory survey course will cover Exploration to the present in one year. Emphasis will be on class discussions, reading the textbook and primary source documents. Students will not only learn WHAT happened in American history, but WHY it happened as they sharpen their analytical and critical thinking skills. Students read the text and answer detailed questions designed to help them understand the historical time and events.

This class provides a strong foundation for anyone wishing to study for and take the AP American History exam for college credit.

Curriculum: Exploring America Volumes I and II by Ray Notgrass, 2nd edition, \$89.95, (includes a Documentary History of the United States, 101 Great American Poems, and The World's Great Speeches). The test booklet (\$14.95) will be purchased by the student, but retained and distributed by the teacher. Students will also need to bring their Bibles to class.

NOTE: This curriculum will allow students a literature credit only if it is done at home under parental supervision.

There may be some outside reading, research and reports.

Class is offered for Grades 10 - 12.

Class Time: 2 hours. This is a two 16-week semester, 8 month, class.

Elementary Music

Elementary Music Classes (1st-3rd) and (4th-6th)

This class will teach the basics of music including, playing with a beat, singing on pitch, note and rhythmic reading, theory, and music appreciation of a variety of styles and eras of music. Students will learn about famous composers and hear their music. Students will have an opportunity to practice both vocal and instrumental participation in class. Students will also explore compositions of their own and improvisational music. Homework will consist of research and writing of a short paper on a composer, writing out rhythms and notes, and memorization of musical terms and theory and exploring the use of sound and imagination to write a short composition in several easy forms.

Class Time: 1 hour. This is a 2 semester class totaling 14 weeks per semester.

Literature Based Language Arts

This comprehensive language arts course covers: Vocabulary, spelling, reading comprehension, and writing while promoting active reading and reflective thinking.

In the Fall Semester we will cover *Twenty One Balloons* and *From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler*. In the Spring Semester we will cover *Caddie Woodlawn* and *Ben and Me*.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a 14-week, Two-semester class.

Pre-Algebra /Algebra 1/2

Algebra ½ thoroughly prepares the student for Upper Grade Math by building on Math 8/7 with culmination of pre-algebra mathematics and skills, plus relevant topics from discrete mathematics and geometry.

Materials: Spiral notebook, notebook paper and pencils will be provided. Calculators will not be used. Graph paper and a ruler are required.

Textbook: Ron Larson, Laurie Boswell. Pre-Algebra Texas Edition McDougal Littell, 2007

Class Time: 1 1/2-hours for 2 x 16 week semesters

Instrumental Ensemble Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

In this music class, children who already know how to read and count music independently, will enjoy the benefits of making music together. This class will awaken the creativity in your young musician, sensitize them to tone, pitch and rhythm, teach them how to follow a conductor, and allow them to relish the joys of making music together as they develop confidence and maturity in their musical skills.

Students who play an instrument such as the piano, may play the piano for some of our arrangements, or they can learn a percussion instrument (provided by the teacher) or the recorder (provided by the parent). Students who play any other instrument, and take private lessons, can bring that instrument to class and have the experience of playing in a group.

*Please note, this class will not be teaching the individual techniques of specific instruments. Your child will still need to take private lessons on their specific instrument.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a 2 semester class totaling 14 weeks per semester.

Exploring Spanish Grades 1 - 2

Learn basic Spanish conversation through the use of games, songs, books, and hands-on activities. There will be an emphasis on conversation. The class will concentrate on introductions, greetings, numbers 0 – 100, colors, shapes, food, animals, and family.

Requirements: Knowledge of alphabet, recognition of numbers to 20, ability to read some words, and a three ring binder, and a pencil

This is a 14 week, one-semester class, meeting once a week for 1 hour.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - FALL PRODUCTION CLASS:

Follow that rabbit to a delightful, entertaining world of childhood fantasies. Alice journeys into a world of talking animals, comic royalty and races where the contestants run in circles! There are also the Mad Hatter's frantic tea party, the watch-carrying White Rabbit and talking flowers. Along the way Alice must deal with a sneezing duchess and a baby that turns into a pig! The finale has Alice watching a trial, but she suddenly finds herself the accused! The play gives a modern view to an old classic, where nonsense makes quite good sense.

This class is an actual theatrical production and requires a mature and professional attitude as well as a strong commitment. Students will not only gain the experience of a theatrical performance but will receive life lessons in teamwork, perseverance and leadership.

Students must audition for this class. For an audition appointment, contact Anicia Brown at: 817-571-9839 or

thecottagetheatre@centerforhomeeducation.com

Auditions for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland will be held on: August 10th or 12th, 2009 @ 4:30 p.m.

