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ART

ART FUN!

Description: This course will examine some of the history of art, great artists, their works and techniques. The children will integrate the concepts and techniques into various projects, including those seasonal and multicultural related. The course will include different media and drawing techniques.

Teacher: Lorena McCurdy

Requirements/grade levels: None

Tuition: \$300 for 30 classes

Deposit: \$25 due when registering (non-refundable), goes toward total cost of class

Materials Fee: \$10 for various materials

Class Time: Wednesdays, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 – 12:00

To register, contact Lorena McCurdy lorenamccurdy@gmail.com or 703-889-7243

DRAMA

DRAMA 101: ACTING BASICS FOR BEGINNERS

Description: This class is great for dramatic kids wanting to experience acting for the 1st time or wanting to have fun acting and exploring the theater! Starting with the basics of acting, we will encounter the different types of theater, using *The Drama Sourcebook* curriculum, by Neil K. Johnson.

Drama is not just an elective, but an effective way to develop memorization, creativity and sharpen social skills. Drama 101 is sure to be challenging, engaging from start to finish, and a great way to explore drama for the first time!

Teacher: Crystal Dallke

Grade Level: 4th - 12th

Requirements: All black must be worn at each class

Tuition: \$125 Due on September for 1st semester (refundable through 9/15)

Materials Fee: \$40 due August 1st (non-refundable)

Class Time: Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Teacher Info: Crystal Dallke has a certificate in Drama from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Tx. She has 10 years' experience performing worldwide with a drama team, has taught for 5 years, and loves helping young people develop interest/talent in theater and drama.

Register, or questions, or for a FREE Brochure - Email cdallke@verizon.net, 703-330-3165

DRAMA 102

Description: This class continues to develop acting abilities and discovers the technical elements of the theater, using *The Drama Sourcebook* curriculum, by Neil K. Johnson. We will be finishing the semester with a small Christmas play production where students will be able to put their newly-learned acting skills to work!

Teacher: Crystal Dallke

Grade Level: 4th – 12th

Requirements: All black must be worn at each class

Tuition: \$135 Due on September 1 (refundable through 9/15)

Materials Fee: \$40 Due August 1st (non-refundable)

Class Time: Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Register, Questions or for a FREE Brochure- Email cdallke@verizon.net, or call, 703-330-3165

HEALTH/P.E.

Health

Description: This class will focus on the skeletal, muscular, circulatory, cardiovascular, and respiratory systems. An active lifestyle is presented to emphasize the importance of maintaining sound health habits. While reviewing the different systems, each student will be encouraged to measure his own level of health and fitness. We will study nutrition and focus on the importance of a healthful diet and its effects on overall fitness and personal appearance. We will also talk about the importance of personal hygiene which includes the study of the teeth and skin.

Teacher: Patricia Parks, Registered nurse.

Grade Levels: 1st – 4th grades

Tuition: \$150 (\$75 due Sept. 1st , \$75 due Jan. 5th)

Class Time: Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

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Grade Levels: 5th – 8th grades

Class Time: Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

To register, contact Patricia Parks at patricia_parks21@comcast.net

**** Students can participate in Organized or Outdoor Activities and then take the Health class with Mrs. Parks the other 45 minutes.****

ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES

Description: This class is aimed at older children in the grade levels of 5th and above, and will be focused on actually playing a game during the class. The game rules will be observed, and team building will be a concentration. Some of the types of games to be played will be soccer, flag football, kickball and possibly volleyball. The focus of the games will not be about winning, but about having fun encouraging others and exercising.

Teacher: Terri Wells

Grades: 5th & above

Tuition: \$150.00 per child (full year)

\$ 5.00 discount for each additional sibling per year

Class Time: Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS IN FEBRUARY.***

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Description: Weekly class that is designed for children to come together as a team while learning the basics of childhood games such as kickball and softball. This class will involve preparation (stretching) as well as fundamental skills for basic playground activities and games.

Teacher: Terri Wells

Grades: 1st – 4th

Tuition: \$150.00 per child (full year)

\$ 5.00 discount for each additional sibling per year

Class Time: Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS IN FEBRUARY.***

HISTORY

MIDDLE AGES: THE FALL OF ROME TO THE FEUDAL SYSTEM

Description: Take a journey to the time of knights, castles and fair maidens. Make a coat of arms. We will be doing a lapbook on the Middle Ages. We will read *Saint George and the Dragon*, and *Chanticleer and the Fox*. We will practice penmanship, comprehension, and reading skills. We will cover from the fall of Rome to approximately William the Conqueror and the Feudal System.

