

PACE FALL & SPRING 2024-2025 TERM

P.A.C.E. offers a variety of classes for every age group. For your convenience, the Schedule is grouped by age levels. Note that some classes are open-ended, whereas others have an age cap. The classes and their description are listed under their corresponding area of study. Please read the course descriptions carefully before selecting a class for your child since some of them have age restrictions, pre-requisites, and supply fee requirements. Class fees, and any sibling discounts offered are listed separately in the "Payment Information List" that you will receive prior to registration. All classes are \$5 per student, per class, unless otherwise indicated. Classes are payable in advance for the entire month and no refunds are given for any missed classes.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS are Listed Alphabetical

Anatomy & Physiology - (Ages 9+) : Students will be learning the structure and function of the human body and various systems including nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, urinary, skeletal, and more! Label lots of body parts and hands-on activities. Human Body Encyclopedia, Gather' Round, and Thinking Tree Fun-Schooling Curriculums will be used. Supply fee \$20 Teacher Mrs. Helen Jimenez

Animals of the World - (Ages 2 1/2 -6) : (Science, Social Studies, and World Geography.) - In this class, the students will be learning about the different animals within the animal kingdoms from A-Z. Each week, fun facts about each animal such as their habitat, physical features, characteristics, etc. will be presented. In addition to this, students will be introduced to world geography and learn to locate the continents and different countries. Students will put together a memory/activity book of all the animals they have learned in class. This class will feature a few live creatures, as well as an insect release at the end of each semester. - I will be using Children's Animal Encyclopedia by Parragon Publishing, National Geographic, and reliable internet sources. Supply fee \$27 Teacher: Ms. Amanda Covas

Ancient Civilizations - (Ages 6+) (History, Geography, Social Studies, and Intro to Research) - In this class, students will be introduced to ancient cultures and civilizations of North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Throughout the semester, students will have hands-on activities to enhance the learning experience. They will be encouraged to bring in fun facts about the topic each week. They will also learn how to research. At the end of each semester, the students may choose to do further research and present their information in class. - For this class, I will refer to the Notgrass history curriculum, Usborne's Encyclopedia of the Ancient World, and reliable internet resources. Supply fee \$25 Teacher: Ms. Amanda Covas

Art History - (Ages 7+): You can't fail with art and history! Students will draw, paint, and create several projects. We will be exploring the world of Shakespeare and C.S. Lewis to name a few and many famous painters and sculptors. The curriculum used is EasyPeasy.com and Gather' Round. Supply fee \$25 Teacher Mrs. Helen Jimenez

Around the World in 12 Weeks - (Ages 9+) : In this geography class, students will travel around the globe and visit India, Sweden, Easter Islands, and Madagascar (winter semester) Argentina, Romania, Israel, and Singapore (spring semester). Students will receive a passport and a stamp of the countries studied. Students will learn about a country's climate, geography, cultures, political situation, tourist attractions, natural and man-made wonders among many other fun facts. Every week, students are given an Internet homework assignment to explore the country even further and add facts to their traveling journal. Students are encouraged to bring their stories and experiences to class. Students will have fun learning about different traditions and history, currencies and food, cultures and politics, and current events. Students will explore these avenues with Internet, books, food, art, and tourist brochures. For the last class, students have a final exam that combines all the countries, facts studied in this semester. Supply fee: \$26 Teacher: Mrs. Beatrice Koubi

ASL {American Sign Language} (Ages 6+) : American Sign Language (ASL) Includes basic grammar, vocabulary, finger spelling, numbers, and cultural information about the Deaf Community. - Classes will be based on Master ASL Level 1 book and Life Print ASL curriculum. Supply fee: \$10 Teacher: Mrs. Helen Jimenez

Ballerinas (Ages 2 ½ to 6): A fun, introductory class to teach little girls the basics of ballet, and to begin stretching/strengthening those little muscles. They will learn to appreciate music, learn rhythm, and develop memory skills. Supply fee: Tutus will be given on the first day of class! Each week, please come with hair in a bun, ballet leotard, tights, and ballet shoes. Supply fee: \$10 Teachers: Ms. Anabella Garcia & Mrs. Liliana Garcia

