



# TRUE NORTH HOMESCHOOL

COURSE CATALOG  
FALL 2024



# ALL ABOUT TRUE NORTH

## MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

### Mission Statement:

Our desire is to unite families through a Christian worldview to nurture and empower children to be life-long learners who always seek God first.

### Vision Statement:

We are a Christ-centered co-op which strives to encourage like-minded families to develop community focused on enriching their learning opportunities and relationships through classes, field trips, play dates, holiday celebrations, and experiencing life together. We aspire to mentor the next generation to be successful, courageous, and intentionally living through Christ.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired Word of God.
2. We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, and that He is truly God and truly man.
3. We believe that all men have sinned and are under the condemnation of death.
4. We believe that Jesus sacrificed His own life and all that believe in Him have eternal life.
5. We believe that Jesus rose on the third day and ascended into Heaven where He sits at the right hand of God the Father.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both believers and non-believers. Non-believers will be raised to eternity in hell and believers to life with God forever.



## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

To learn more about all of the True North happenings, join our True North Community page. As well, be sure to stop by our website for some general FAQs and information. Use the QR code below to visit.





# HOURLY COURSES AT A GLANCE

For class fees and descriptions, please read the full course overviews under each age. Some classes will be completely outdoors this semester, no matter the weather. Please read the descriptions for more information.

ALL AGES ARE DETERMINED BY AUGUST 1, 2024.

	1st Hour	2nd Hour
<b>Littles</b>	Tiny Tots (2 & under)	
<b>3-5 Year Olds</b>	Little Learners: TN Early Childhood Classes	
<b>6-8 Year Olds</b>	Music P.E. Lego	Drama Creative Movement Nature Ooey Gooley
<b>9-10 Year Olds</b>	Baking Sewing Ooey Gooley Scouts Creative Movement	Drama Sewing Baking Detective Science P.E.
<b>11+</b>	Baking Sewing World Geography WWII Book Study Scouts	Drama Baking Sewing PBL Unit: Board Game Edition P.E.

Classes that are marked through with this line are no longer available for this semester.



# LITTLES

Little Learners  
3-5 YEAR OLDS

Tiny Tots  
BIRTH TO 2



## TINY TOTS

Teacher: Beth Jones

**One class for both hours**

Ages: 2 & Under

Class Cost: \$10

## 3-5 LITTLE LEARNERS: TN EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES

Little Learners Teaching Team:

- 3's Class Lead Teacher: Renae Murphy
- 4's Class Lead Teacher & Tinker Town Lead: TBD\*
- 5's Class Lead Teacher & Learning Lab Lead: Morgan Benigni
- Move & Groove Lead: TBD\*

\*If you are interested in leading 4's or Move & Groove, please contact Amanda Tancredi

**One class for both hours**

Age: 3-5

Class Cost: \$50 (snack will now be included)

**Class Description:** Since the inception of True North, we have had so much FUN creating and facilitating awesome early-learning classes for our littlest learners. We've watched how engaging environments that allow for plenty of hands-on, imaginative play and child-led discovery, have been a key to success in our children's learning journeys. We believe that with our new 'Little Learners' structure, we will be able to continue providing creative and engaging learning experiences for our curious 3, 4, and 5-year-old learners, while also helping support our awesome volunteer leaders and utilizing shared resources. Our collective desire is to help further activate your child's natural desire to learn, and we can't wait to see what they discover next!

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## MORE ABOUT LITTLE LEARNERS: TN EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES

### Welcome, Little Learners!

At True North, we know the early childhood years are an incredibly important time for laying a foundation of lifelong learning. It is a time when play dominates the learning process, and natural curiosity and exploration are the best teachers. We know that children are born learners, eager to explore their environments, and that play is actually very important work!

This year at True North, we wanted to focus on making a dedicated space for our littlest learners to play, a space that would further ignite their curiosity, and a space that would help activate their own natural desire to learn. That's why we have created 'Little Learners'; a new class structure for our littlest learners at True North.

'Little Learners' will encompass our Early Childhood Classes at True North; serving our 3s Class, 4s Class, and 5s Class. We will have a dedicated, individual classroom for each age group—their "Homeroom"—that will be overseen by their Lead Teacher, and their Assistant Teachers. But, during the entirety of our Wednesday class time, each age group will also have Activity Rotation Time where they will rotate through 3 additional classrooms and unique learning environments: 'Learning Lab', 'Tinker Town', and 'Move & Groove'.

Your child will begin their day in their Homeroom, then after a 'Welcome Circle', they will begin their Activity Rotation Time, traveling with their Assistant Teachers to 'Learning Lab', 'Tinker Town', and 'Move & Groove'. \*Their Lead Teacher will hang back in their Homeroom, to welcome the other rotating age groups and to facilitate their assigned Activity Rotation. During Activity Rotation Time, your child will spend approximately 30min in each class (45min with transition times built-in) engaged in age-appropriate, hands-on activities, that are play-based and FUN! Then, they will rotate back to their Homeroom for a 'Snack and Storytime' and to complete their final rotation activity. Each day will end with a 'Wrap-Up Circle' in their Homeroom, before Parent Pick-Up.