Teacher: Cindy Lescault

Grades: 3rd- 6th

Tuition: \$60 for 12 weeks, due at the time of registration

Class Time: Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

To register, contact Cindy Lescault cdl_78@yahoo.com

UNITED STATES HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY: 1775 to the present

Description: This class will focus on US History from the American Revolution through the present day. Students will learn concepts in civics, economics, and geography, as they study United States history in chronological sequence. They will study documents and speeches that laid the foundation of American ideals and institutions and will examine the everyday life of people at different times in the country. They will also learn about the time lines of our nation's history, presidents, states and maps.

Teacher: Patricia Parks, Bachelor's Degree in History

Grade Levels: 5th – 8th grades

Tuition: \$200 (\$100 due Sept. 1st, \$100 due Jan. 5th)

Class Time: Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

To register, contact Patricia Parks at patricia_parks21@comcast.net

MATH

ALGEBRA 1

Description: BJU Press' math utilizes the concept approach, making a thorough understanding of math the primary goal of each lesson. This curriculum teaches problem solving skills, systematic learning and review. Algebra 1 introduces basic algebra skills in logical order. Practical methods of solving problems are emphasized.

Teacher: Monica Crane

Requirements/grade levels: The student taking this class needs to have taken pre-algebra or have a working knowledge of solving basic equations.

Textbook: Algebra 1 Student Text (ISBN-13: 9781591666431), pencils, notebook, graphing paper

Tuition: \$400.00. Class will meet 2 times each week (\$80 due at registration and \$80 due on: Sept. 13, Nov.8, Jan. 10, Mar. 7)

Materials Fee: No materials fee, but student will need a scientific calculator like TI-30X IIS (these are under \$20) or a bit pricier TI-83 Graphing Calculator.

Class Time: Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 -1:30 p.m.

To register, contact Monica Crane shotgun@2ndthief.org

GEOMETRY

Description: Presented in the familiar Saxon approach of incremental development and continual review, topics are continually kept fresh in students' minds. Covering triangle congruence, postulates and theorems, surface area and volume, two-column proofs, vector addition, and slopes and equations of lines; Saxon features all the topics covered in a standard high school geometry course. Two-tone illustrations help students really "see" the geometric concepts, while sidebars provide additional notes, hints, and topics to think about.

Teacher: Monica Crane

Requirements/grade levels: The student taking this class needs to have taken Algebra 1 or Algebra 2.

Textbook: Saxon Geometry (ISBN-13 9781602773059), Saxon Geometry Testing Booklet (ISBN-13 9781600329777), plus pencils, notebook, and graphing paper

Tuition: \$400.00. Class will meet 2 times each week (\$80 due at registration and \$80 due on Sept. 13, Nov.8, Jan. 10, Mar. 7)

Materials Fee: No material fee, but student will need a graphing calculator like Texas Instrument TI-83 or higher. They start at around \$90. If this is a financial issue, there are other options, including downloading apps on iPods or certain phones (i.e. Motorola Droid and iPhones)

Class Time: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To register, contact Monica Crane shotgun@2ndthief.org

MUSIC

L.I.F.E. HOMESCHOOL CHOIR (2 semesters)

Description: This is a course for the advanced beginner to advanced vocalist. The objectives of this class are to pursue musical excellence in vocal technique, to achieve a moderate degree of music literacy, and to gain enjoyment through being in a performance group. Includes:

- basic music notation (it will be helpful if the student knows how to read music, but not required if good ear-training ability is present)
- vocal technique fundamentals
- choral techniques
- participation in scheduled concerts
- In addition, as time allows, music theory and history will be discussed as it pertains to musical selections, which will include sacred and classical music, folk songs and spirituals, Broadway and patriotic tunes, as well as contemporary Christian pieces.

Performances: Special opportunities may include singing locally during the Christmas season (such as in Old Town Warrenton), as well as at state competition in the spring (in May, 2008, the choir participated in the King's Dominion Choral Festival, along with dozens of public and private school choirs from all over the Atlantic region, to receive Division ratings and comments), with a possible special performance for another venue (TBA).

In addition, the choir will present Christmas and spring concerts. Opportunities to audition for a small vocal ensemble and/or perform a solo, duet, trio, etc. (vocal or instrumental) for these concerts will be given to choral students. Simple choreography and/or signing may be introduced.