Becoming An Entrepreneur (Ages 10+) : Do you have a craft that you would like to make money off of? Do you have a business idea but don't know how to start? In this class we will learn how to become an Entrepreneur with Dave Ramsey's Teen Entrepreneur Toolbox as well as learning from other successful entrepreneurs like Robert Kiyosaki (Rich Dad Poor Dad) and more. Students will create their own portfolio to organize their ideas for their business that will include a business plan, how to communicate with customers, their budget, weekly planning worksheets, how to price their business/products, and how to market their business. Supply fee: \$25 Teacher: Mrs. Chantelle Alicea

Canticos Bilingual (Ages 2 ½ to 6): Come along and join us as we dive into the Spanish language. In this class we will use Canticos, the Emmy-nominated and award-winning brand, that uses the brain power of rhymes and songs, to expose kids to bilingual learning from a young age, when they are more prepared to learn and absorb a new language faster, easier and more fluently. We will toggle back and forth from English to Spanish on each rhyme and song for all to follow along. Supply Fee: \$24 per student. NOTE: Students MUST be 2½ by the beginning of the - fall semester. Teacher: Mrs. Dyanna Cespedes

Ceramics (Ages 6+): Are you searching for an entertaining and stimulating activity for your children aged five and above? Enroll them in this hand-building ceramics class that promises to be a great choice. They will get the opportunity to work with ceramic clay and learn various hand-building techniques, as well as glaze and acrylic painting. The instructions will be given step by step, ensuring they can create their unique piece of art by the end of the semester. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to unleash your child's creativity! If you have any questions, please reach out to me at martacastillo40@gmail.com. Supply fee per semester is \$40 Teacher: Mrs. Marta Castillo

Crafting 101- (Ages 7+) This class will give students their own space to be creative. As well as introducing them to different art supplies and techniques, to make crafts. - No curriculum. Supply fee: \$21 Teacher: Ms. Natalia Cordoba

Crafting for Teens (Ages 13+): This class will give teens their own space to be creative. As well as introducing them to different art supplies and techniques, to make crafts. - No curriculum. Supply fee: \$21 Teacher: Ms. Natalia Cordoba

Etiquette, Protocol, and Leadership and how they work together! (Ages 13+): and how they work together! - This class will provide a well-rounded, social education. They will learn the "How To" particulars on formal etiquette as well as the set of rules associated with formalities, ceremonial events, and official occasions. In addition, they will learn the connection these matters have with leadership. - Material used will be the book, PROTOCOL MATTERS and leadership resources by John Maxwell. Supply fee: \$25 Teacher: Mrs. Barbie Barrientos

Exploring the World Through Physical Science (Ages 9+): - This is a class where students will dive into the world of science. Students will be practicing the steps of the Scientific Method, be introduced to some scientists, to astronomy, physics, chemistry, and the Earth sciences throughout the course. Simple experiments and labs will be incorporated every 2-3 weeks with written lab reports. - Curriculum: Apologia Physical Science and other reliable resources. Supply Fee: \$35 Teachers: Ms. Amanda and Mr. Syvan Covas

Fallacy and Mock Trial Training (Ages 13+) Let's FACE THE FACTS! Identifying Faulty reasoning and Mock Trial Training - Students begin the first semester identifying logical fallacies that will help them learn how to spot and combat faulty reasoning. This will be followed by a MOCK TRIAL training where biased opinions will be uncovered, and persuasive language will be used to influence the opinion and thoughts of a jury. In a world that is constantly challenging truth, this fun class will provide a tool for students to fully equip them to point out nonsense and stand up strong for the truth. - Curriculum: The Fallacy Detective and printable mock trial booklets. Supply fee: \$30 Teacher: Mrs. Natalia Aquila

