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EARLY ELEMENTARY CLASSES

Kindergarten

Time: All Year 9:00 – 12:00

Class Fee: TBD

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 they are learning.

1st GRADE

Time: All year 9:00 – 12:00

Class Fee: TBD

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.

2nd GRADE

Time: All year 9:00 – 12:00

Class Fee: TBD

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

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

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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.

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 Christian Book Distributor website or Amazon. This is to provide a visual of the materials. You are welcome to purchase used curriculum or choose different vendors.

5th/6th MIDDLE AGES

Time: All year

9:00 – 12:00

Grade Level: 5th/6th Grades

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

Class Fee: TBD

Textbook/Required supplies: 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 II: The Early Church and the Middle Ages*](#) first edition. Although a second edition of this book was released in 2021, we believe families can find copies of the first edition. There are significant differences in the two editions, so shop early to find a first edition book.
- [*IEW Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons*](#), 5th Edition
- *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

- [*Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest*](#), Ann McGovern
- [*Black Horses for the King*](#), Anne McCaffrey
- [*The Door in the Wall*](#), Marguerite de Angeli
- [*The Great and Terrible Quest*](#), Margaret Lovett

INDEPENDENT READERS

- [*Beorn the Proud*](#), Madeleine A. Pollard

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- [*The Apple and the Arrow*](#), Conrad Buff

Class Description:

- Using *Mystery of History Vol II: The Early Church and the Middle Ages*, students will discover how God continually reveals himself in this big-picture look at world events from Pentecost to the printing press.
- 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.

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 completion grade on their homework assignments, and class participation. Their paragraphs and essays will be returned with the amount of available points they accumulated in their assignment.

3rd/4th MIDDLE AGES

Time: All year

9:00 – 12:00

Grade Level: 3rd/4th Grades

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

Class Fee: TBD

Textbook/Required supplies: 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.

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- *Grade 3 English "Beginning Wisely" Set Set* (pupil book, teacher manual, tests), by Rod and Staff (NOTE: Worksheets are NOT required)
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5th/6th RENAISSANCE & REFORMATION

Time: All year

9:00 – 12:00

Grade Level: 5th/6th Grades

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

Class Fee: TBD

Textbook/Required supplies: 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
- [*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)
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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
- [*The Shakespeare Stealer*](#) by Gary Blackwood
- [*Along Came Galileo*](#) by Jeanne Bendick

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
- [*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 readers will be listed in the syllabus.

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- Students will present an oral report each semester.

Expectations/Notes

- Students will be assigned daily work Tuesday through Friday.
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3rd/4th RENAISSANCE & REFORMATION

Time: All year

9:00 – 12:00

Grade Level: 3rd/4th Grades

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

Class Fee: TBD

Textbook/Required supplies: 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.

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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)

- [*Spy for the Night Riders*](#) by Dave and Neta Jackson
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SCIENCE CLASSES

APOLOGIA EARTH SCIENCE

Time: All Year

12:30-1:45

Grade Level: 3rd-6th Grades

Class Fee: TBD

Textbook/Required supplies:

- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Earth Science*](#)
- [*Apologia Exploring Creation with Earth Science Notebooking Journal*](#) (**Only required for 5th and 6th grade**)

Class Description: Students will use Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Earth Science* to study why our planet is the only known planet that has life in the universe. They will map out the Earth with a globe they create, adding new knowledge with each lesson. From the clouds in the sky to the dirt on the ground, science will no longer be a course of facts that get memorized, but rather it will become a means to discovering their world and their home. With multiple hands-on activities in 14 lessons students will explore the atmosphere, geosphere, and hydrosphere. They will learn how loved they are by a God who created everything to work together to make life possible.

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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 in 5th and 6th grade will complete review questions, fascinating facts, crossword or word search puzzles, and special activities in their notebooking journal. Students in 3rd and 4th grade will complete review questions either orally or in writing, at the parent's discretion.

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

MATHEMATICS CLASSES

MATH MAMMOTH 5

Time: All year

1:45-3:00

Grade: 5th

Homework: There will be a week's worth of math homework each week.

Textbook: [*Math Mammoth Light Blue Series Grade 5 Set*](#) which includes:

- Grade 5-A Worktext
- Grade 5-B Worktext
- Grade 5 Answer Keys
- Grade 5 Tests and Cumulative Reviews

Extra practice worksheets are also available at <https://www.mathmammoth.com/practice/>.

Videos for 5th Grade lessons are available at

https://www.mathmammoth.com/videos/grade_5/5th-grade-videos

Class fee: TBD

Class Description: Each Monday the teacher will introduce the new concepts for the week. As time allows, questions about the previous week's work will be answered and games will be played to reinforce math skills. This class will require daily work in order to stay on track. Parents will be required to grade all daily work and have their student correct missed problems before bringing it to class each week. Tests will be given and grades will be kept on daily work, and tests. This class can help you stay on track and hold you accountable, but you will still need to do math daily with your child. A placement test is available to determine if this is the appropriate course for your student:

https://www.mathmammoth.com/complete/placement_tests

MATH MAMMOTH 6

Time: All year

1:45-3:00

Grade: 6th

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Homework: There will be a week's worth of math homework each week.

Textbook: [Math Mammoth Light Blue Series Grade 6 Set](#) which includes:

- Grade 6-A Worktext
- Grade 6-B Worktext
- Grade 6 Answer Keys
- Grade 6 Tests and Cumulative Reviews

Extra practice worksheets are also available at <https://www.mathmammoth.com/practice/>.

Videos for 6th Grade lessons are available at

https://www.mathmammoth.com/videos/grade_6/6th-grade-videos.

Class fee: TBD

Class Description: Each Monday the teacher will introduce the new concepts for the week. As time allows, questions about the previous week's work will be answered and games will be played to reinforce math skills. This class will require daily work in order to stay on track. Parents will be required to grade all daily work and have their student correct missed problems before bringing it to class each week. Tests will be given and grades will be kept on daily work, and tests. This class can help you stay on track and hold you accountable, but you will still need to do math daily with your child. A placement test is available to determine if this is the appropriate course for your student:

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PRE-ALGEBRA

Time: All year

1:45 - 3:00

Grade level: 6th & up

Prerequisites: Math placement test https://www.mathmammoth.com/complete/placement_tests

Class Fee: TBD

Textbook/Supplies required:

[Math Mammoth Light Blue Series Grade 7 Set](#) which includes:

- Math Mammoth Light Blue Series Grade 7-A Worktext
- Math Mammoth Light Blue Series Grade 7-B Worktext
- Math Mammoth Light Blue Series Grade 7 Answer Key
- Math Mammoth Light Blue Series Grade 7 Test/Review

Compass & Protractor

[Math Mammoth Grade 7 Videos](#) (These are free videos to go along with each topic in Math Mammoth Grade 7)

Extra practice worksheets are also available at www.mathmammoth.com.

Class Description: The main areas of study in Math Mammoth Grade 7 are: introduction to basic algebra concepts; integers and their operations; solving one-step equations, including with negative numbers;

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operations with negative rational numbers; solving linear equations and writing equations for word problems; graphing linear equations and an introduction to the concept of slope; ratios, rates, proportions, and percent; geometry: angle relationships, compass & ruler constructions, drawing problems, Pi and the area and circumference of a circle, cross-sections formed when cutting solids, surface area, and volume; the Pythagorean theorem (optional); probability; statistics.

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