Teacher: Tracy Klicka, BA in Music Education, Oral Roberts University and professional vocalist for over 25 years; she has sung in choirs for over 17 years. This is her 4th year of directing the LIFE choir, and she loves working with young people to help them grow in their musical gifting.

Requirements/grade levels: 8th -12th grade (and post high school for homeschoolers who are attending a local community college and would like to participate). Note: a special exception may be made for a 7th grader who, after auditioning, shows excellent ear training ability and/or can read a simple line of music).

Audition for New Students: Please note—A private audition will be required to participate in choir. Each new student will be asked to come prepared to sing one stanza of a hymn or other song of his choice (this requirement is for vocal placement purposes only). The student will also be asked to repeat a musical line and clap back a line of rhythm.

Minimum: 24 students

Tuition: \$75 per semester, plus an annual music fee of \$60 per student.

Class Time: Mondays 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 pm.

For more information or to register, contact Tracy Klicka at 540-341-7343 or email her at:klickaclan@erols.com

SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Description: This biology class is inquiry based. By that I mean that students will learn by doing, much more than by the teacher telling information, or providing answers. This translates into less lecture and more labs. Up to 70% of our class time is spent carrying out hands on experiments for the purpose of developing skills of observation, data interpretation and problem solving as students learn the various concepts of biology.

HOMEWORK: The majority of homework in the class involves writing lab reports. There will also be assignments from the text book. Only under extenuating circumstances will assignments be accepted late without penalty.

TESTS: All tests are taken at home. Tests in this class are also a learning experience for the student. While I will ask some recall/comprehension questions to test student's knowledge of content, I will focus most of a test on application of knowledge and principles students have learned from labs and class discussions. This is designed to develop a student's ability to interpret data and draw logical conclusions. In experiments, students will collect and interpret data and draw a conclusion. On tests, students may see a different set of data relating to the same experiment, and decide if a certain statement is supported by the data, refuted by the data, or neither supported nor refuted, but a restatement of the data. This kind of question requires higher-level thinking skills. The final exam in the class is a lab practical on comparative anatomy, given at the conclusion of simultaneous dissections of various vertebrate classes.

Teacher: George Murphy - Biology teacher at Fauquier High School for the past 30 years, and father of 5 homeschooled children, ages 8-22

Requirements/grade levels: 9th/10th grade.

Textbook: Provided

Tuition: \$300 (due the first day of class, or in two \$150 installments the first day of each semester)

Materials/lab fee: \$100 (due by 7/1 to reserve spot)

Class Time: Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

To register, contact George Murphy gmurphy@fcps1.org

CHEMISTRY

Description: Apologia Chemistry Exploring Creation with Chemistry. The modules cover measurement and units, classifying matter and its changes, chemical equations, stoichiometry, atomic and molecular structure, polyatomic ions, molecular geometry, acids and bases, solutions, gas phase, kinetics, thermodynamics, chemical equilibrium, energy and heat, and reduction-oxidation reactions.

****THIS CLASS MEETS ONE MORE WEEK THAN THE OTHER LIFE CLASSES.**

Teacher: Sandy Kelly: Sandy has a Master's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Colorado and a B.S. in Chemistry from Geneva College. She taught chemistry at the college level and has taught homeschool students chemistry and physical science. She homeschooled her own son, who is now a graduate student at George Mason University.

Requirements/grade levels: high school lab experience, at least Physical Science; Algebra 1/10th and 11th grade

Textbook: Apologia Chemistry Exploring Creation with Chemistry.

Tuition: \$45 per month from September through May (\$405 for the year). \$45 deposit (May fee) and supply fee due when registering.

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Materials Fee: A one-time materials fee (tba), and each student will also supply some household items for labs.

Class Time: Wednesdays 1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for textbook discussion and lab work.

Class Minimum: 6 students to hold the class

To register, contact Sandy Kelly, 540-788-1312, or pskelly2@comcast.net

EXPLORING CREATION WITH ASTRONOMY

Description: I will be using the creation science book by Jeanne Fulbright. We will be making an astronomy lap book in the form of a notebook. We will explore the planets, moon, space rocks and more.