Forensic Science, Biology & Anatomy (Ages 9+): Forensic Science, Biology, & Anatomy Investigation Lab. This hands-on laboratory science is a great combination of fun and learning! This engaging classroom anatomy science lab explores human anatomy, function, and forensics point of view. This hands-on laboratory science is paired with critical thinking, games, and experiments; a great combination of fun and learning! This engaging lab is a great way to enhance human biology and gain required high-school lab credit as well. - This fall 2024, we will explore the very smallest parts in our body: bacteria, virus, and cells. Have you ever wondered how the human body functions? What is the difference between a virus and a bacterium? What do they look like? Or why some bacteria are good for us? This class is for you! Students will use violet light to find microbes, microscopes for analysis, science experiments to grow bacteria cultures, and creating a scale chart to compare viral and bacterial cell size. - Spring 2025: From Little Organisms to Large Organs! After learning so much about the little wonders, we will look at the larger picture. Have you ever wondered how the food we eat breaks down into nourishment? Which organs help digest that food? Why is junk food bad if all nutrition breaks down into sugar anyway? How does a kidney differ from a liver, what about the tissue and function? It's your turn to be the investigation nutrition detective! - PLEASE report to the teacher if your student has any food allergies, we will have some treats to enhance the learning experience! If I do not hear from you, I assume your child is allergy free! - All the homework and quizzes are done at home. Students will receive weekly emails for relevant videos and websites to further deepen the material. Students will present in class to make sure the lab component is deep and exciting. This lab class is what you have been waiting for to enhance your theory science class: hands on biology science lab with a mystery forensics component! Supply fee: \$ 38 Teacher: Mrs. Beatrice Koubi

Foundation in Personal Finance (Ages 13+): Did you know that about 78% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck and the average American is about \$58,604 in debt? In this class we will dive into the tools you need to have a successful financial future with Dave Ramsey's Foundations in Personal Finances. We will learn about saving, investment options, the dangers of debt, the importance of budgeting, real estate, and career choices. We will learn about the importance of having more than one stream of income and what the Bible says about tithing and debt. We will learn about the importance of gratitude and see if you are a spender or saver and learn how to budget for your future. Supply fee \$ Teacher: Mrs. Chantelle Alicea

"Guitar for Beginners" (Ages 5+): This private class will be an introduction to the skills needed to play the guitar. Guitar for beginners - This class will be aimed at people who have never played guitar and wish to learn. We will go over basic chord shapes, patterns, and strumming patterns, along with other techniques that will make playing guitar easier and more enjoyable. For the curriculum I will use a mix of my own material as well as exercises and techniques found in books that I've read over the years. Supply fee is \$10 for folder including classwork and exercises. Teacher: Mr. Robert R. Cruz

Handwork: Knitting, Crochet, Macramé, or Hand sewing (Ages 6+): In Handwork students can explore the art of knitting, crochet, macrame, or hand sewing. Each student works on individual projects depending on their desire, fine motor skills and previous learned skills. It is very exciting to see the creativity of each student blossom. In knitting, students will learn how to cast on, knit and progress to purling and patterns as the semester goes on. Students enrolling for crochet will use simple stitches and progress to double crochet and patterns. Macrame is the art of knotting strings into unique designs. Students can make wall hangers, plant holders, belts even bags. In handsewing, students will learn how to sew on buttons, push buttons, simple and decorative stitches. My favorite project is when a student brings a drawing and makes a 3D model out of fabric. Working in handwork increases students fine motor, problem solving and delayed gratification skills. - All handwork crafts can make cute projects that are great for presents and can be entered at the Miami Fair December 2024 (registration) exhibit March 2025. Students are encouraged to bring slightly broken stuffed toys or clothing to be repaired in class. Small tears, rips in seams, and missing buttons are great projects to fix. - Please send the teacher an email to express your preference for either knitting, crochet, macrame, or handsewing to ensure the proper supplies needed for the first day of class. For your convenience: no response will mean your child is interested in hand sewing. - To ensure progression, it is vital that the student brings the project back to class every week till its completed! Working at home is a great idea to ensure a larger project gets finished. Thank you for understanding and encouraging your child to pack-up the project to PACE every week. - For all crafts: Returning students please communicate with me what you want to work on so we can make sure you have the material needed for the first class. I am very excited to see what your child can make out of string and a great amount of imagination. Supply fee: \$31 Teacher: Mrs. Beatrice Koubi

Fitness & Health Stewardship (Ages 13+ including parents!) This course is designed not only to give you exercise or help get you in shape but to look at what it means to "steward our health" from a Biblical perspective. What does God say about our bodies? How should His design influence our view of ourselves and what we do with our selves? Each class, we will begin with a look at what God has to say about a different aspect of our health using the Bible & The 6 Essentials for Your Body guidebook followed by a 20-25 minute workout! All exercises can be modified to your current fitness level &/or limitations and can also be replicated in your own home! Supply Fee \$15 Teachers: Mrs. Heidi Drake

