

MACH Junior High Class Descriptions and Book Lists 2021-2022

7th & 8th Grade Earth Science

Teacher: Betsy Osman

Earth science will be taught from a Biblical, creationist perspective, emphasizing God's handiwork in the world around us. Using *God's Design Curriculum* from Answers in Genesis, the goal is to strengthen your student's faith by showing how science consistently supports the Bible's written record. Students learn to think critically and logically examine arguments presented by all sides in the d/evolution debate.

Also, we will look at articles that examine the lives of scientists throughout history who have contributed to the subject. Topics covered will be rocks, volcanoes, earthquakes, glaciers, how the Great Flood changed the surface of the earth, why fossils support what the Bible says, the study of nebula, stars, comets, meteors, the planets, the space program, weather, and God's hand in the design of our oceans and the effect on the weather.

There will be weekly assignments with questions, projects, and a paper. Tests and quizzes will be given. There is a possibility of a field trip during the school year to help the student better understand the material being studied. At the pace of 3 lessons a week (approximately 30-45 minutes for each), we will cover a three-book series.

God's Design for Heaven and Earth, three- book series, 4th edition, by Richard Lawrence and Debbie Lawrence

- *Our Universe* ISBN 978-1-62691-436-0
- *Our Planet Earth* ISBN 978-1-62691-442-1
- *Our Weather & Water* ISBN 978-1-62691-448-3

7th & 8th Grade Writing & Literature

Teacher: Wendy Jarkowsky

Students will learn the fundamentals of the writing process and literary analysis. In the fall semester, we will read approximately 3 books, as our basis for literary analysis. Short essay writing will also be included. In the spring semester, we will cover descriptive, narrative, expository and research paper writing. All writing will be graded using a rubric for the students to see their writing strengths and weaknesses. Students will learn speech skills and practice some informal presentations. Students will also give one graded formal oral presentation. Homework will be graded.

Required Books:

(It is very important that the student's book be the ISBN of those listed)

- *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell ISBN 1-56960-211-5
- *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor ISBN 978-0-14-240112-9
- *Red Wall* by Brian Jacques ISBN 978-0-14-230237-8
- *IEW Student Writing Intensive Level B* (Notebook & Packet)

7th -9th Grade Early World History (with an emphasis on the Renaissance and Reformation)

Teacher: Kim Groff

Students will study the lives of 34 men who lived in Europe from 1300-1600 and get a sense of the events that shaped the Christian church. They will also learn of the courage of the men and women who died as martyrs for our Christian faith during this time period. Maps will be used to understand the basic geography of Europe. Tests and quizzes will be given in class. Students will take a mid-term and final test. The class will include projects, reading assignments, comprehension questions, and analyzing the lives and decisions of the people of the time period. Ninth grade students participating in the class will be given extra assignments to help fulfill a high school credit.

Required Book:

- *The Story of the Renaissance and Reformation* by Christine Miller - Published by Nothing New Press
- *Famous Men of the Renaissance and Reformation* by Robert G. Shearer ISBN 9781882514106
- *The Green Leaf Guide to the Famous Men of the Renaissance & Reformation* by Cynthia and Robert Shearer ISBN 9781882514113
- Additional books for reading may be required

Woodworking/Cooking Class (2nd-9th grade) (Fall semester only)

This class will cover general woodworking skills such as sanding, supervised cutting, drilling, hammering, nailing, and/or painting and staining. The final decision for the woodworking project has not yet been determined. Simpler woodworking options will be provided for the younger ages, and more advanced options will be available for the older students. Options discussed are a bookshelf or clock. During the cooking portion of this class, students will learn skills such as chopping, dicing, frying, and browning. Each student will prep and assemble their own 9x13 dish. Final cooking or baking will be finished at home. Possible meal choices include a casserole/layered dish, a salad meal, Stromboli, spaghetti and meatballs, and a crockpot meal. A list of supplies for this class will be provided closer to the time. There will be an approximate supply fee of about \$30.

Volleyball (7-12th grades)

Skills and Drills will be practiced during the first half of the class, followed by play of the game. Volleyball will not be held on the last day of the Spring semester, and for any other circumstances beyond our control (e.g. times the church may not allow us to use the gym, because of other church functions).

Choir/Musical (2nd-9th grade) (Spring semester only)

Teacher: Jamie Gerlach Cost: Approximate cost is \$50/student but is dependent on the number of participants. A \$10 discount will be given per student if a family has more than 2 participating.

This class will provide instructions of musical elements including rhythm, singing with healthy technique, reading music, and performing. A drama component may also possibly be added.

Spanish 1 (grades 8+)

Teacher: Jennifer Dizon

This Spanish 1 course will cover pronunciation and the use of words in greetings, questions, and answers, and in daily conversation related to days, numbers, places, time, weather, months, action, food, etc. Each week, students will have daily independent tasks and exercises to reinforce the lessons. There will also be a weekly Spanish Bible verse. Tests will cover three chapters at a time.

Required Text:

Abeka Spanish 1A Por todo el mundo by Steven A. Guemann

Abeka Por todo el mundo Spanish Year 1 Vocabulary Manual by Steven A. Guemann

(Used copies can be found online. Please note--these books are gray in color with various world flags pictured on them. Also note--a *Spanish 1B* book may come sold in a set with book 1A. 1B will be used the following year in our Spanish 2 course.)