

2016-17 Class Descriptions for PreK – 6th Grades

CLASS	TEXTBOOK/ WORKBOOK/ CLASS FEE	DESCRIPTION / REQUIREMENTS
PRE-K/K/1		Well-loved and established class, chock full of hands-on activities, crafts, music, and more!
ACTIVITY PERIOD (PreK/K - 1)		Lots of fun games and exercises to stimulate little minds and bodies.
LITTLE PATRIOTS (2nd – 3rd)		Students will learn about our national symbols, the Pledge of Allegiance, the election process, famous Americans and the national holidays. We will sample "all-American" foods, play games and create as part of the learning process.
ART (2nd – 3rd)		Students will explore art by creating projects using various media.
MUSIC (2nd – 3rd)		Through active listening, movement, and singing, students will explore various genres and styles of music. Students will develop a basic understanding of the characteristics that define each musical genre and a greater appreciation for ALL styles of music.
CHARACTER & MANNERS (2nd – 3rd)		Various character traits (love, patience, truthfulness) will be highlighted. The class is taught using object lessons, role playing, crafts, and games. Devotional style books dealing with the lesson at hand may also be read aloud during class for added reinforcement.
SCIENCE (2nd - 6th)	<p style="text-align: center;">Apologia Chemistry and Physics</p> <p>Books required: <i>Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy & Physiology</i></p>	<p>Students will participate in hands-on experiments, games, and more to reinforce reading that takes place at home. This Anatomy book gives glory to God as children discover what's going on inside their bodies. Students will encounter fascinating facts, engaging activities, and intriguing experiments as they learn about the human body and how to keep it working well. Beginning with a brief history of medicine and a peek into cells and DNA, your students will voyage through fourteen lessons covering many subjects, such as the body systems: skeletal, muscular, respiratory, digestive, cardiovascular, nervous and more! They'll study nutrition and health, how God designed their immune system to protect them, along with embryology and what makes them a unique creation of God.</p>
CRITICAL THINKING (4th – 6th)		<p>This class will help develop mindful communication and problem-solving skills with challenging and engaging games and activities. The class will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivate critical thinking skills • Challenge students with fun games and activities • Build confidence in communication • Stretch students' imaginations

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<p>MONEY MATTERS (4th – 6th)</p>	<p>Required text: <i>The Secret of Handling Money God's Way</i> (for 8-12 year olds)</p>	<p>This course will introduce students to the biblical principles of stewardship. They will learn how to earn, save, give and spend money as they study what God's word teaches about these important areas in our lives. Each week we will look at different areas such as our attitudes toward money, what we do with it and why, whether we let it control our lives, and how well we manage it through stories, discussions and hands on activities.</p>
<p>GOVERNMENT/ ELECTIONS (4th – 6th)</p>		<p>Students will explore a basic history and develop an understanding of the three branches of our federal and state governments as well as gain a general understanding of how the election process works.</p>
<p>ART (4th – 6th)</p>	<p>\$5 class fee</p>	<p>Students will explore art by creating works using various media.</p>
<p>MUSIC (4th – 6th)</p>		<p>Through active listening, movement, and singing, students will explore various genres and styles of music. Students will develop a basic understanding of the characteristics that define each musical genre and a greater appreciation for ALL styles of music.</p>
<p>AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) (4th – 6th)</p>		<p>In this 16-week class, students will learn basic American Sign Language to include alphabet, numbers, greetings, and everyday signs that would enable them to carry on a conversation. They will also learn to sign one or two songs and possibly perform at BtB.</p>
<p>WRITING (4th – 6th)</p>		<p>This class will focus on creative writing of various types. We will look at examples of short stories, magazine articles, newspaper feature articles, and one novel. Students will be expected to keep a daily journal at home in addition to writing in class. We will work on some of the following: short stories, descriptive writing, summaries, process writing (instructions), opinion papers. Homework will be held to no more than 20 minutes/day. Students should understand they will be expected to write in class, so a pencil and paper will be necessary every day.</p>
<p>BEGINNING PUBLIC SPEAKING/ PRESENTATIONS (4th – 6th)</p>		<p>Students will learn the basic types of speeches and skills needed for each, how to engage an audience and effectively handle props/stage space, while avoiding common public speaking pitfalls. Students will also learn techniques for conquering the fear of public speaking, and will have an opportunity to present in class. This class will focus on developing the skill of public speaking/presentations over content.</p>