

Grace Homeschoolers

Class Descriptions and Cost - 2024-2025

FIRST HOUR

Yum Geography

Grade: K-1

Cost: \$35

In this class, we will explore eight different countries. Each country will be explored through iconic landmarks, geography, and cultural traditions. Each month, we will spend two classes learning about the country. Best of all...on the third Friday, we'll open up a surprise Yum Box and get to sample the favorite snacks of kids from each country. YUMMY!!

Teacher: Missy Delaney

Art Around the World

Grade: 2-3

Cost: \$35

Your second and third grader will have fun learning geography as they create art projects from all over God's great world.

Teacher: Amie Hurley

Little House on the Prairie/American Girls (Girls only)

Grade: 4-5

Cost: \$30

Join us as we adventure through American history through the eyes of young girls! We plan to immerse ourselves in American history as we learn about these early periods. We will cover various subjects such as geography, history, and famous people, and as we discover each American girl, we will also be using The Little House Collection books. We suggest that you read each doll's historical novels on their own, outside of class as we won't have time to do reading in class. We will be covering some tough topics as mentioned in the books like slavery and war at an elementary level. Please make sure that you are comfortable with the topics in the books.

Teachers: Dolly Południak and Lila Humphries

History of Invention/ Legos (Boys only)

Grades: 4-5

Cost: \$10

The History of Inventions with LEGO is a class about innovations and discoveries that shaped human civilization and changed the modern world. Starting in antiquity each lesson will offer a sneak peek into the history of a chosen invention followed by the imaginative brick build and Show & Tell. Gradually moving through the ages the class will culminate in modern inventions that play an important role in our everyday lives. Due to the nature of the subject, some topics will include math and science elements, along with occasional STEM challenges.

Other requirements: each student should bring to every class a 9.5" X 9.5" (classic) LEGO compatible base plate.

Teacher: Valentina Mordkovich

Unit Studies (Middle School)

Grade: 6-8

Cost: \$40

(MAX STUDENTS: 16)

Join us as we jump into several areas of study including but not limited to the US Government, its branches and important documents, a mock trial, understanding world religions, making good habits, a Prager University "How To" segment, and more. This will be a fun and educational class with videos, class activities and review games.

Teacher: Cheryl Zinno

Nutrition/ Health and Fitness

Grade: MS/HS (8th-12th)

Cost: \$45

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own: you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1Cor 6:19-20. In this class students will learn what it means to honor their bodies through nutrition and fitness in order to glorify God. Half the class will be focused on Nutrition and health which will include spiritual, emotional and physical health. We will learn about specific foods and how to prepare them as well. The second half will be focused on fitness. We will be doing workouts and exercises to strengthen our bodies in order that we may be prepared to do God's work.

Teacher: Emma Bowers

American Icons: US History through Biography

Grade: MS/HS (7-12)

Cost: \$30 + the cost of the books you choose

Not your average history class! We'll witness early American history through the eyes of the icons who founded this great nation. Students will choose from a list of notable figures and read their biographies at home. We'll gather to share what we're learning and study the historical context of the period. At the end of each segment, the students will present what they've learned in various formats, such as oral presentations,

papers, artistic projects, etc. The reading and presentation assignments will be modified as appropriate for the different grade levels.

Teacher: Carrie Schuessler/ Lois Kimmig

Spanish II

Grade: HS (9-12)

Cost: \$25

High school level Spanish 2 will be focused on continuing to develop conversational skills that build on what was learned in Spanish 1. Students will have quizzes, tests, and homework through the course as well as weekly independent study. This class will be for 1 high school credit.

Prerequisite: Spanish I.

Teacher: Joelle Jensen

American Government/ Economics

Grade: HS (9-12)

Cost: \$35

In an ever changing political landscape, what does it take to be an engaged and informed citizen? Students in this class will learn about our founding documents and the structure of our government. They will meet local politicians and have the opportunity to participate in at least one campaign. We will have debates on issues and candidates all leading up to the national election in November. In the spring, we will study *Biblical Economics* by RC Sproul, Jr. Each family will need to purchase their own copy of this book. We will cover economic principles, systems and biblical stewardship. This class is a credited class for high school students. There will be homework, quizzes and tests.