Auditioners need to make an appointment and have a 1 – 2 minute monologue prepared. Call backs: August 13th starting at 4:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

Texas History

Do you know which "Six Flags" have flown over Texas? Or that Texas was once an independent country, which is why we can fly our state flag as high as the US flag?

Study Texas history with a former Alamo Tour Guide and learn about your state from the earliest days of Spanish Exploration to the present.

This chronological study will include Internet research, oral and written reports, and an end-of-semester project.
Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two 16-week semester, 8 month, class.

Science Explosions with Mrs. Frizzle (Krystal Bare)

Hopefully nothing will EXPLODE in this class, except your brain, as you experience 'hands on' the mystery and wonder of science. Mrs. Frizzle, (Krystal Bare) will explore the following topics through fun filled experiments that breathe life into learning. Don't miss out!

Topics for this one semester class include:

Life and living things: Cells, Energy, Matter, The wonderful world of weather

The Universe, It's Eating Away at you - acid rain, Endangered Species,

Ecosystems, acids and bases, Solar Energy, Seeing the unseen - microorganisms and Biodome

Class Time: 1 1/2 hour - This is a two-semester, 28 week class.

Economics & Personal Finance

Class will be instructional and discussion oriented. Includes a complete week by week syllabus, reading comprehension questions for the Common Sense Economics text, Eight Economic Principles DVD and the Seven Principles of Sound Public Policy; Video Preview and Worksheet Questions used in conjunction with The Ultimate Resource DVD as well as Supplemental Readings, a collection of articles that help further the students understanding of economic principles. Weeks 2-5 of this course take the students through Whatever Happened to Penny Candy by Richard Maybury and its corresponding workbook, A Bluestocking Guide to ECONOMICS. We have found these books to be invaluable in presenting a very understandable introduction for students who are new to economics.

Curriculum: ECONOMICS IN A BOX Student Guide, Common Sense Economics Text, Whatever Happened to Penny Candy by Richard Maybury and its corresponding workbook, A Bluestocking Guide to ECONOMICS

Class is offered for Grades 10-12

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Geometry

Discovering Geometry helps students internalize geometric properties as they test their reasoning with physical models. The Discovering Geometry approach improves learning in many ways: The developmental focus of Discovering Geometry will meet your students where they are and guide them all to a high level of understanding.

Discovering Geometry will bolster students' understanding and retention of theorems, definitions, and properties as they perform constructions, measure figures, relate patterns and properties, and discuss their findings.

Algebra Review exercises—integrated when applicable to the geometry being taught—will make it easy to reinforce skills and keep students on track for continued learning.

Students' reasoning and proof skills will be built through the the exercises and group activities in the new Developing Proof strand. Investigations, visual representations, and opportunities for discussion will enable visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learners to all benefit. The real-world applications, puzzles, and extensions in Discovering Geometry will help motivate students and keep them thinking. The book's focus on critical problem-solving skills will help to cultivate a classroom of self-motivated, independent thinkers.

Class Time: one 2-hour class each week for 32 weeks. This is s 2 semester class

Curriculum will be Discovering Geometry, an Investigative Approach by Michael Serra.

Critical Thinking/Current Events

It is never too early to develop the skill of thinking critically and analytically. Using thinking games, mysteries, riddles, memorization, and word puzzles, among other activities, students will have so much fun they won't know they are learning and stretching their minds. Current events will train students to read, analyze and present news stories in a discussion setting designed to also build the students' confidence.

All work except memorization of poems or portions of famous documents or speeches will be done in class.

Class Time: 1 hour. This is a one 14 week semester class.

Physical Science

Exploring Creation with Physical Science discusses such topics as the atmosphere, the hydrosphere, weather, the structure of the earth, environmentalism, the physics of motion, Newton's Laws, gravity, and astrophysics. The author especially concentrates on the myths generated by the hysterical environmentalist movement. There are many hands-on experiments to do, and they all use household chemicals and supplies.

It is an excellent course for preparing the student to take a college-prep high school science curriculum.

Exploring Creation with Physical Science 2nd edition.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.

Algebra 2

Algebra 2 includes extensive lessons in geometry. The equivalent of one semester of informal geometry, with a continuation of essential algebra concepts from Algebra1. Tests and quizzes are given in class.

Prerequisites: Saxon Algebra 1, other Algebra 1 curriculum, or approval of instructor.

Materials: Spiral notebook, notebook paper and pencils will be provided. Scientific calculators (graphing ones not necessary), graph paper, a ruler and a compass are required.