Below is the Rotation Schedule so you can see how we will be moving our little learners through all the fun things!



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## MORE ABOUT LITTLE LEARNERS: TN EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES

### Little Learners Rotation Schedule

**9:45-10:00 Welcome Circle**

**10:00-10:45 Rotation 1**

- 3s: Move & Groove
- 4s: Learning Lab
- 5s: Tinker Town

**10:45-11:30 Rotation 2**

- 3s: Tinker Town
- 4s: Move & Groove
- 5s: Learning Lab

**11:30-12:15 Rotation 3**

- 3s: Learning Lab
- 4s: Tinker Town
- 5s: Move & Groove

**12:15-12:25 Wrap-Up Circle**

### \*Rotation Activities / Class Descriptions

**Learning Lab:** Dive into Early Learning fun in the Learning Lab! In our Indoor Classroom, we will have hands-on activities that highlight foundational early learning skills like Fine Motor and Gross Motor Development, Alphabet Recognition, and Early Math. We will also have plenty of space for Imaginative Play AND will get to explore Sensory Activities of all sorts in our Outdoor Classroom.

**Tinker Town:** Calling all Tinker Tots! Join us in Tinker Town for loads of building and creating fun! In each class, we will be using our hands and our heads to think up new creations and explore early learning concepts through tinkering. With a variety of building materials and even some REAL tools, we will have a blast building whatever our brains can imagine. You are in charge of your own discoveries in Tinker Town, and we can't wait to learn alongside you!

**Move & Groove:** Time to get your groove on!! In Move & Groove class we will be strengthening our Fine Motor and Gross Motor Skills, as well as our Early Literacy & Language Skills while having TONS of fun! We will sing songs, learn new dances, and get our bodies moving in all sorts of fun and silly ways. We will also be strengthening our Listening Skills, but we'll be having so much fun we won't even realize we are learning that part. Best of all, we will get to laugh and dance with our friends, helping build relationships with our peers. Now, let's bust a move!

# AGES 6+ SECOND HOUR



## DRAMA FALL 2024-SPRING 2025:

Teacher: Christina Gibson, Stephanie Pyke, Charity Clarke

Second Hour

**\*This class is a one year commitment with tentative performance on April 26, 2025\***



**Ages:** 6+ (This class will need a variety of ages) **\*\*Students must be able to read in order to perform in the play.)**

**\*\*COST CHANGE\*\***

**Class Cost:** \$65 \*PER SEMESTER

\*Price includes costumes, T-shirt, scripts, set, props, projections, theater rental, programs, copyrights, videography, etc. \*For any of our drama families with more than one drama student, financial need-based scholarships are available. Please contact Christina Gibson with any questions or to apply.\*

**Breakdown of Cost Per Week:** \$5.42

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**Class Description:** Ready to dodge some sharks and swim with the jellies?! Wiggling with joy at the chance to plunge into a fish tank? How would you like to take a ride on the EAC and meet a 150 year old sea turtle?! WOAHH!

Let's go with the flow in the big blue world as we follow Marlin and Dory's epic quest of "FINDING NEMO KIDS!" We are ready to just keep swimming for the year as we dive into the wonderful world of puppetry! That's right! Help us bring Nemo, Marlin, Dory, Gill, Tank Gang, Bruce, jellies, sharks and so MANY other fish friends to life using GIANT PUPPETS! We can't wait to see you and dive into the wonderful world of "Finding Nemo!"

This year we will be using giant PUPPETS! \*check out the amazing photo to see what we will be working with! This link will give you a better idea of how the puppets will be used! [Finding Nemo: The Big Blue... and Beyond! Musical at Walt Disney World 2022](#)

The first couple of weeks during class, we will be taking time educating and preparing the students for their audition! Audition techniques, musicality, lines, and character work will be our primary focus to prepare all kids for the best audition experience! Auditions will be held September 25 after co-op. The rest of the year, we will be taking our time focusing on: varying Acting Techniques, increased Musicality, Choreography, Projection, PUPPETRY, Body Language, Acting vs. Reacting, Teamwork, Theater Principles, and MORE all while having whole lotta fun building our show!!

### Class Objectives:

Students will rehearse Finding Nemo Kids for one year and will have two performances tentatively on April 26, 2025 with a dress rehearsal on April 25, 2025. Location is TBD and tickets will be \$5 general admission.

### Committing to Drama class requires:

1. This is a one-year long class. You must be willing to commit to being in drama both semesters.
2. Families must be in attendance for dress rehearsal before the performance and available most of the day on performance day. (Tentatively April 25/26, 2025.)
3. Costumes WILL BE provided for this production. Students will be expected to provide their own long sleeve black shirt, black leggings/black pants, and stage shoes (black jazz/dance/flat shoes).
4. Each student will be responsible for practicing and memorizing their lines, songs, and choreography at home. (see syllabus for details on weekly plans)
5. Families must be willing to stay after co-op for extra rehearsals occasionally.
6. Parents must be willing to volunteer during performance weekend. (ex. set up/tear down stage, stage mom in the wings, costumes, fundraising, etc)
7. Students should be willing to audition. However, any student who doesn't wish to audition is welcome to participate and will be placed in the ensemble! (Auditions will be held on September 25th after co-op.)