Teacher: Cindy Lescault

Grades: 3rd-6th

Tuition: \$60 for 12 weeks, due at the time of registration

Class Time: Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

To register contact Cindy Lescault cdl_78@yahoo.com

SCIENCE FOR THE DISCERNING STUDENT

THIS CLASS IS FIRST SEMESTER ONLY

Description: Using the book entitled, It Couldn't Just Happen, this class will present solid, biblical answers to some of the tough questions students ask about evolution and our world. It is a focused effort to help students intelligibly compare secular thinking to biblical truths via weekly discussion, reading and written assignments. Our study will reveal the flawed thinking behind Darwinism while exemplifying and glorifying God through scientific study. Many topics will be discussed — to name just few: planet earth and the universe; scientific methodology and experimentation; fossils and geology; symbiosis, plant and animal kingdoms; human design; and man created in God's image. The objective is for students to not only embrace, but also understand what they believe and why regarding the world, science, and God. Based on the homework reading, students will prepare written analyses to be presented in class each week, and participate in lively classroom discussion. Skills in research, analytical thinking, communication, writing, and oral presentation will be developed.

Teacher: Alcinda Hatfield

Grade Levels: 5th – 8th

Tuition: \$90 for first semester

Textbook: \$15 for new book (\$10 for used book)

Class Time: 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

To register, contact Alcinda Hatfield at thehatfieldfamily@comcast.net

SPANISH

SPANISH I

Description: A beginner's introduction to the basics of the Spanish language for secondary students. Students are taught to meet basic survival needs and courtesy requirements and to be able to perform certain functions with the language, such as ordering a meal, making purchases, following directions, and making small talk about family, church, school and sports. In addition, the student will be able to describe and relate events in the present tense, express future time, and understand gender, number and subject-verb agreement. Classes are conducted almost entirely in Spanish after the first month. Two quizzes per chapter and a chapter exam as well as a final at the end of the course will be given. There is an equal emphasis on reading, writing, and conversation.

Teacher: Vickie Pitts

Textbooks: Bob Jones Spanish I Text & Activities Manual, Spanish/English Dictionary

Tuition: \$450

Class Times: Both Mondays and Wednesdays 11:00–12:00 p.m.

To register contact Vickie Pitts: profesora47@verizon.net or (703) 754-9566

SPANISH II

Description: The class begins with a review of many of the concepts taught in Spanish I while introducing much new vocabulary: the airport, bank, car, hotel, sports, cultural events, making telephone calls, dining out, etc. Grammar includes the two past tenses: - the preterit and the imperfect, all command forms, direct and indirect object pronouns, reflexive verbs, and past participles. A 3-5 minute oral presentation (in Spanish) on a Spanish-speaking country is required as well as a written copy of the report. Some cultural and historical studies are also included. Grades will be averaged from quizzes, exams, homework and a final exam.

Teacher: Vickie Pitts

Requirements/grade levels: Spanish I

Textbooks: Bob Jones Spanish II Text & Activities Manual, Spanish/English Dictionary

Tuition: \$450

Class Times: Both Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30-1:30

To register contact Vickie Pitts: profesora47@verizon.net or (703) 754-9566

SPANISH III

Description: During this year of study, all remaining grammar is completed. This includes all perfect tenses, the future and conditional and an in-depth study of the subjunctive. There is increased emphasis on conversation and translation. An oral presentation in Spanish of 8-10 minutes and an accompanying written report are required as well as additional writing assignments. There are several lectures given in Spanish on Spain and its culture. Grades are averaged from quizzes, exams, homework, compositions, and a final exam.

Teacher: Vickie Pitts

Requirements/grade levels: Spanish II

Textbooks: Bob Jones Spanish II Text & Activities Manual, Spanish/English Dictionary, 201 or 501 Verb Book

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Tuition: \$500

Class Times: Both Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:45-2:45

To register contact Vickie Pitts: profesora47@verizon.net or (703) 754-9566

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Description: This is finally an opportunity to really focus on “talking”. Speaking is the hardest skill to master in learning a new language. When students speak on a regular basis in a language class, however, they become less inhibited and gain confidence. There will be minimal grammar explanations, no workbooks, and no written work to hand in. Doesn't that sound great? Homework would consist of preparation for the topic(s) to be discussed in the next class. Students will learn new idioms, role play, engage in serious and silly conversations, play games (in Spanish of course), in short, they will act, advise, brainstorm words and ideas, complain, convince, debate, describe, encourage, exaggerate, express feelings and opinions, greet, impersonate, instruct, interrogate, interview, make excuses, persuade, sing (well, maybe not), suggest, sympathize, tease, talk nonsense, etc. IN SPANISH! The atmosphere should diminish anxiety and make students feel comfortable enough to participate and take risks in the language.