Textbook: Ron Larson, Laurie Boswell. Algebra 2 Texas Edition McDougal Littell, 2007

Class Time: one 2-hour class each week for 32 weeks

[World History and Bible \(Two High school Credits\)](#)

This rigorous, college preparatory survey course will cover Creation to the present in one year. Emphasis will be on class discussions, and reading the textbook and primary source documents, and weekly writing assignments (1-3 pages typewritten). Students will not only learn WHAT happened in world history, but WHY it happened as they sharpen their analytical and critical thinking skills.

Curriculum: Exploring World History Volumes I and II by Ray Notgrass, 2nd Edition, \$89.95, (includes In Their Words--Original Documents, Poetry, Stories, and Hymns from World History). The test booklet (\$14.95) will be purchased by the student, but retained and distributed by the teacher. Students will also need to bring their Bible to class.

This class is more difficult than American History because of the scope of history, much of which may be unfamiliar to students, and because the questions students must answer require introspection and self-examination. This class provides a strong foundation for anyone wishing to study for and take the AP World History exam for college credit.

NOTE: This curriculum would allow students to earn a literature credit at home under parental supervision.

There will be some outside reading, research and reports.

Class Time: 2 hours. This is a two 16-week semester, 8 month, class.

[Intro to Theatre \(Acting/Singing/Dancing\)](#)

Learn the basics of theatre including stage acting, theatrical movement (dance) and singing, theatre etiquette and teamwork. Acting and improvisation games and exercises will help students prepare skits, monologues, and dances for recital.

Requirements: dress to move, bring shoes that will stay on your feet; water bottle, pencil.

Students will perform in a recital at the end of the semester to show off their skills.

This is a one hour class meeting for 14 weeks.

[Biology w/Lab](#)

Exploring Creation With Biology is a college-prep biology course that provides a detailed introduction to the methods and concepts of general biology. Heavily emphasizing the vocabulary of biology, it provides the student with a strong background in the scientific method, the five-kingdom classification scheme, microscopy, biochemistry, cellular biology, molecular and Mendelian genetics, evolution, dissection, and ecosystems. It also provides a complete survey of the five kingdoms in Creation. Please note that this course does not contain a discussion of human anatomy and physiology. Students who take and understand this course will be very well-prepared for a tough university biology course. The student text contains all student material, on-your-own questions and solutions, laboratory exercises, and chapter study guides. Color illustrations and diagrams.

It is recommended that the student take this course during the same year that he or she is taking Algebra 1 or have already completed Algebra 1.

Class Time: 2 hours - This is a two-semester course of 16 weeks each totaling 8 months.

[Debate](#)

Beyond being exciting and fun, debate provides the avenue for students to develop critical, lifelong communication skills. Debate requires an ability to intellectually understand complex issues, research and gather information on an issue, analytically construct arguments, think clearly and critically, speak persuasively and refine the art of impromptu speaking. These skills build confidence in our young people ensuring that they possess the ability to make a powerful impact on the society in which they live.

The class will culminate with a Debate Showcase. Classes are offered for grades 8 and up.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a one semester course encompassing 14 weeks.

[SAT Math Prep](#) with Elizabeth Harkins

The SAT dates can be found at: [Collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/](https://collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/)

This SAT math review course will familiarize students with the format of the SAT, and teach testing techniques and strategies. A diagnostic test will first be given. Then each class will consist of a timed practice test, followed by a discussion of any questions the students have about problems they could not successfully work. There will be a comprehensive review of basic mathematics, algebra and geometry concepts each class, with appropriate homework assigned. Homework questions will also be addressed.

Prerequisites: Algebra 1; Geometry and Algebra 2 are desired, but not required.

Review the schedule for the exact dates and times.

[Musical Theatre](#)

To register for this class, students must have taken and passed both Choir and Stage Movement & Dance or Musical Theatre

Students will learn excerpts of scenes and musical numbers from popular musical productions and movies. Class is structured to showcase individuals as well as group abilities. Acting and improvisation games and exercises will also help students prepare these numbers for recital.

Requirements: dress to move, jazz shoes or similar; water bottle, pencil. Students will perform in a recital at the end of the semester to show off their skills.

This is a 14 week, one semester class, meeting for 1 1/2 hours per week.

[Graphic Design](#)

This course introduces the basic principles of marketing and advertising – and how to apply them in designing effective marketing communications. Business people in all disciplines need a solid understanding of marketing strategy to succeed. The students will develop marketing and advertising strategies for their “companies” and then set out to design all the necessary collateral pieces of communication from – Logos, Corporate Identity Package, Brochures, Signage, Packaging Design, Print Ads and Website Design. They will critique and analyze current advertising and marketing campaigns and classics from the past in order to understand the marketing communication process and how it affects their buying decisions and everyday lives.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two 16-week semester, 8 month, class.

