

2023-2024 Elementary Core Class Descriptions

K - 6th Grades

EARLY ELEMENTARY CLASSES

Kindergarten

Time: All Year, 9:00 – 12:00

Class Fee: \$20

Class Description: The teachers reinforce what is being taught at home at the kindergarten level. Each week students will learn about a new theme. Reading, math, social studies, science, and language concepts are taught throughout the year. Your kindergartener will have a great time and won't even realize he is learning.

1st GRADE

Time: All Year, 9:00 – 12:00

Class Fee: \$20

Required Text: [First Language Lessons Level 1](#) **OR** [First Language Lessons Level 1 & 2](#)

Class Description: Students complete the first level of First Language Lessons, first grade science, and first grade history. The science and history curricula will be completed in class with no work required at home. Students will complete one lesson of First Language Lessons at co-op, leaving 2-3 lessons per week to be completed at home. They will learn poetry, basic grammar terms, and oral narration. Math games, crafts, and music will complete our curriculum for the morning.

Expectations/Notes

- Parents are encouraged to review lessons and topics covered during class, but are also free to choose curriculum and address math and reading instruction as appropriate for the child in their family.

Grading: Students will not receive grades at this level.

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2nd GRADE

Time: All Year, 9:00 – 12:00

Class Fee: \$20

Required Text:

- [First Language Lessons Level 2](#) **OR** [First Language Lessons Level 1 & 2](#)
- IEW Primary Arts of Language, Writing (Provided by FAITH)

Class Description: Students will complete the second level of First Language Lessons, second grade science, and second grade history. The science and history curricula will be completed in class with no work required at home. Students will learn poetry, basic grammar terms, and oral narration while completing First Language Lessons at home. In an effort to prepare students for 3rd grade, they will learn how to structure sentences correctly in the fall semester. They will also learn beginning writing skills using the IEW PALS program in the spring.

Expectations/Notes

- Parents are encouraged to review lessons and topics covered during class, but are also free to choose curriculum and address math and reading instruction as appropriate for the child in their family.

Grading: Students will not receive grades at this level.

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3rd-6th CORE CLASSES

HISTORY & WRITING CLASSES

Core curriculum includes history, geography, writing, grammar and literature. Each family should choose one of the history time periods listed. The links in this document connect to the publisher websites or Amazon. This is to provide a visual of the materials. You are welcome to purchase used curriculum or choose different vendors.

3rd/4th RENAISSANCE & REFORMATION HISTORY & LANGUAGE ARTS

Time: All Year, 9:00 – 12:00

Grade Level: 3rd/4th Grades

Homework: Students will have daily homework assigned from this class.

Class Fee: \$25

Textbook/Supplies Required: In addition to the required books included in the list below, the student's lesson plans will have optional readers scheduled throughout the year.

- [*Mystery of History Volume III: The Renaissance, Reformation, and Growth of Nations*](#), hardback Student Reader
- [*IEW All Things Fun and Fascinating*](#) (Teacher manual and student book)
- [*Grade 3 English "Beginning Wisely" Set Set*](#) (pupil book, teacher manual, tests), by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are NOT required; Tests are optional)
- **OR**
- [*Grade 4 English "Building with Diligence" Set Set*](#) (pupil book, teacher manual, tests), by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are NOT required; Tests are optional)

FAMILY READ ALOUDS (Choose these if your *oldest* student is in 3rd/4th. If your oldest student is in 5th/6th or 7th/8th, use the Read-Alouds listed for history at those grade levels for your entire family. If you feel the higher level books are not appropriate for your child, you are welcome to mix and match books from both lists.)

- [*Spy for the Night Riders*](#) by Dave and Neta Jackson
- [*The Queen's Smuggler*](#) by Dave and Neta Jackson
- [*Leonardo's Horse*](#) by Jean Fritz
- [*Along Came Galileo*](#) by Jeanne Bendick
- [*Traitor in the Tower*](#) by Dave and Neta Jackson
- [*Good Queen Bess*](#) by Diane Stanley
- [*Bard of Avon*](#) by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema
- [*Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin*](#) by Marguerite Henry

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Class Description:

- Using *Mystery of History Vol III: The Renaissance, Reformation, and Growth of Nations*, families will read three lessons weekly to discover how God continually reveals himself as they learn about artists, reformers, explorers, and events from 1455 to 1707.
- Students will create a history notebook with a page for each major event or person, map work, and special activities.
- Many other hands-on projects will reinforce what they are learning about each week in their assignments.
- The class includes family read-aloud books with activities in class to reinforce the reading. Optional extra readers will be listed in the syllabus.
- Students will present an oral report each semester.