Teacher: Dana Brenyo

SECOND HOUR

Swimming Creatures

Grade: K-1st

Cost: \$30

Dive in and learn all about the fascinating animals who swim in the water! We will examine creatures from enormous whales to the tiniest plankton, and everything in between. Using Apologia's *Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day* as a resource, we will study topics such as animal classification, life cycles, and shell identification. If you would like to study more in-depth at home, you may purchase your own textbook and notebooking journal, but it is not required for class.

Teacher: Kelaine Brothers

Intro to Gardening

Grade: 2nd-3rd

Cost: \$20

The Gardening class curriculum is based on Gardening Wizardry for Kids by Patricia Kite. The students will work on multiple indoor pot-based gardening projects, create artwork with seeds and get creative with plant leaves. Some tasks will include exploring and getting surprising answers to questions like “Are all flowers either Male or Female?”, “Can carrots really be purple?” etc. In every class we will read fascinating folk stories, tall tales or legends about a fruit, vegetable, or an herb.

Teacher: Valentina Mordkovich

Science in a Bag

Grade: 4th-5th

Cost: \$40

Science in a bag is exactly what it sounds like. Each week the student will receive a bag with instructions. The contents will engage students with easy-to-understand science concepts. There will be STEM challenges, experiments, learning how things are made and more.

Teacher: Katie Mafla

Biblical Identity

Grade: 6-12

Cost: \$25

We will learn about the wonder of God’s story... that He created us to know and love Him, just as we are known and loved by Him. It was always His plan for Jesus to come and die for us, because that was the only way for our relationship with Him to be restored. We will learn about the beauty of the gospel and how we can find Jesus all throughout the Old Testament. We will learn how the gospel pertains to us and how we are made new through our faith in who Jesus is and what He’s done for us. We will also learn about our new identity as children of God and what it means to be the Bride of Christ. We will talk about the importance of God’s word and how we are transformed more into the image of Jesus by being washed with His word. And finally we will learn about the blessed hope we have been given... that one day our Bridegroom will return for us, and we will be with Him in all of His glory forever!

Teacher: Jesse Newton

Drama

Grade: 6th - 12th

Cost: \$35

Lights, camera, action! Join us as we present 2 comedic plays (1 per semester). No experience necessary, we will lightly cover the fundamentals of drama and hit the ground running to memorize the script. Each week we will rehearse in class, however, one dress rehearsal per play outside of Grace may be required.

Teacher: TBD

Sew Much Fun!

Grade: 6th - 12th

Cost: \$50

Join us for an exciting sewing class called where you'll learn to sew by making weekly projects. During the class, we'll cover the basics of sewing, including beginning alteration for your own clothing and making your own clothing (for beginners; advanced options will also be available). There will be a variety of projects available for different levels of sewists to enjoy. While it's highly recommended that students bring their own sewing machine, it's not required. Projects will be provided for most classes, but you may need to bring your own fabrics or clothing for some of our projects. Students will be expected to work on their projects at home if they're not completed during class time each week. We're excited to help you discover your love for sewing!

Teacher: Cassie Spade

Adulting 101

Grade: High School (9-12)

Cost: \$25

Making the transition from teen to adult requires a vast skill set. To help prepare your teen for this important life journey, we will introduce many key topics including interviewing, resume building, reading bank statements, taxes, basic homemaking, and the importance of following God in this next season of dating, jobs, careers and...adulting!

Teacher: Roseanne Hofstatter/ Monica Harrison

Seniors Class

Cost: \$15

This class is for high school seniors. In this class we will be discussing, planning, and organizing the 2025 Senior Graduation. We will be discussing and exploring the 19 core motivators, and look at each person's individual strengths and how to grow in those. There will be an optional assessment that each student can take if they choose to through TRUMOTIVATE to help the seniors find their top strengths. We'll be having thoughtful discussions about important issues older teens face and getting to know each other better. Throughout the year, we will have lots of fun with games, competitions and a few extracurricular activities and outings (voted on by seniors/parents).

Teacher: Cheryl Dapkus/ Brittney Infinger

THIRD HOUR

Eric Carle Art

Grade:K-1

Cost: \$25

Each week we will read an Eric Carle book, create projects, and play games that correlate with the book's theme.

Teacher: Amie Hurley

Music, Movement, Memory, and Monologue! (2 hour class - 3rd and 4th hour)

Grade: 2-5th

Cost: \$25 per student (whether they take 1 or both hours).