[Cardio Dance](#)

4:30pm – 5:30 p.m. (8 weeks Aug 18 – Oct 13)

In order to get herself into shape, the instructor wishes to invite you to a fun work out session so that she will be forced to regularly exercise. Let’s face it, for most of us, regularly exercise is difficult to do on your own, now you don’t have to! Simple dance steps will get your heart rate up and cause a lovely, glowing sheen (perspiration) and you’ll feel all the better for it!

This class is in conjunction with Stretch & Tone, but does not have to be taken together. Stretchy clothing, water bottle and small towel required.

Fall 2010 Course Descriptions

THURSDAY

Studio Art 2 - Painting

In this class we will be using three different paint mediums, watercolor, acrylic, and oil to learn about different styles of painting and art movements and the famous artists that correspond to them. The students will be taught the essentials of each paint medium and create their own works of art inspired by the artists we learn about. The students will also learn about the elements of art and design which will give them an understanding and hopefully, appreciation, of art!

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two semester class totaling 28 weeks.

Kindermusik

Coming this fall! (ages newborn - 7years)

Kindermusik is a classroom learning experience. We teach children music so they can become better learners. It's not about making little Mozarts. It's about developing skills in the whole child - ages newborn to 7 years - cognitive, physical, social, emotional, language and musical. For more than 25 years, we have believed music is the best conductor for learning.

Family Time - Newborn and Up

Village - Newborn to 18 months

Sign & Sing - 6 months to 3 years

Our Time - 18 months to 3 years

Imagine That! - 3 to 5 years

Young Child - 5 to 7 years

Adventures Camps - Newborn to 7 years

ABC Music & Me - 2 to 6 years

Class Time: 1 hour. Semester 14 weeks

Spanish Immersion

Learn to communicate in Spanish 3 to 5 times faster than by traditional language courses.

Using illustrated dialog of literature classics, students learn via extensive contact with interesting stories in a way that is easily comprehensible. This material and methodology has been tested for decades. The art and science of accelerated learning of languages is taught by Judy Schuldt utilizing the Super-Language Course by Dr. Miles Jones.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours twice per week- This is a two-semester course totaling 32 weeks!

Spanish Immersion 1 - Introduction to Spanish Immersion

Materials: 1 " 3 Ring Binder, Spanish/English Dictionary, Spanish Verb Book, and Spanish Flipper (The Flipper is sold in our bookstore).

Curriculum: Super-Spanish - Tom Sawyer - 1st Semester & Super-Spanish - Huck Finn - 2nd Semester

Spanish Immersion 2 - Pre-requisite, Spanish Immersion 1 or two prior years of Spanish.

Materials: 1 " 3 Ring Binder, Spanish/English Dictionary, Spanish Verb Book, and Spanish Flipper (The Flipper is sold in our bookstore).

Curriculum: Super-Spanish - Black Beauty (1st Semester), Super-Spanish - 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, 2nd Semester

Beginning Spanish Grades 3 – 6

Learn basic Spanish conversation through the use of games, songs, books, and hands-on activities. There will be an emphasis on conversation, although learning to read and write in Spanish will be incorporated. The class will concentrate on introductions, greetings, numbers 0 – 1000, colors, conjugation in present tense, shapes, food, months, days, body parts, animals, and family.

Requirements: Ability to read and write, a three ring binder, pencil, ability to devote 1-2 hours weekly for homework, and a desire to learn

Text: The Learnables, Book 1 for first semester,

Basic Structures, Book 2 with CD for second semester

This is a 28 week - two semester class, meeting once a week for 1 hour.

Creative Photography

This class is an 14 week workshop on the basics of creative photography. Students will learn what makes an interesting composition and how to have fun with perspective, subject matter and color. This would be a great class for anyone who enjoys taking pictures and wants to learn how to take it a step further and show their creativity. Students will make a small scrapbook of their best shots to keep as a portfolio. Students must provide their own camera, but film development is covered by the materials fee.

Students must bring their own camera.

Class Time: 1 hour. This is a 14 week class.

Physics with Lab

Exploring Creation with Physics is an honors level lecture/theory and lab/practical application combination, which will introduce students to a wide variety of topics such as: Introduction to the methods and concepts of general physics, heavily emphasizing vector analysis, one-dimensional and two-dimensional motion, Newton's laws and their application, gravity, work and energy, momentum, periodic motion, waves, optics, electrostatics, electrodynamics, electrical circuits, and magnetism.