Expectations/Notes:

- Students will be assigned daily work Tuesday through Friday.
- In class on Mondays, the teacher will answer questions about the previous week's work and reinforce what the students have learned through hands-on activities.
- Students are expected to keep up with assignments and to turn in written assignments on time.
- Each Monday the teacher will introduce the new grammar concepts for the week. This class will require daily work in order to stay on track. Parents will be required to grade all daily work before bringing it to class each week. Tests will be given at home if parents choose to, and grades will be kept on daily work. This class can help you stay on track and hold you accountable, but you will still need to do grammar daily with your child at home.

Grading: Students will receive a completion grade on their homework assignments and a class participation grade. Their paragraphs and essays will be returned with comments, but no specific point values will be assigned. Students will not be required to take tests at co-op.

5th/6th RENAISSANCE & REFORMATION HISTORY & LANGUAGE ARTS

Time: All Year, 9:00 – 12:00

Grade Level: 5th/6th Grades

Homework: Students will have daily homework assigned from this class.

Class Fee: \$25

Textbook/Supplies Required: In addition to the required books included in the list below, the student's lesson plans will have optional extra literature readings scheduled throughout the year.

- [*Mystery of History Volume III: The Renaissance, Reformation, and Growth of Nations*](#) hardback Student Reader
- [*Mystery of History Volume III: The Renaissance, Reformation, and Growth of Nations Companion Guide*](#) (new Student Reader texts contain a download code; older paperback Companion Guide books are available as well)

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- Timeline Book (FAITH will provide for incoming 5th grade students and new family 5th and 6th graders ONLY. Returning 6th grade students should have a timeline book issued in 2022-23. A replacement is available for \$29 fee)
- [*Story Starters: Helping Children Write Like They've Never Written Before* by Karen Andreola](#) (A FAITH copy of this book will be checked out to your family)
- [*The Creative Writer: Level One: Five Finger Exercises* by Boris Fishman](#)
- [*Teaching 10 Fabulous Forms of Poetry: Great Lessons, Brainstorming Sheets, and Organizers for Writing Haiku, Limericks, Cinquains, and Other Kinds of Poetry Kids Love* by Paul Janeczko](#)
- [*Grade 5 English "Following the Plan" Set*](#) (pupil book, teacher manual, tests) by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are not required)
- **OR**
- [*Grade 6 English "Progressing with Courage" Set*](#) (pupil book, teacher manual, tests), by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are not required)

FAMILY READ-ALOUDS - Choose these books if your *oldest* student is in 5th/6th or 7th/8th:

- [*I, Juan de Pareja: The Story of a Great Painter and the Slave He Helped Become a Great Artist*](#) by Elizabeth Borton De Trevino
- [*The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day*](#) by Scott O'Dell
- [*Master Cornhill*](#) by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
- [*The Shakespeare Stealer*](#) by Gary Blackwood (if your *oldest* student is in 5th/6th) OR [*The Witch of Blackbird Pond*](#) by Elizabeth George Speare (if your *oldest* student is in 7th/8th)

INDEPENDENT READERS

- [*Spy for the Night Riders*](#) by Dave and Neta Jackson
- [*The Queen's Smuggler*](#) by Dave and Neta Jackson
- [*Leonardo's Horse*](#) by Jean Fritz
- [*Along Came Galileo*](#) by Jeanne Bendick
- [*Traitor in the Tower*](#) by Dave and Neta Jackson
- [*Good Queen Bess*](#) by Diane Stanley
- [*Bard of Avon*](#) by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema
- [*Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin*](#) by Marguerite Henry

Class Description:

- Using *Mystery of History Vol III: The Renaissance, Reformation, and Growth of Nations*, families will read three lessons weekly to discover how God continually reveals himself as they learn about artists, reformers, explorers, and events from 1455 to 1707.
- Students will complete a timeline and create a history notebook with a page for each major event or person, map work, and special activities.
- Many other hands-on projects will reinforce what they are learning about each week in their assignments.
- The class includes family read-aloud books and independent reading books with activities in class to reinforce the reading. Optional extra literature readers will be listed in the syllabus.

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- Students will present two oral reports each semester, one correlated with the read-aloud or independent reading book and another report over a topic covered during the history lessons.

Expectations/Notes

- Students will be assigned daily work Tuesday through Friday.
- In class on Mondays, the teacher will answer questions about the previous week's work and reinforce what the students have learned through hands-on activities.
- Students are expected to keep up with assignments and to turn in written assignments on time.
- Each Monday the teacher will introduce the new grammar concepts for the week. This class will require daily work in order to stay on track. Parents will be required to grade all daily work before bringing it to class each week. Tests will be given and grades will be kept on daily work, any quizzes and tests. This class can help you stay on track and hold you accountable, but you will still need to do grammar daily with your child at home.