Teacher: Vickie Pitts

Textbook: Vocabulary book: *Must-Know Spanish* – Gilda Nissenberg ISBN 0-07-145643-2 \$12 from Amazon

Tuition: \$350 for the year (provided there are 8 students) Register by July 31, 2009

Class Time: Both Mondays and Wednesdays 9:45-10:45.

To register, contact Vickie Pitts: profesora47@verizon.net or (703)754-9566

SPANISH FUN!

Description: This course of the basic Spanish series is designed to create a basic knowledge of Spanish vocabulary with correct pronunciation, while increasing comprehension skills. At the end of this course, the student should be able to give basic greetings and responses, know standard colors, count to at least twenty (higher for older students), sing several songs, say the days of the week, months, seasons, express weather, parts of the body, family members, fruits, vegetables, animals and holidays.

Teacher: Lorena McCurdy

Requirements/grade levels: Kindergarten – 2nd grade. Students must have completed Mrs. McCurdy's 1st semester class last spring.

Tuition: \$240 for 30 classes

Deposit: \$25 due when registering (non-refundable), goes towards total cost of class

Materials Fee: \$10 for various worksheets and *Materials by Lorena*

Class Time: Wednesdays, 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

A 2ND CLASS FOR 3RD – 6TH GRADES

Students must have completed Mrs. McCurdy's 1st semester class last spring.

Class Time: Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

To register, contact Lorena McCurdy lorenamccurdy@gmail.com or 703-889-7243

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SPANISH FUN – NEW CLASS!

This is the same class as described above, but is for NEW students who wish to take the class for the first time.

Teacher: Lorena McCurdy

Tuition: \$240 for 30 classes

Deposit: \$25 due when registering (non-refundable), goes towards total cost of class

Materials Fee: \$10 for various worksheets and *Materials by Lorena*

Class Time: Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Teacher Info: Lorena McCurdy has been teaching elementary Spanish for more than 25 years.

To register, contact Lorena McCurdy lorenamccurdy@gmail.com or 703-889-7243

TECHNOLOGY

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Description: Beginning computer class that focuses on programming using the LOGO language, including animation and simple games that teach the logic structure of computer programming. The class also includes units on basic word processing and spreadsheet use, simple HTML, and simple website creation. Logo is a computer language designed to teach kids reasoning skills. This class provides a foundation the student can later use to launch into designing and building websites or to learn more complex programming languages.

MUST REGISTER BY AUGUST 1st to get class materials in time. Must register as a group to get discounted pricing.

Teacher: Stephanie Buckwalter

Requirements/Grade Levels: 6th grade and up. Must have a computer at home for programming with Windows 95 or higher, or Macintosh. Laptop desirable but not necessary.

Prerequisite: must have some keyboarding experience. (Three options are *Mavis Beacon*, *Typing Tutor* or *Captain Keyboard*. Your child can probably learn keyboarding over the summer with just 15-20 minutes a day using one of these programs.)

Tuition: \$200 for the year (2 semesters).

Deposit/Materials Fee: \$130. This amount includes two textbooks and a software package and is based on the number of people expected in the class. Materials cost may fluctuate up to \$10 either way. Will give exact price when Registration closes.

Class Time: Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

To register, contact Stephanie Buckwalter info@busyhomeschooler.com or 571-261-9553

WRITING AND LITERATURE

EFFECTIVE WRITING AND THE TIMED ESSAY (JR/SR)

Description: Reduce stress, develop critical thinking, and improve grades! Effective Writing incorporates both academic and professional techniques that develop a student's critical thinking, organizing skills, natural voice, and effective communication through essays. In addition, this class prepares students for the timed essays required for the SAT, including essay evaluation and scoring. A special focus of this class is learning how to paraphrase and eliminate plagiarism. Bottom line: give your student the academic edge they need to successfully navigate high school, college, and adulthood. Prerequisites - basic sentence, paragraphing and indenting, and capitalization skills, plus basic typing/word processing skills. Homework – reviewing handouts, researching, planning, and writing papers: 1-2 hrs per week.

Teacher: John Jenkins

Grade Levels: 7th – 12th

Tuition: \$300 for a 30-week program, prepaid, or \$330 with payments due in Sept. and Dec.