This college-prep is designed for students who have completed Algebra I and Geometry and have an introduction to the definitions of sine, cosine tangent.

This course uses Exploring Creation with Physics, 2nd Edition - Apologia.

Class Time: 2 hours - This is a two 16-week semester course totaling 8 months or 64 hours of class time!

Intermediate Spanish Grades 3 – 6

Continuing Spanish conversation through the use of games, songs, books, and hands-on activities. There will be an emphasis on conversation, writing, and reading. The class will concentrate on conjugation in present and past tense, grammar, vocabulary building, and fluency. This class will have more outside work than beginning Spanish.

Requirements: Ability to read and write well, a binder, pencil, previous year of Spanish, ability to devote 2-3 hours of outside homework weekly, and a desire to learn.

Text: Basic Structures, Book 2 with CD's

This is a 28 week - two semester class, meeting once a week for 1 hour

Algebra 2

Algebra 2 includes extensive lessons in geometry. The equivalent of one semester of informal geometry, with a continuation of essential algebra concepts from Algebra 1. Tests and quizzes are given in class.

Prerequisites: Saxon Algebra 1, other Algebra 1 curriculum, or approval of instructor.

Materials: Spiral notebook, notebook paper and pencils will be provided. Scientific calculators (graphing ones not necessary), graph paper, a ruler and a compass are required.

Textbook: Ron Larson, Laurie Boswell. Algebra 2 Texas Edition McDougal Littell, 2007

Class Time: one 2-hour class each week for 32 weeks

Technology Applications

Computer Technology can be overwhelming in today's world.

This course offers a refreshing opportunity to master Microsoft Office Applications in innovative and creative ways. Students will learn skills beginning from the general overview of desktop computers including software and hardware to learning skills from basic to the advanced in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and Power Point. Word processing principles will be our focus and they are: understanding word, understanding the interface, document creation, drawings and graphics, tables, formatting, and printing. Word Projects include timelines, comic strips using clip art and pictures utilizing the techniques taught in the classroom. Excel features include understanding Excel, understanding the interface, workbooks, data, formulas, functions, drawings and graphs, charts, formatting and printing. Through Excel students will also see the stages of decision making, data collection, testing, estimating, correcting and evaluating final results. Power Point includes slide building, story boarding and presentation building. Access involves examining general properties of databases such as design, tables and queries to finally creating and using their very own database.

Students will need a USB drive, small three ring notebook and a materials packet.

Students learn in a very relaxed environment building each week on previously learned material and will finish with the skills necessary to use desktops in strategic and productive ways .

Class Time: one 1 1/2-hour class each week for 32 weeks, 2 semesters.

Acting Up

This class will improve acting skills, give you confidence for your next audition and keep you in theatrical shape for future productions! Includes character development and analysis; exercises in projection, posture and focus. Some of the skills learned include; keeping character, proper stage movement, blocking, timing, etc. Monologues, duets & scenes will be prepared for recital.

Requirements: dress to move, shoes that stay on your feet; water bottle, pencil

This is a 14 week, one semester class, meeting for 1 1/2 hours per week.

The Writing Process

This class will cover expository writing and include four basic components: content, style, organization and mechanics. Time will be dedicated also to writing the in class essay. Students will learn how to select and narrow down a topic, gather details for support, form an outline, develop a thesis and organize the writing into well thought out essays. Writing skills will be challenged and refined through classroom instruction, guided practice and at home assignments.

Text: Format Writing

Grades 7 – 9 **Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-14 week semester totaling 7 months.**

Advanced Spanish Grades 3 – 6

Continuing intermediate Spanish through the use of games, songs, books, and hands-on activities. There will be an emphasis on conversation, writing, and reading. The class will concentrate on conjugation in several tenses, grammar, vocabulary building, and fluency. This class will have more outside work than Intermediate Spanish.

Requirements: Ability to read and write well, a binder, pencil, previous year of Spanish, ability to devote 2-3 hours of outside homework weekly, and a desire to learn.

Text: Basic Structures, Book 3 with CD's

This is a 28 week - two semester class, meeting once a week for 1 hour.

Advanced Math (pre-Calculus/trigonometry)

Advanced Mathematics interweaves concepts from algebra, geometry, trigonometry, discrete mathematics, and analysis for a fully integrated understanding of advanced mathematics to help students prepare for college entrance exams such as the SAT and ACT and for Calculus. Tests and quizzes are given in class.

This Advanced Math class will provide a strong foundation for anyone who wished to take the College Algebra CLEP exam or the College Algebra/Trigonometry CLEP exam for college credit.

