

S.m.i.l.e

Students & Mothers in Learning Experiences

Spring 2010 Class Descriptions

PreK-K thru School Aged \$50 Per Student

3 Yr Old Preschool \$25

Nursery Free

Hour 1

Little Explorers (Older 3's & Younger 4's)

Five in a Row (Preschool)

Discovery Kids! (PreK-K)

Bookworms! Come discover our world through Literature & Creative Arts based on the Five in a Row curriculum!

Great American Artists for Kids (1st-4th)

Join this class and delve into hands-on art experiences in the styles of great American Masters. Children will create exciting pieces of art while learning about great American Artists!

Heading West: Life with the Pioneers (1st – 3rd)

Westward Ho! Come and join us on our pioneering adventure! Students will have fun learning about pioneering life while experiencing churning butter, dipping candles, tracking animals and much, much more!

Wild About Insects (1st – 3rd)

Let's have some fun learning everything you ever wanted to know about bugs! You'll be able to meet some cool insects and create your own array of insects using hands-on activities & crafts!

Adventures in The Magic Treehouse (2nd – 4th)

Step into a world of adventure with Jack and Annie and the Magic Treehouse! Students will discover the fun of being taken back in history with these exciting books by Mary Pope Osborne. The class will journey through time with each imaginative story while also studying the history and culture that create the backdrop for each adventure. Students will read the selected books at home, engage in lively classroom discussions of the books, and participate in activities for each book while in class.

Janice VanCleave's Engineering for Every Kid (3rd – 5th)

Now your students can discover the answers to many fascinating questions about engineering with this fun-filled class. *Janice VanCleave's Engineering for Every Kid* presents entertaining, challenging experiments and activities to help you understand the different types of engineering

there are—including structural, solar, electrical, and chemical—and how each is applied to real world everyday situations!

Crazy about Crochet (4th -12th)

Have you always wanted to crochet a baby blanket? Or maybe crochet a scarf? Come to this class and get the basics to start you off on your adventure!

CSI Expert!: Forensic Science for Kids (5th -8th)

Crime scene investigation is hotter than ever, and kids will love learning about how their favorite detectives use science to figure out unsolvable thefts, arsons, mysteries, and more. CSI Expert!: Forensic Science for Kids is a fun-filled class where students will experience activities like fingerprinting, evidence collection, blood-stain identification, forensic careers, ballistics, and much more!

Knights & Castles- All About the Middle Ages (3rd – 5th)

Swords, castles, damsels in distress! Come learn about Knights, castles & the middle ages through this fun-filled class! Hands-on activities and crafts galore!

Model Cars (4th-12th)

Need we say more? This class will be awesome for anyone interested in learning how to create, construct, paint, etc. model cars! Come and join us and get revved up about model cars!

Broadcast News (6th – 12th)

Broadcasting is a fast-paced, exciting career with specialized techniques for gathering, writing, and delivering the news. This class will explore strategies for effective newsgathering, script writing for both radio and television, simple production techniques, and on-air delivery. Our goal is to begin recording and podcasting stories to benefit SMILE members and homeschoolers..
(Robin Whaley)

Hour 2

Little Explorers (Older 3's & Younger 4's)

Five in a Row (Preschool)

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Exploring Favorite Jan Brett Books (1st – 3rd)

Imagine a world where a mitten can house eight forest animals, trolls try to kidnap a dog, and an armadillo rides a bucking bronc. This is the world of Jan Brett and each week we will explore the stories and rich artwork of this very talented author-illustrator. Along the way we will be building reading and writing skills through engaging games and activities. Plus, we will get to discover the themes of each story through science, math, social studies, geography, art and much more.

Animal Encounters (1st-4th)

Spring is here! Come join us and meet the animals! Children will meet a new animal each week (LIVE animals most weeks) and enjoy a fun craft activity as well!

Elementary Spanish (2nd – 4th)

BuenosDias! Hola! Adios! Join this class and have fun learning a second language while learning about culture through fun hands-on activities!

Music Education (3rd – 5th)

This class will use Christian and secular songs to teach music skills. Emphasis will be placed on music reading, singing, moving and playing instruments. We will also explore classical music for appreciating styles, identifying instruments of the orchestra and learning about famous composers. Students will learn how to play a recorder and must purchase a recorder prior to class. (You can get one at Burrage's Music near Capital and Millbrook Rd for less than \$10. Do not get the ones from the dollar store. They are notoriously out of tune.)

Something Worth Talking About--Public Speaking (4th – 6th)

Confidence is what we are after in a fun, safe, and comfortable environment. In a typical school day, students of any age may be required to read or answer questions in front of their class. This class is a fun place to give the students the opportunity to gain some experience in talking in front of a class. The confidence gained through public speaking in class often will transfer to other situations, such as drama, debate, music, sports, and other social activities. Students will have a blast learning and developing their speaking experience through hilarious skits, readings of funny poetry, telling jokes, and telling of favorite funny memories. Public speaking is a class designed to help students to gain experience speaking in front of others.

All About Jewelry Design (4th – 12th)

Let's have some fun learning all about the basics of jewelry design while making our own bracelets, earrings, etc.! This class is going to be a blast!

Acting Up (5th – 12th)

Drama can be a powerful way to glorify God, reach reluctant hearts, and teach powerful lessons. (That's the "Up".) Plus, it can be lots of fun! Participants will explore their creativity through basic lessons in acting, relaxation and trust-building exercises, and through improvisations. We will study the fundamentals of stagecraft and rehearse a short Christian play to perform at the end of term. (Natalie Peterson)

Crime and Reason (6th – 12th)

An examination of critical thinking skills, deductive and inductive reasoning, and forensic science within the context of crime-solving. The approach is interdisciplinary, combining science investigations and language arts (literature, investigative journaling, etc.) To add to the fun, the class would read a few kid-friendly mysteries outside class and discuss them within the context of what we've discussed in class.

Apologia Science Part II (6th – 12th)

This is the second part to Apologia Physical Science. Students will have had to participate in part one during the Fall SMILE semester.