Materials fee: \$30

Deposit: \$50 counts toward class fee

Class Time: Wednesday 11:00-12:00

Class Max: 12 students

To register or for more details, contact John Jenkins john@reconciliation.com

EXPLORING BRITISH LITERATURE

Description: Reading and understanding British Literature is essential to a critical understanding of the role of classic literature in our culture. Students will understand the crucial connections between culture, worldviews, authors, and history through exploring a broad range of literary genres and themes in poetry, narrative, plays, and novels. In this honors-style class, students will learn 1) the historical context of British Literature from antiquity to the 20th century, 2) the thematic/worldviews focus of the authors, 3) the fundamentals of literary analysis (including literary devices) and apply their knowledge through class discussions, presentations, and both long and short answers, and 4) how to understand and analyze poetry and its use of figurative language. Bottom line: don't take the AP Literature exam without this class! Prerequisites - basic sentence, paragraphing and indenting, and capitalization skills, plus basic typing/word processing skills. Homework - reading and marking texts plus making lists and writing short or long answers: 1-3 hrs per week.

Teacher: John Jenkins

Grade Levels: 9th – 12th

Tuition: \$300 for a 30-week program, prepaid, or \$330 with payments due in Sept. and Dec.

Materials fee: \$30

Deposit: \$50 counts toward class fee

Class Time: Wednesday 9:45-11:00

Class Max: 12 students

To register or for more details, contact John Jenkins john@reconciliation.com

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MASTER STORY TELLER (JR/SR):

Description: This unique writing class combines professional fiction writing skills with the study of classic literature (short stories, not novels) – the authors, their themes, their times. Students will learn how to: 1) read, interpret, and understand literature, 2) understand the impact of the author’s worldview and historical context on their stories, 3) how to plan, write, and rewrite short stories using elements that include setting, plot, characterization, tone/mood, genre, theme; and optionally, learn how to format and edit a story for publication. Bottom line: genuine skills for academic excellence, an introduction to the world of professional fiction writing, and a prerequisite for the Published Student class. Prerequisites - basic sentence, paragraphing and indenting, and capitalization skills, plus basic typing/word processing skills. Homework – reviewing handouts, researching, planning, and writing vignettes or short stories: 1-3 hrs per week.

Teacher: John Jenkins

Grade Levels: 7th – 12th

Tuition: \$300 for a 30-week program, prepaid, or \$330 with payments due in Sept. and Dec.

Materials fee: \$30

Deposit: \$50 counts toward class fee

Class Time: Wednesday 8:45- 9:45

Class Max: 12 students

To register or for more details, contact John Jenkins john@reconciliation.com

WRITING BASICS WITH LITERATURE

Description: Using *Great Source* materials for the first half of the year, students will learn to apply effective writing strategies as they organize their thoughts and ideas into various types of essays involving literature. For the second half of the year, students will respond weekly to reading assignments using Progeny Press study guides with a focus on literary analysis. Students will answer comprehension questions, learn new vocabulary, participate in group discussions using God’s Word to examine themes and characters from a strong, biblical perspective.

Teacher: Leesa Leary

Requirements/Grade Levels: Grades 6th -8th

Tuition: \$350 for 30 classes

Class Time: Wednesdays 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

To register, contact Leesa Leary at Learys5@comcast.net.

WRITE STEPS

Description: In *Write Steps*, students will learn the “Six Traits of Effective Writing,” and how to apply those to the writing process. Students will first begin learning how to implement Pedewa’s dress-ups and openers to basic sentences, then use key word outlines to write paragraphs. During class time, students will develop grammar, proofreading and editing skills using worksheets, as well as conference in small groups. By the end of the year, students will know how to write descriptive, narrative, expository and persuasive paragraphs and essays. Required materials: a student handbook, a notebook with dividers, access to Microsoft Word, a dictionary, and a thesaurus. Note: Depending on the student’s ability level, parental assistance may be required during homework.

Teacher: Leesa Leary

Requirements/Grade Levels: Grades 3-5

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Tuition: \$300 for 30 classes

Materials Fee: \$15

Class Time: Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To register, contact Leesa Leary at Learys5@comcast.net.

WRITING IN ACTION

Description: Designed for junior high students, Writing in Action will help students brush up on grammar skills as well as effectively organize their thoughts and ideas into seven narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive essays written throughout the year. Using Great Source, Excellence in Writing materials and teacher feedback, students will learn, step by step, how to write, comparison-contrast, classification, and autobiographical essays, as well as other types of writing, including a poetry portfolio. Students will also learn how to give positive, meaningful feedback to their peers as they conference with rubrics inside and outside of class. Required: Microsoft Word, a student handbook, a notebook with dividers, and access to a dictionary and thesaurus.

Teacher: Leesa Leary

Requirements/Grade Levels: Grades 7th -9th

Tuition: \$350 for 30 classes

Class Time: Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

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