Prerequisites: Saxon Algebra 2, other Algebra 2 curriculum, or approval of instructor.

Materials: Spiral notebook, notebook paper and pencils will be provided. Scientific calculators (graphing ones not necessary), graph paper, a ruler and a compass are required.

Textbook: Saxon Advanced Math, 2nd edition

Class Time: One 2-hour class each week for 32 weeks

Beginning Drawing

This class will introduce young students to critical art and drawing skills which will give a good foundation to any child who is interested in art or design, as well as teach any student who wants to know how to make their art look more "real". The class will provide an understanding of such skills as perspective drawing, proper shading and shading methods, color schemes, composition, and will include lots of practice exercises and sketching.

Class Time: 1 hour. This is a two semester class totaling 28 weeks.

Parables - Communicating biblical truths through dramatizations.

Students will learn, rehearse and present a collection of sketches of familiar parables that will add fresh perspectives in a style appropriate for all ages.

To register, students must have taken and passed the instructor's Acting Up class, have had at least one semester of stage acting or pass an audition.

This is a 14 week, one semester class, meeting for 1 1/2 hours per week

Creative Photography

This class is an 14 week workshop on the basics of creative photography. Students will learn what makes an interesting composition and how to have fun with perspective, subject matter and color. This would be a great class for anyone who enjoys taking pictures and wants to learn how to take it a step further and show their creativity. Students will make a small scrapbook of their best shots to keep as a portfolio. Students must provide their own camera, but film development is covered by the materials fee.

Students must bring their own camera. Class Time: 1 hour. This is a 14 week class.

American Literature

This is a comprehensive language arts and literature studies course that will provide opportunities for writing, and cover: vocabulary, spelling, active reading and reflective thinking.

Grades 10 - 12 - TLP American Literature Series

In the fall we will study American Literature Non-Fiction and Short Stories.

In the spring we will study The Crucible

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.

Signing Choir

Center for Home Education is excited to announce the beginning of a Signing Choir for grades 4th grade and up. In this class, students will learn basic American Sign Language while exploring many styles of music (including patriotic, folk, pop and Christian). They will also strengthen their sense of rhythm and conceptual language while practicing and learning good vocal and performance skills. The class will perform at the Cottage Theatre Recital and will pursue other opportunities to perform around the community.

Class Time: 1 hour. This is a one semester class totaling 14 weeks.

Classes are offered for Grades 4th grade and up

AP Calculus

This course fully treats all topics normally covered in an Advanced Placement AB-level calculus program, as well as many topics for a BC-level program. Successful completion of Calculus will prepare students to score well on the Advanced Placement exam. Tests and quizzes are given in class.

This Calculus class will prepare you to take the AP exam or the Calculus CLEP test for college credit.

Prerequisites: Saxon Advanced Math, other pre-Calculus curriculum, or approval of instructor.

Materials: Spiral notebook, notebook paper and pencils will be provided. Scientific calculators (graphing ones not necessary), graph paper, a ruler and a compass are required.

Textbook: Saxon Calculus 2nd Edition

Class Time: one 2-hour class each week for 32 weeks. This is a 2 semester class.

Stretch & Tone

4:30pm – 5:30pm (8 weeks Aug 16 – Oct 11) (Ages 13 and up) Min 4 Max 12

For those of you who find it hard to keep up a regular exercise schedule, this class is perfect. Easy stretching and body-based resistance exercises will help develop more flexibility and stamina. Focus on breathing and balance will be included as well as a fun and upbeat atmosphere. This class is in conjunction with Cardio dance, but does not have to be taken together.

Requirements: Stretchy clothing, water bottle and small towel required. A yoga mat is strongly suggested but not required.

[Alice's Adventures in Wonderland](#) - Fall Production Class:

Follow that rabbit to a delightful, entertaining world of childhood fantasies. Alice journeys into a world of talking animals, comic royalty and races where the contestants run in circles! There are also the Mad Hatter's frantic tea party, the watch-carrying White Rabbit and talking flowers. Along the way Alice must deal with a sneezing duchess and a baby that turns into a pig! The finale has Alice watching a trial, but she suddenly finds herself the accused! The play gives a modern view to an old classic, where nonsense makes quite good sense.

This class is an actual theatrical production and requires a mature and professional attitude as well as a strong commitment. Students will not only gain the experience of a theatrical performance but will receive life lessons in teamwork, perseverance and leadership.

Students must audition for this class.

For an audition appointment, contact Anicia Brown at: 817-571-9839 or

thecottagetheatre@centerforhomeeducation.com

Auditions for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland will be held on: August 10th or 12th, 2009 @ 4:30 p.m.

