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2011 – 2012 Class Descriptions

1st – 2nd Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Grade Classes**

**Name of class-** Fun Science

**Teacher-** Tina Mullins

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class-** 1st and 2nd Grade

**Class fee-** \$9.00 per student

**Maximum number of students in the class-** 12

**Minimum number of students in the class-** 6

**Objectives of this class-**

Children will have hands on activities and will learn science safety.

**Description of the general class format-**

Basic general science experiments, work sheet's, and lab note book. This class will be a 2 yr. so that 1st and 2nd grade will be covered. Last years 1st graders may repeat this class, as I will be making some changes and they will be learning new things.

**Description of enrichment or homework activities-**

Some experiments will require home activities. But there will be very few. I will give notice and will send out reminders what they will be.

**Textbook/workbook information-**

I will provide all folders and supplies

**Other Important Information:** We will be doing experiments that involve food from time to time, so I will need to know about any health issues that your child might have.

**Name of class-** Exploring States

**Teacher-** Leanne Johnson

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class-** 1st and 2nd Grade, cutting, pasting and some reading

**Class fee-** \$12.00 for 1st Semester, \$12.00 or less for 2nd Semester

**Maximum number of students in the class-** 12

**Minimum number of students in the class-** 6

**Objectives of this class-**

To be able to identify and place states on the U.S. map; learn interesting facts about each state.

**Description of the general class format-**

Children will have hands on activities and interactive learning. Students will make a flash card and a lap folder for each state. This class is designed to cover every state over the course of 2 years. Each class, students will learn about a state and review the US map. At the end of the year, students will take home 25 states. At the end of year 2 they will take home 25 more.

**Description of enrichment or homework activities-**

Mapping skills should be worked on at home but will not be graded in class.

**Textbook/workbook information-**

All folders and supplies will be provided.

**Name of class:** Exploring Literature

**Teacher:** Carolyn Viosca

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class:** 1-2 grades

**Class Fee:** \$7

**Maximum number of students in the class:** 10 or 12

**Minimum number of students for the class to make:** 4

**Objectives of this class:** to introduce students to a wide variety of literary and informational texts in hopes of developing a love of literature in each and every student. Literary concepts such as compare/contrast, biography, sequencing, story elements, character traits, inferencing, and predicting will be taught to increase their independent reading levels.

**Description of the general class format:** Each class will include two read alouds used to teach a literary concept. That concept will be reinforced with a hands-on activity, often a craft.

**Description of enrichment or homework activities:**  
There will be no homework for this class.

**Textbook/workbook information:** Our textbooks will be classic and contemporary picture books both fiction and nonfiction. No textbooks or workbooks will be required.

**Other important information:**  
None

**Name of class:** Art Appreciation

**Teacher:** TBA

**Description:** Art Appreciation/Exploration

The students will learn about the Great Masters by observing some of their works. (Renaissance - modern) Students will also have hands-on opportunity to practice the artists techniques. The class will be structured with 15 minutes of information/history on an artist followed by 30 minutes of exploration in the artist's technique with 10 minutes for cleaning up and sharing. The goal of the class is to encourage students in the area of art by having fun with different mediums and techniques. The emphasis is on exploration...not on a finished product.

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**Class Fee:** \$15.00 per semester

**Maximum number of students in the class:** 12

**Minimum number of students for the class to make:** 6

**Objectives of this class:**

The students will learn about the Great Masters by observing some of their works. (Renaissance - modern) Students will also have hands-on opportunity to practice the artists techniques

Resource: Discovering Great Artists by MaryAnn F. Kohl/ Kim Solga

**Description of the general class format:** . The class will be structured with 15 minutes of information/history on an artist followed by 30 minutes of exploration in the artist's technique with 10 minutes for cleaning up and sharing. The goal of the class is to encourage students in the area of art by having fun with different mediums and techniques. The emphasis is on exploration...not on a finished product.

**Description of enrichment or homework activities:** No written homework will be assigned.

**Textbook/workbook information:** Resource: Discovering Great Artists by MaryAnn F. Kohl/ Kim Solga

**Name of class:** Beginning Sign Language

**Teacher:** April Koop

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class:**  
1st and 2nd grade

**Class Fee:** \$5.00

**Maximum number of students in the class:** 8

**Minimum number of students for the class to make:** 5

**Objectives of this class:** An introduction to American Sign Language. Topics include: basic vocabulary, history, finger spelling, numbers, and Deaf culture

**Description of the general class format:** We will play, sing, and sign along with Signing Time DVDs. We will also practice what we have learned with flash cards, and do worksheets in class

**Description of enrichment or homework activities:** Child will be encouraged to teach siblings and parents the signs that they have learned

**Textbook/workbook information:** NONE

**Name of class:** Mind, Body and Motor (2nd - 6th grade)

**Teacher:** Kelly Hall

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class:** 2nd - 6th grade

**Class Fee:** \$5 each student

Fee covers: Copies, Brain Gym book, Koosh balls, Hulla hoops, Jump ropes and Long ropes.