Grading: Students receive a grade for accuracy on their homework assignments and class participation. Their paragraphs and essays will be returned with the number of points they accumulated in their assignment. Grammar tests, which will be optional in the fall semester of 5th grade but required for 6th grade, will be given at home. In the spring semester, all students will complete and turn in Grammar tests.

3rd/4th MODERN HISTORY & LANGUAGE ARTS

Time: All Year, 9:00 – 12:00

Grade Level: 3rd/4th Grades

Homework: Students will have daily homework assigned from this class.

Class Fee: \$25

Textbook/Supplies Required: In addition to the required books included in the list below, the student's lesson plans will have optional readers scheduled out through the year.

- [*The Story of the World Volume 4 Activity Book*](#)
- [*The Story of the World Volume 4 text*](#)
- An optional PDF download or printed copy of the [*Student Pages*](#), contained in the Activity Book, are available to purchase for ease of copying.
- [*IEW All Things Fun and Fascinating*](#) (Teacher manual and student book)
- [*Grade 3 English "Beginning Wisely" Set Set*](#) (pupil book, teacher manual, tests), by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are not required; Tests are optional)
- **OR**
- [*Grade 4 English "Building with Diligence" Set Set*](#) (pupil book, teacher manual, tests), by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are not required; Tests are optional)

FAMILY READ-ALOUDS

- [*The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe*](#) by Roland Smith

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- [*George Muller: The Guardian of Bristol's Orphans*](#) by Janet and Geoff Benge
- [*Number the Stars*](#) by Lois Lowry
- [*Tales of Persia: Missionary Stories from Islamic Iran*](#) by William McElwee Miller

OPTIONAL LITERATURE

- [*Paddle to the Sea*](#) by Holling C. Holling
- [*Tree in the Trail*](#) by Holling C. Holling
- **More to come**

Class Description:

- Using *Story of the World: History for the Classical Child, Volume 4: The Modern Age*, students will discover how God continually reveals himself in this big-picture look at world events from Victoria's Empire to the end of the USSR.
- Students will create a history notebook with a page for each major event or person, map work, and special activities.
- Many other hands-on projects will reinforce what they are learning about each week in their assignments.

Expectations/Notes:

- Students will be assigned daily work Tuesday through Friday.
- In class on Mondays, the teacher will answer questions about the previous week's work and reinforce what the students have learned through hands-on activities.
- Students are expected to keep up with assignments and to turn in written assignments on time.
- Each Monday the teacher will introduce the new grammar concepts for the week. This class will require daily work in order to stay on track. Parents will be required to grade all daily work before bringing it to class each week. Tests will be given at home if parents choose to, and grades will be kept on daily work. This class can help you stay on track and hold you accountable, but you will still need to do grammar daily with your child at home.

Grading: Students will receive a completion grade on their homework assignments and a class participation grade. Their paragraphs and essays will be returned with comments, but no specific point values will be assigned. Students will not be required to take tests at co-op.

5th/6th MODERN WORLD HISTORY

Time: All Year, 9:00 – 12:00

Grade Level: 5th/6th Grades

Homework: Students will have daily homework assigned from this class.

Class Fee: \$25

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Textbook/Supplies Required: In addition to the required books included in the list below, the student's lesson plans will have optional readers scheduled throughout the year.

- [*The Story of the World Volume 4 Activity Book*](#)
- [*The Story of the World Volume 4 text*](#)
- An optional PDF download or printed copy of the [*Student Pages*](#), contained in the Activity Book, are available to purchase for ease of copying.
- See choices for a visual history companion in SOTW's Activity Guide p1, Encyclopedia Cross-References. Choose ONE.
- Timeline Book (**FAITH will provide for incoming 5th grade students and new family 5th and 6th graders ONLY.** Returning 6th grade students should have a timeline book issued in 2022-23. A replacement is available for \$29 fee)
- [*IEW Modern World History-Based Writing Lessons*](#) Teacher/Student combo
- [*Grade 5 English "Following the Plan" Set*](#) (pupil book, teacher manual, tests), by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are NOT required)
- **OR**
- [*Grade 6 English "Progressing with Courage" Set*](#) (pupil book, teacher manual, tests), by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are NOT required)

FAMILY READ-ALOUDS

- [*The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe*](#) by Roland Smith
- [*George Muller: The Guardian of Bristol's Orphans*](#) by Janet and Geoff Benge
- [*Number the Stars*](#) by Lois Lowry
- [*Tales of Persia: Missionary Stories from Islamic Iran*](#) by William McElwee Miller

INDEPENDENT READERS

- [*David Livingstone: Africa's Trailblazer*](#) by Janet & Geoff Benge
- [*Red Sails to Capri*](#) by Ann Weil
- [*Snow Treasure*](#) by Marie McSwigan
- [*With Two Hands: Stories of God at Work in Ethiopia*](#) by Rebecca Davis

OPTIONAL LITERATURE

- [*Paddle to the Sea*](#) by Holling C. Holling
- [*Tree in the Trail*](#) by Holling C. Holling
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- Many other hands-on projects will reinforce what they are learning about each week in their assignments.