Auditioners need to make an appointment and have a 1 – 2 minute monologue prepared.

Call backs: August 13th starting at 4:30 p.m.

Class rehearsals will be Tuesday & Thursday from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
starting August 17th, 2009

Tech Week: October 18th - 21st, 2010 - 6:30 - 9:30pm
Pick up Rehearsal October 27th.

Performances: October 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 @ 7:30 and October 24 @ 2:30

<http://centerforhomeeducation.com/thecottagetheatre.aspx>

Fall 2010 Course Descriptions

FRIDAY

Exploring Art

“Exploring Art” introduces students to the Elements of Art: Shape, Line, Mass, Color, Texture, and Value and we explore many different art mediums. Children will see how these elements work together to create a beautiful piece of art. These projects will enable your children to “see” like an artist and develop their creativity and imagination.

Class Time: 1 hour. This is a two semester class totaling 28 weeks.

Physical Science

Exploring Creation with Physical Science discusses such topics as the atmosphere, the hydrosphere, weather, the structure of the earth, environmentalism, the physics of motion, Newton’s Laws, gravity, and astrophysics. The author especially concentrates on the myths generated by the hysterical environmentalist movement. There are many hands-on experiments to do, and they all use household chemicals and supplies.

It is an excellent course for preparing the student to take a college-prep high school science curriculum.

Exploring Creation with Physical Science 2nd edition.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.

Literature with Writing

This is a comprehensive language arts and literature studies course that will provide opportunities for writing, and cover: vocabulary, spelling, active reading and reflective thinking. Some of the studies will culminate with special Readers Theatre presentations.

Grades 9 - 10

In the fall we will study TLP The Giver & Around the World in 80 Days.

In the spring we will study TLP - Animal Farm

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.

Teaching Science - Children's Literature

Using children's literature from around the world, we will read a book in class and then do science experiments to explore chemical and physical reactions. This will be a fun class to get children familiar with basic science. There will be little outside homework.

This is a 14 week, one semester class. Class Time: 1 hour.

Studio Art 3 - Sculpture

In this class, students will be introduced to the different types of sculpture and see examples of sculptures by well-known artists, which will inspire their own creations. They will learn how the elements of art apply to sculpture and will use various art materials to create several sculptures of their own, including clay, wire, fibers, recycled materials and styro-foam.

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two semester class totaling 28 weeks.

Marine Biology

In order to take this course, students must have completed a first-year biology course, preferably Exploring Creation With Biology. This course concentrates on marine wildlife and marine habitats. It provides a survey of members of each biological kingdom that live in marine environments. The student will learn about the microscopic organisms that make life in the ocean possible, including details about their interesting habits and life cycles. The student will also learn about the anatomy of many macroscopic marine creatures such as clams, starfish, and sharks. The student will then learn how these creatures and their physical surroundings form marine ecosystems such as inter-tidal zones, estuaries, coral reefs, continental shelf communities, epipelagic communities, and deep-ocean communities. The course ends with a study of marine resources and our relationship with the sea.

Curriculum: Marine Biology by Apologia

Class Time: 2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.

Literature with Writing - Grades 7 - 8

This is a comprehensive language arts and literature studies course that will provide opportunities for writing, and cover: vocabulary, spelling, active reading and reflective thinking. Some of the studies will culminate with special Readers Theatre presentations.

In the fall we will study TLP - The Witch of Blackbird Pond

In the spring we will study TLP - The Bronze Bow

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.

Studio Art 1 - Drawing

This class will focus on improving the student's drawing skills. If they already have a basic knowledge or claim to not be able to draw at all, this class will help students develop the skills needed to create more realistic and creative drawings. We will learn about things like drawing in perspective, using shading and shadowing methods, different types of lines, drawing figures and faces, and how to use the positive and negative space in an image to be able to see like an artist. We will use several different art mediums such as charcoal and pastels, as well as pencil. My goal is to help each student have a better knowledge of the art of drawing as well as feel more confident in their drawing ability and have fun with it!

Class Time: 1 1/2 hours. This is a two semester class totaling 28 weeks.

Triple Threat - TTT – Triple Threat Texas

Become part of the elite show choir in the DFW-Mid Cities area! Triple Threat is the term given to one, who is strong in all three areas of singing, dancing and acting.

Commitment:

1. You must audition and you would have to commit to attending all rehearsals.
2. You must commit to performing at any pre-scheduled exhibitions, shows, events and presentations. The performance schedule will be given as soon as bookings start.