Intro to Apologetics (Ages 13+): This class will walk students through major questions most considered within the realm of apologetics (E.g. Does God exist? Is Jesus God? Did God create everything? Do humans have free will?). Students will spend time pondering these questions, and will be presented with arguments from both major Christian and Atheistic scholars. Students will learn how to defend their faith, and will gain a better understanding of Biblical apologetics. Both lecture and discussion based, students will be in a space that presents and invites challenging questions, encouraging us all to use the beautiful minds God gave us to His glory. Supply Fee: \$20 Teachers: Ms. Nicole Barrientos

Lil'Dragons (Ages 2 ½ to 6): The Little Dragons program is an introduction to martial arts, specifically taekwondo. The classes are fast-paced and activity-packed, incorporating balance, concentration, coordination, flexibility, exercise, and the core values of taekwondo, namely, courtesy, respect, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and an indomitable spirit. South Miami Taekwondo, the associated dojo, is located at 4542-B SW 75th Ave., Miami, FL, 33155. The TKD uniform is not required in this class but would be needed for testing. Uniforms can be picked up at the dojo from Monday - Thursday and on Saturday, during normal business hours. The student is welcome to try out a class at the dojo when picking up their uniform. (Uniforms are \$35 payable to SMTKD.) Testing for promotion is also not required for this class but is recommended. The student will receive a qualification slip when they qualify for testing. Tests will not be done at P.A.C.E. Tests will be administered at the dojo on designated Little Dragon testing dates. Uniforms are required for dragon testing and payable to SMTKD. Supply Fee \$10 Teachers: Mr. Syvan Covas, Mrs. Ferchie Covas

PE/Sports (Ages 7+): In this class, we will play a variety of sports while also learning & developing the fundamental skills of all sports ... agility, speed, & coordination. Kids will gain teamwork skills, learn the basic rules of multiple sports, and have lots of fun competing in scrimmages, relay races, etc. Supply Fee \$20
Teachers: Mrs. Heidi Drake

Private Piano (Ages 5+): Each class is a 1/2 hour. Piano for beginners. Will be using Hal Leonard's student lesson books to teach students how to read music, proper fingering, and playing songs. No Supply Fee but each student will need to buy their own Hal Leonard book. Teacher: Mr. Gabriel Salstein

Private Piano (Ages 5+): Each class is a 1/2 hour. Piano for beginners- In this class we will learn the basics of piano: how to read music, proper positioning, tempo, and how to play the piano. -No Supply Fee but each student will need to buy their own Hal Leonard book - We will use Hal Leonard student piano books. Teacher: Ms. Sarai Salstein

Speech and Debate (Ages 13+): Speech and Debate will provide students communication skills, develop critical thinking, promote creativity, and encourage collaboration. Through Christian worldview, we will also examine controversial topics, participate in friendly competition, and group problem solving. Supply Fee \$25 per semester. Teacher: Mrs. Barbie Barrientos

Rainbow Club (MPact) (Ages 2 1/2-6): Rainbow Club (MPact) (Ages 2 1/2-6): Welcome to the Wonderful World of Rainbows Club! In this 3-year hands-on class, returning and new club members will learn exciting Bible stories, fun new songs, and earn colorful animal badges. Rainbows Club is built around a Noah's Ark theme; therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Noah make appearances throughout the unit lessons. When your child brings home a Noah's Ark badge, he or she has memorized the Rainbows Club distinctives (pledge, motto, colors, Scripture verse, and song). After completing one of the units, he or she will earn a colorful unit badge to wear on his or her vest. To earn a unit badge, your child will complete the age-appropriate unit activity pages and memorize the unit memory verse. Your child's official dress uniform consists of a short navy vest. The achievement badges earned should be sewn onto the vest in random order as they are earned. Returning students will be earning 10 new badges, and the 3-year curriculum will not repeat. After turning 6 years old and earning 18 badges, your child will be considered an Honor Rainbow. We then will hold a ceremony during the PACE graduation, where each Honor Rainbow will receive a certificate and a pin to celebrate all their hard work. Supply fee **NEW** club members- \$35 per semester which covers: Rainbows Club vest, Unit badges, Colorful Activity pages, 1 Emblem badge, 3 Club badges, Achievement Certificate. **RETURNING** club members- \$25 per semester which covers: unit badges, colorful activity pages, Honor Rainbows Certificate, Honor Rainbows pin. Teacher: Mrs. Dominique Tapia