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Expectations/Notes:

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- In class on Mondays, the teacher will answer questions about the previous week's work and reinforce what the students have learned through hands-on activities.
- Students are expected to keep up with assignments and to turn in written assignments on time.

Grading: Students receive a grade for accuracy on their homework assignments and class participation. Their paragraphs and essays will be returned with the number of available points they accumulated in their assignment. Grammar tests, which will be optional in the fall semester of 5th grade but required for the spring semester and 6th grade, will be given at home.

SCIENCE CLASSES

APOLOGIA BOTANY & ASTRONOMY

Time: All Year, 12:30-3:00

Grade Level: K-2nd Grades

Class Fee: \$15

Textbook/Supplies Required: **NOTE: These textbooks are OPTIONAL.** Students will complete the "Try This" activities during afternoon rotations, and teachers will cover the material in the text. If parents choose to follow along with their students at home, they are welcome to purchase the texts, but it is not required.

- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Astronomy* textbook \(optional\)](#)
- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Botany* textbook \(optional\)](#)

Class Description: Students will use Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Botany* and *Exploring Creation with Astronomy* (one semester each) to study our solar system and plants. With multiple hands-on activities in 14 lessons each semester, students will explore and learn about the sun, planets, asteroid belt, dwarf planets, the Kuiper belt galaxies, nebulae, and even black holes as they reveal the marvel and might of our loving Creator. Through the fall semester, students will build a model solar system, make a solar eclipse, compass, and telescope, watch a meteor shower, launch a rocket, make clouds, and locate constellations. During the spring semester, students will explore the life cycle of seeds to plants, how plants reproduce and make their food, and how to identify and classify a variety of plants.

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Expectations/Notes:

- Students will not be assigned work at home.
- This class is designed for fun, hands-on learning.

APOLOGIA SWIMMING CREATURES

Time: All Year, 12:30-1:45

Grade Level: 3rd/4th Grades

Class Fee: \$15

Textbook/Supplies Required:

- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day Textbook*](#)
- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day Junior Notebooking Journal*](#) (OPTIONAL)
- OR
- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day Regular Notebooking Journal*](#) (OPTIONAL)

Class Description:

Students will use Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day* to study creatures in the ocean. With multiple hands-on activities in 13 lessons, students will learn about aquatic animals and their environments. They'll dive deeper into zoology as they investigate elements of marine life, aqua mobility, filter feeders, currents, fresh water, salt water, the Continental Shelf, and abyssal animals. They'll also gain a deep understanding of whales, seals and sea cows, aquatic herps, reptiles and amphibians, primeval reptiles, fish anatomy and their stages of life, sharks and rays, crustaceans, trilobites, mollusks, sponges, sea squirts, leeches, flatworms, and much more!

Expectations/Notes:

- Students will be assigned daily work Tuesday through Friday.
- In class on Mondays, the teacher will answer questions about the previous week's work and reinforce what the students have learned through hands-on activities.
- Students will complete review questions either orally or in writing, at the parent's discretion.
- An optional notebooking journal is available for completion at home. Select the level (junior or regular) that is appropriate for your student.

Grading: Students receive a completion grade on their homework assignments and class participation.

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APOLOGIA ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

Time: All Year, 12:30-1:45

Grade Level: 5th/6th Grades

Class Fee: \$15

Textbook/Supplies Required:

- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology Textbook*](#)
- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology Notebooking Journal*](#)

Class Description:

Students will use Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology* to study the unique design of their own body, inside and out. Through 14 lessons, hands-on projects, and experiments, they will better understand the complexity and purposes of the human body's design and how to best take care of their own bodies as they explore topics such as human DNA, cell anatomy, and the body systems.

Expectations/Notes:

- Students will be assigned daily work Tuesday through Friday.
- In class on Mondays, the teacher will answer questions about the previous week's work and reinforce what the students have learned through hands-on activities.
- Students will complete review questions, fascinating facts, crossword or word search puzzles, and special activities in their notebooking journal.

Grading: Students receive a grade for accuracy on their homework assignments and class participation.