Benefits:

A learning adventure in a positive setting;
Becoming part of the CAIA legacy;
A camaraderie that can only be found in a team atmosphere;
A great experience and addition to your resume';
First opportunity to audition in the spring for the next season.

Applicants are accepted by invitation only and must be current CAIA students.

However, we will accept audition requests from students on an individual basis who have had at least one year's worth of performance or performance class experience or any other special experience.

Auditioning students must have to read, a monologue or a song or a dance routine prepared (a combination of any two would be best.)

Audition deadline July 9th, 2010.

Contact Anicia Brown at: 817-571-9839 or

thecottagetheatre@creativeartsinaction.com

Students will learn musical theatre scenes, songs and dances and may be required to rehearse outside of the scheduled class time. This troupe will receive continuous training and will need to be available to represent the best of CAIA for any scheduled exhibition or event. Performances will be booked in various locations in the DFW area including but not limited to churches, private schools, nursing homes and hospitals, as well as the Cottage Theatre.

This is a year long program of 47 weeks totaling over 70 hours of instruction.

Biology w/Lab

Exploring Creation With Biology is a college-prep biology course that provides a detailed introduction to the methods and concepts of general biology. Heavily emphasizing the vocabulary of biology, it provides the student with a strong background in the scientific method, the five-kingdom classification scheme, microscopy, biochemistry, cellular biology, molecular and Mendelian genetics, evolution, dissection, and ecosystems. It also provides a complete survey of the five kingdoms in Creation. Please note that this course does not contain a discussion of human anatomy and physiology. Students who take and understand this course will be very well-prepared for a tough university biology course. The student text contains all student material, on-your-own questions and solutions, laboratory exercises, and chapter study guides. Color illustrations and diagrams.

It is recommended that the student take this course during the same year that he or she is taking Algebra 1 or have already completed Algebra 1.

Class Time: 2 hours - This is a two-semester course of 16 weeks each totaling 8 months.

The Writing Process - Grades 10-12

This class will cover expository writing and include four basic components: content, style, organization and mechanics. Time will be dedicated also to writing the in class essay, an excellent prep for the SAT. Students will learn how to select and narrow down a topic, gather details for support, form an outline, develop a thesis and organize the writing into well thought out essays. This class will include the writing of a Research Paper. Writing skills will be challenged and refined through classroom instruction, guided practice and at home assignments.

Text: Format Writing - **Class Time: 1 1/2 hours - This is a two-16 week semester totaling 8 months.**

[Around the US & World in 840 Minutes](#)

Send your child around the United States and the world without ever leaving Texas!

In the first 14-week trip, your child will visit states, learn capitals, geography, interesting facts about each state, abbreviations, and flags. In our second 14-week trip, your child will visit countries on every continent, and learn about each country's people, art, music, food and geography.

Using the book [Visualize Geography](#), your child will be able to locate on a map many, if not all, of the countries of the world. Your child will also give a report about one of the countries that we visit.

Guest tour guides, who will give us an insider's view of select countries, will assist us in our travels.

This class will culminate each semester with an invitation for you to capture the highlights of our travels. Equipped with maps, passport and travel brochures you too can experience the journey, meet the people, taste the food, and enjoy the music as you feel the heartbeat of God's people across His world. Hurry, or you'll miss the plane!

This is a two-semester class. Each semester is 14 weeks. Class Time: 1 hour.

[Art History & Appreciation - HS](#)

Fine Arts Credit

In Art History & Appreciation, students will recognize God as Creator and Author of individual, human creativity. Students will learn the elements and principles of visual organization-design, learn and use basic art/design vocabulary and experiment with methods and materials of Art in both two and three dimensional forms.

Students will also discover the artist's role in history and culture, practice art criticism in a logical thinking sequence and be able to express personal views and styles within a Christian Worldview.

Class Synopsis:

A field trip to a gallery or museum.

Art activities in drawing, painting, sculpture & collage will be provided with inspiration from each artist.

Artist's worldviews will be discussed and compared with the Biblical Christian Worldview.

This is a 2-year program: Students can join in for any semester, space available.

Year 1: Fall 2010 - Art from Noah through High Renaissance (1520): Da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo.

Year 1: Spring 2011 - European Art, Reformation through Revolution (1600 - 1800): Italy, England, Germany.

Year 2: Fall 2011 - French Art, Impressionism & Expressionism (1800 - 1900): Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh.

Year 2: Spring 2012 - American Art, Revolution to Contemporary (1700 - 2000): Cole, Hopper, O'Keeffe.

This class represents 1/2 credit per year. Classes are offered for Grades 9 – 12

Class Time: 1 1/2 hour. This is a 14 week, two semester class totaling 28 weeks or 7 months.