(MAXIMUM STUDENTS: 15)

This 2 hour class is designed to help students learn basic facts from 9 subjects as well as learn the skills of presentations.

As indicated in the title, the class involves music, movement, and learning lots of facts in many subjects. We use the Claritas Classical Academy memory work curriculum and will be in Cycle 3 (the material is mostly different from what we studied in 2023-2024 with a few weeks overlapping). It is a Christian based curriculum that presents 9 subjects each week - Math, Science, English, History, Geography, Latin, Timeline of History, Scripture, and Hymns. Students will have the opportunity to show memorization proficiency with the memory work by subject or as a whole through quarterly, semester, or annual recitations if they choose.

In addition we will do a presentation or speech every couple of weeks - this can be as simple as "show and tell" for the younger students all the way up to written or researched speeches for the older students.

*Additional Cost: Rather than charging everyone for the curriculum, I am giving a choice to the parents. You can purchase the full cycle 3 curriculum for \$49 (or find it used for much less) OR purchase a \$15 one-month subscription on CrossSeven.org. If you choose to do the one month option, you would be responsible for printing the needed work for the year if you want it, or maintaining the subscription throughout the school year to retain access. If you do not choose to print the work for the year, that is ok, I just need to know you paid for access to the curriculum in one way or another. This is a per family cost, not per student. I also do not police this. If your student chooses to test for proficiency I highly recommend the CDs/music download option as well. We use these in class each week and they aid in memorization whether the kids like the song or not! :) Please be sure to get **CYCLE 3 material**.

Please email Cathy Burk for more specific information. cathyburk.cc@gmail.com

Teacher: Cathy Burk

Bible Bowl

Grade: 2-5

Cost: \$25

**** See detailed description at the end of this document

Teacher: April Daugherty

Physical Science Activities

Grade: MS (6-8)

Cost: \$30

This is basically a middle school version of a science lab. We will be doing physical science activities or experiments ranging from magnetism, molecules, air pressure, weight distribution, blue prints and more! There will be little to no homework for this class. I hope to encourage fun in exploring physical science!

Teacher: Brittney Infinger

Grammar

Grade: MS (5-8)

Cost: \$25

Middle School grammar will focus on sentence structure and grammar rules. Each week students will classify sentences as well as learn new punctuation rules and vocabulary words. Cost includes a student workbook.

Teacher: Joelle Jensen/ Lois Kimmig

High School Art

Grade: 8th-12th

Cost: \$50

This class will follow the "See the Light: Art Class" DVD program from master artist Pat Knepley. There will be an art history element added to the class following along with the artists that Pat references. The lessons are intended to develop foundational drawing skills and art techniques. We will be working with a variety of media throughout the year. Each student will have an additional list of supplies to bring to class. Students not taking this class for credit will not be required to do any of the art history, homework, or testing.

Note:

Keep in mind that if your child will be earning high school credit for this class they will need to complete a minimum of 60 hours of work. Since we only have 24 class days, I will send them home with homework assignments and they will take quizzes and tests throughout the year. This class will have the option of earning .5 credit for Drawing as well as .5 credit for Art History.

Teacher: Beth Turner

Algebra "Fun"amentals

Grade: 9-12

Cost: \$35

Math can be fun when you know the fundamentals! In this class, we will review and reinforce key algebra concepts each week. Students will also be encouraged to bring their math assignments from home to work on with classmates and instructors. This class would be beneficial for current algebra students, geometry students who want to maintain their algebra skills in preparation for Algebra 2, and advanced math students seeking extra review in preparation for the SAT/ACT/CLT. We will occasionally play math games and award prizes.

Teacher: Cristine Whitney/ Kelaine Brothers

Yearbook

Grade: 9th - 12th

Cost: \$15

(MAXIMUM STUDENTS: 8, Seniors have priority)

This course is designed to develop students' skills in yearbook production by providing experiences in; photography, page design, and advanced publishing techniques using Pictavo. We will also focus on staying organized, teamwork, critiquing, editing, and meeting authentic deadlines. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to exercise their creativity while producing our Grace 2024-25 yearbook! Plan to work hard but have fun while doing it!

Requirements: Students must have a laptop that they can use during class time.