**Maximum number of students in the class:** 12

**Minimum number of students for the class to make:** 4

**Description of the general class format:** In this class, we would work on different areas of development. I will be using exercises to improve motor skills that were developed and have proven to help children with their cognitive development as well. We will also work on body awareness and basic fine and gross motor skills. During bad weather or extremely hot weather, I will have class times where we focus on drills and skills of the basics in healthy competition. Class participation is absolutely required. We may also study basic health information / nutrition.

**Name of class:** 1-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Group

**Teacher:** Paul Priestner & TBA

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class:** This class is for boys 1<sup>st</sup> through 5th grade.

**Objectives of this class:**

1. The boys will be for the boys to develop friendships.
2. The boys will also learn good sportsmanship.

**Description of the general class format:**

Boys will have plenty of outdoor play and occasional indoor games.

**Maximum number of students:** Maximum will be about 14 students.

**Description of enrichment or homework activities:**

None

**Textbook/workbook information:** none

**Name of class:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Group

**Teacher:** April Koop

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class:** This class is for girls between 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Class Fee:** \$5 per semester

**Objectives of this class:**

Foster friendships as we work toward some goals such as Bible memory verses, crafts, group games and activities.

**Description of the general class format:**

We will work on crafts, memory verses, activities together each week in class.

**Maximum number of students:** 12 max 6 min

**Description of enrichment or homework activities:**

Little to no homework.

**Textbook/workbook information:** No textbook for the student. We will use Keepers At Home materials and others for teachers. Option to purchase bracelets and charms at end of year for the projects the girls finish.

**Name of Class:** Fit to Serve

**Teacher:** Angela Greenwell will be the coordinator of this class and will work with the teachers.

**Suitable ages, abilities, or skill level needed for this class:**

1. This class is open to students in grades 1-12.
2. Students need to be willing to work towards program goals throughout the school year at home. These goals include scripture memory, physical fitness, and community service.
3. Students must be responsible for turning in weekly time sheets regarding their work at home.
3. Students need to be attentive to instruction and guest speakers in class.

**Class Fee:** A \$15 class fee will be applied towards the purchase of a "Fit to Serve" t shirt award for the student, a folder and time sheets, and a few supplies that may be needed by guest speakers.

**Maximum number of students in the class:** 12

**Minimum number of students in the class:** 3

**Objectives of this class:**

1. To develop an attitude within students to present themselves for service to God in their bodies, souls, and spirits.
2. To increase levels of physical fitness.
3. To memorize a chapter from the Bible by the end of the school year.
4. To develop a sense of satisfaction in serving others.

**Description of the general class format:**

Each day will include a period of time for students to recite their scripture memory verses. The class coordinator will keep records of progress in this area, as well as the fitness and service portions of the class, recording progress from the home time sheets. Students will also spend time in games and activities that develop sportsmanship and physical skills. There will be no rough play (tackling/wrestling). Occasional guest speakers will teach students skills that help them in their progress towards fitness and service goals, such as how to prepare a simple meal, nutrition tips, or simple first aid. As part of their service, older students will be expected to help younger students in class. This service can count towards their service goals.

**Description of homework assignments:**

1. Each student will be work towards the following goals and will be awarded the "Fit to Serve" t-shirt at the successful completion of these goals. The goals are set at a level to be achievable by the end of the first semester.
  - a) *the memorization of the first ten verses of a selected chapter of the Bible*- The selected chapter will be given the first day of class. The student will memorize in the version of the Bible that the parent chooses.
  - b) *25 hours of physical fitness training*- In one semester, this equates to approximately 30 minutes of exercise three times per week. The exercise can be anything the parent deems acceptable, with the understanding that the child should be exercising the entire time. For example, sitting on the bench for 20 minutes of a basketball game does not count as 30 minutes of exercise.
  - c) *15 hours of public service*. This is any time the student is doing something to help someone else, outside of their normal chores at home. It could include special projects at home that serve the immediate family or projects that help others outside of the family. Again, this is time that the student is actively participating.

**Textbook/workbook information:**

No textbook or workbook is required, though students will need to bring their folder to class each day. The folder will keep the student's records and time sheets.

**Other important information:**

The supply fee will be collected each semester so that the student has the opportunity to win two t-shirts of different colors in the school year. Special recognition will be given at the end of the year to students who achieve this goal. Any unused fees will be returned to parents. Students may volunteer for communityservice time at Cottage Garden, helping with various aspects of building clean up. Please contact Mrs.Coody at the beginning of the school year if you are interested in seeing your child serve in this way.