Sketching For Beginners, ART (Ages 7+): This is an art class where students will practice and hone their skills in drawing and sketching. Students will work on different projects and tasks to enhance and challenge them to level up. Students will also be introduced to some artists and their work. - Curriculum: Various art resources. Supply Fee \$27 Teachers: Mrs. Ferchie & Mr. Syvan Covas

Sports Health and Science- PE (Ages 7+) - This Sports and Health class will delve into nutrition, biomechanics, and exercise physiology. - Throughout this course, students will learn how to take care of their bodies through sports and gain knowledge about how our body works and how to navigate its intricate patterns. Additionally, they will learn why it is so important to listen to their body and know how to treat injuries, not only for themselves but also their community. Each week, they will focus on a specific area of our muscles, or of the body and memorize its different parts, mechanics, and how to treat them. Supply Fee: \$25 Teachers: Mr. Joey & Mrs. Barbie Barrientos

Taekwondo (Ages 6+): Taekwondo (Ages 6+): An ongoing curriculum of formal martial arts and self defense. Kids will receive a well-rounded martial arts education as well as specific, formal instruction in Taekwondo. Belt ranks are possible at PACE only up to purple belt. South Miami Taekwondo, the associated dojo, is located at 4542-B SW 75th Ave, Miami, FL, 33155. White belt tests are \$30, include a uniform, and must be performed at the dojo. Students will be permitted to attend unlimited classes free of charge on the day they come to test for white belt. Teacher: 7th dan Grandmaster Jeff Wade.

Private Ukulele (Ages 8+): Each class is a 1/2 hour. Private ukulele lessons for ages 8 and up. No supply fee but students must provide their own ukulele. We will use the Hal Leonard method book 1 (can be purchased on amazon) and both ukulele and book need to be brought to the first class. Teacher: Mr. Owen Munger

Yearbook (Ages 13+): For students 13 years old and up. In this hands-on class, where students will put together the P.A.C.E. 2024-2025 yearbook. Students will learn the Entourage Yearbook program, using the talents God has given them to design pages, adding layouts, clip-art and design captions. Students will also solicit sponsors, design and participate in fundraisers and play a major role in acquiring photos for the yearbook. Students will have time in class to work on their assigned yearbook pages, but will also be expected to work at home to complete their pages. Students registered for this class may have to work at home, help with fundraisers, baking goodies, etc. Students wishing to work on the yearbook but who are unable to attend class may contact the YEARBOOK COORDINATOR. Supply fee \$15 Teacher: Mrs. Dominique Tapia

P.A.C.E. PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Childcare (Ages Infant to 4): Nursery and Childcare will be available throughout the day for infants through 4 year olds as a service for Parents while they are performing their Volunteer Assignment or are assisting in co-op. Children may bring one or two toys into the Childcare Room. Parents must provide a changing pad, diapers, and wipes for each child. Bags, bottles, and snacks should be marked with child's name. Strollers may be allowed inside the childcare room only for sleeping children and "non-walkers" at the discretion of the Childcare Coordinator. Parents must sign in each week indicating their volunteer assignment. NO FEE.

Florida Parents Educators Association (FPEA): FPEA membership may be obtained online at www.fpea.com. with a group rate discount of \$10.00 per family with a PACE membership. FPEA membership will be effective September 1 to August 31. FPEA is our statewide homeschooling association, which "exists solely to serve homeschooling families in Florida. The FPEA executes that mission through support for the legal right to home school, local school board education and interaction, support group networking, a state convention, local conferences and events, informative communications, and most importantly, by giving individual encouragement." FPEA members receive discounts at Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, AAA, HSLDA, The National Driver Training Institute, and many more (found on the FPEA website). In addition, they receive a considerable discount to attend the annual homeschooling convention in Orlando, and receive the periodic publication "Connect". For more detailed information, see their website at www.fpea.com. We strongly urge all families to join FPEA if they are not already members through another support group.

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA): The HSLDA, Home School Legal Defense Association is a United States-based organization that seeks to aid homeschooling families through legal representation. HSLDA is a Christian organization available to represent all homeschool families. With the PACE membership you will receive a \$15 discount.

PACE Parent's/Mom Group: Are you in need of encouragement and fellowship? Join us at 11-11:55 pm, every Friday as we seek God's Word and learn ways to flourish, thrive and overcome common struggles that all homeschool families face. NO FEE.