

Middle School Classes

Middle School Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics:

Grades: 5th-8th grade

Teacher: Susie Baxter

Day/Time: Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:50 pm

Tuition: \$100 per semester, full year course

Supply fee: \$20 for the year

Textbook: *Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics* by Jeannie Fulbright, published by Apologia Educational Ministries, ISBN: 1935495984

Other Requirements: Google Classroom will be used for communication and links to websites and videos for class, therefore a valid email address and a computer with internet access is required.

Description: Introduce your student to the fascinating world of chemistry and physics! We will begin by exploring the basic building blocks of creation- atoms and molecules. We will then journey through simple chemicals, the laws of motion, and energy in its many forms, before discovering concepts of electricity and magnetism. All the while, God will be glorified as the Master Designer of all that we're discovering about the world and how it works. The only required homework will be reading from the textbook, but many supplemental videos and activities will be offered as optional homework each week. Parents will decide what students do at home to learn and solidify information. It will be up to the parent's discretion how to assess student's knowledge of the topics we learn; no tests or homework will be graded in class. Class time will be used to review topics and do hands-on experiments. Join us as we get to know our Creator through the mighty works of His hands!

COVID-19 CONTINGENCY: If classes get canceled due to covid-19 concerns, we will provide online opportunities for continued learning options for families. However, with the nature of the hands-on element of our class, we will also work with families to plan "make-up" labs, including, but not limited to, performing labs in our home, scheduling a "Lab Day" where we tackle several labs in one day, or give families alternative labs that they can perform safely at home. Unfortunately several of our labs would be a safety hazard if they were given to students to perform at home. But we are willing to work with each family's needs to make sure their student receives lab credit (for high school classes). We will also be willing to refund a prorated amount of tuition, based on how many Co-Op days are missed.

Middle School Paragraph Writing:

Grades: 5th-7th Grade, older students accepted for reinforcement

Teacher: Christen Ford

Day/Time: Thursdays, 9:00 – 9:50am

Tuition: \$100 per semester —full year course

Supply fee: \$30 per year (materials packet and binder)

Prerequisite: none

Textbook: Materials taken from *Teaching Writing: Structure and Style* published by IEW. (provided)

Description: This course is a beginning level writing class or refresher class. It assumes no prior writing knowledge. Sentence structure, grammar, and use of a wide range of vocabulary to design a more interesting paragraph will be the end goal of this class. Writing an outline, creating stories, reports,

critiques, and essays will be taught and assigned. A five-paragraph story/essay will be the final project for this course. **Assignments are customized based on grade level to accommodate multiple grades.** Each assignment will be graded and critiqued accordingly. A dictionary and thesaurus will be required. Materials packet and binder will be handed out in the first class to be used throughout the year. Additional materials may be added as needed for reinforcement.

COVID-19 CONTINGENCY: If gatherings become prohibited, we will just continue classroom discussion in zoom, but all other activities will be able to remain the same on the other days of the week. I will give full refunds to any parents who choose not to continue with my course before the first day of class if gatherings become prohibited or if gathering becomes a concern to you personally. Parents will receive a pro-rated refund for any withdrawals after the start of the semester if you do not choose to continue with online discussions due to gathering prohibitions or gathering concerns. One-on-one consultations of writings can also be arranged online or in person when needed.

Middle School U.S. Government

Age: 5th - 8th grade

Teachers: Ronee Jordan

Day/Time: Thursday, 11:00 to 11:50am

Tuition: \$50 per semester, FALL semester course only

Supply Fee: \$10 (copies and curriculum supplements provided by instructor)

Textbook: (not provided)

– *Uncle Sam and You, Part 1 Student Textbook* by Ray and Charlene Notgrass (up to \$40)

Description: As a spine, I will use Notgrass's Uncle Sam and You, Part 1 . Each family can use discretion on the best way to complete each unit. You are not required to use ALL the curriculum exactly the way it was written. To take advantage of a learning moment during the Presidential elections next November, this curriculum will not be used in the order written. When you purchase this curriculum, please ensure you acquire only the Part 1 textbook. The link above is only provided for you to preview the materials being used. You can find Part 1 by itself either new at Mardel's (both in-store and online) or used online (or at Bibliomania occasionally). Students will learn about our Founding Documents, the three branches of government, presidents, how a bill becomes law, the president's cabinet, voting and elections, political parties, Washington D.C., Congress, and international relations.

I will not be teaching Part 2 in the Spring. However, you might consider continuing this course with the Part 2 book at home for family discussion. This part includes describing military service, state government, local government, Native American government, local security, and a bit of economics.

COVID-19 CONTINGENCY: I will be utilizing the Classroom Dashboard for all assignments, instructions, and information throughout the class during regular circumstances. If gatherings become prohibited, we will just continue classroom discussion in zoom, but all other activities will be able to remain the same on the other days of the week. I will give full refunds to any parents who choose not to continue with my course before the first day of class if gatherings become prohibited or if gathering becomes a concern to you personally. Parents will receive a pro-rated refund for any withdrawals after the start of the semester if you do not choose to continue with online discussions due to gathering prohibitions or gathering concerns.