Homework: Students may need to work at home on their assignments

Teacher: Rosanne Hofstatter

FOURTH HOUR

Lego Build

Grade: K-2

Cost: \$45

(MAXIMUM STUDENTS: 16)

Show your creativity as you build Lego creations! Each week will offer free play (with project ideas) and a time at the end of class for Show & Tell. There will also be some building challenges throughout the year as well. Legos included. Children will bring home a Lego set at the end of the class.

Teacher: Katie Mafla

Music, Movement, Memory, and Monologue! (2 hour class - 3rd and 4th hour)

Grade: K-5th

**Part of 2-hour class. Please see the above description.

Teacher: Cathy Burk

Masterpiece Art

Grade: 3-5

Cost: \$35

MAX STUDENTS: 15

Students will create their own masterpieces using acrylics, oil pastels, watercolors, clay and more. We will draw inspiration from the beauty of our world and the works of the great artists in history like Monet, Van Gogh, Dali, and more.

Teacher: Vanessa Boyd

PE

Grade: 6th-12th

Cost: \$15

This class will help students improve their physical fitness levels as they participate in activities that target endurance, speed, flexibility, coordination, and balance. Classes will begin with a warm up and stretching and will be followed by various team sports, drills, and cooperative games. Students will also learn the importance of good sportsmanship. Please bring sneakers, a change of clothes, and a water bottle.

Teacher: Jennifer Cohn

English Country Dance (ECD)

Grade: 6th-12th

Cost: \$10

Join us as we enter the world of social dancing. We will learn a variety of English Country Dances along with what is commonly considered barn dancing. We will learn a new dance each week and slowly build in complexity, speed and difficulty until we have mastered the dances. We will also cover basic dancing etiquette for boys and girls. No homework required.

Teachers: Dana Brenyo / Monica Harrison

BIBLE BOWL DETAILS

Bible Bowl combines fun and competition between teams who play in a Jeopardy-style quizzing game over a selected text of the Bible. The competition of the game (in class and in optional local leagues) motivates players to study the text, instilling the Word into the hearts and minds of students. (There are two seasons, Fall and Spring, per school year, so costs listed are based on one semester.) Fall Season starts in mid-August, and league competitions are held in mid-September and mid-October, with one more in mid-November for Teen. If you wish to compete in the September competition, you will need to reach out to April Daugherty about how to get started on studying before Grace begins in September. Please send all Bible Bowl questions to FLGraceBibleBowl@gmail.com.

Beginner Bible Bowl is for students in grades 2-5;

Teen Bible Bowl is for students in grades 6-12 (even if they're not a "teen" yet)

Class expectations: There's not enough time to both learn and play over material during class, so I will hand out a study schedule at the beginning of each season which will assign a portion of the text to be studied AT HOME each week; students who participate competitively in the games typically study 15-20 minutes per day on average. The more you study, the more you know, and the more competitive a player you can be! Players who don't study at home tend towards not enjoying their time in class, so please take this into consideration when enrolling. I don't give grades, but I have personally put Bible Bowl on my own students' high school transcripts, so I'm happy to advise parents about how to do it.

COSTS:

Study Guide- Each player will need a study guide (Beginner and Teen study guides are different, but guides may be shared between siblings who are in the same age group). Beginner Study Guide- \$11; Teen Study Guide- \$12 (at time of post; prices may change) These will be purchased twice: Fall and Spring study guides are different.

Software- There may be an additional charge for class software of \$8 per student.

OPTIONAL Local and National level competitions:

LOCAL- Players have the option to compete in the Central Florida Bible Bowl League; league competitions are stand-alone and only cover that month's material, so if you can't compete in all of the leagues, you don't have to. The fee is per player, per SEASON, not per competition, so the more you compete, the better value it is. This fee isn't due until you compete (about a week before your first competition.) Three or more players for a team is ideal, but local leagues will allow two person teams. Registration with the National Bible Bowl is required for competition in leagues; fees have run around \$25 per player, per season in the past.

NATIONAL- Each season culminates in an optional national level competition. (Beginner tournaments are in early November and late April; Teen tournaments are in early December and mid-June.) You need a minimum of 3 players to form a team. The Beginner Main Game Event is held in Louisville, KY, (although we're working on bringing one to Florida). Teen Fall Nationals have been held at Christian colleges in KY and MO in the past; Teen Spring Nationals is usually held at Milligan University in Eastern TN. Costs vary by tournament and travel arrangements. (For spring, we can stay in dorms, but for fall, we stay in hotels; beginner tournaments always require a hotel.)