Can't wait to explore the big blue world with you!

# AGES 6-8

# FIRST HOUR



## LEGO

Teacher: Lynana Vizcarra

**First Hour Only**

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$25.00

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$2.08

**Class Description:** Students will compete in weekly Lego challenges to earn the ever-desirable GOLDEN BRICK! Students will use teamwork, planning and organization, creativity, problem-solving, cause-and-effect, and perseverance while having a whole lotta fun.

## MUSIC

Teacher: Bekah Smith

**First Hour Only**

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$45

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$3.75

**Class Description:** Welcome Back to music class! Join us on a worldwide adventure as we travel the globe experiencing music from different cultures. Each week we'll travel to a new land and learn about their music, instruments, and a VIP for that genre. There will also be rhythm games, singing, and boomwhackers!

## P.E. (OUTSIDE ONLY)

Teacher: Vedorian Obiora & Paxton Alexander

**First Hour Only**

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$10

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$0.83

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# AGES 6-8 SECOND HOUR



## CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Teacher: Lydia Keegan

**Second Hour Only**

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$40

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$3.33

**Class Description:** Anyone can dance! God made our bodies to move, and dancing in unison to music is good practice in worship, team work, and brain building movement! Students will work through a warm up and learn choreography for a fun and upbeat ensemble dance set to worship music. Movements to include exercises in strength and gentle flexibility as well as cross body motions, moving legs independently of one another, rotations, and jumping. A few different dance forms will be explored such as ballet, jazz and modern. This exploration of different forms of dance will be given as an introduction, and a majority of class time will be spent learning choreography and practicing.

## NATURE WORKSHOP (OUTSIDE ONLY)

Teacher: Andrea Dunham

**Second Hour ONLY**

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$40

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$3.33

**Class Description:** Nature workshop is an all outdoors class where you will learn about nature and use it to create a masterpiece. There will be a short lesson and discussion to kick off class then you will get the opportunity to use your knowledge to explore and create something amazing. Some lessons include tree and plant identification, weather and bugs.

## OOEY GOOEY

Teacher: Rachel LaJeunesse

**Second Hour ONLY**

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$120

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$10

**Class Description:** Join us as we explore all things ooey, gooey, and messy! In this class, your child will engage with science and art concepts through sensory experiments and creative process art. Learn about the science behind bubbles, use chemical reactions to produce fizzy volcano slime, create a paper mache sculpture, and more! The art activities will be open-ended, focusing on the process of creative expression, rather than creating a 'right' end product. If your child loves slime and oobleck, paint and chalk, and is ready to get their hands messy, then this is the class for them.

**Note:** Your child will get messy! We will tie dye aprons the first week of class to wear throughout the semester, but your child will be using paint, glue, food coloring, and common household chemicals weekly.

## DRAMA (SEE PAGE 8)

# AGES 9-10 FIRST HOUR



## BAKING

Teacher: Danielle Carley-Parker

**First Hour ONLY**

Ages: Ages 9+

Class Cost: \$140

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$11.67

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## SEWING

Teacher: Dayna Hull

**First Hour Only**

Ages: 9+

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## DRAMA (SEE PAGE 8)



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## DETECTIVE SCIENCE

Teacher: Kathryn Veldhuizen

**Second Hour Only**

Ages: 9-10

Class Cost: \$60

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$5.00

**Class Description:** As playing cards have gone missing, our True North detectives-in-training will work through a series of hands-on challenges and crime simulations where they apply forensics and biology to solve crimes. These learners will use tools and skills connected to fingerprint analysis, footprint analysis, handwriting analysis, deductive reasoning and ability, chemical reactions analysis, DNA and genetics, and more. This work will require detailed analysis; the ability to think critically; a willingness to work slowly and collaboratively; and an ability to listen carefully and follow verbal and written directions closely while taking detailed notes to complete their reports. We cannot wait to see what these detectives-in-training will learn and discover!

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# 11+ FIRST HOUR



## WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Teacher: Charlie Morgan

**First Hour Only**

Ages: 9-10

Class Cost: \$25

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$2.01

**Class Description:** Embark on a geographic adventure! In World Geography we'll travel across the globe, exploring each of the seven continents. Throughout the semester, students will choose countries to research and become an expert on. They will then share their knowledge with the class through presentations. To test what we have learned, we'll cap off the course with a fun and challenging Geography Bee!

## SCOUTS

Teacher: Andrea Dunham

**First Hour ONLY**

Ages: 11+

Class Cost: \$120

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$10

**Class Description:** (Because of this class's popularity we are going to do registration a bit differently than normal. We will place kids based on age. The oldest kids will get first dibs. Also, if your student has already taken this class, you are not allowed to sign up to take it again.) All things self-reliance! Fire, shelter, water, self and environmental awareness with coopers colors, emergency and first aid training, navigation, homesteading, and notches and lashings. Here is a link to items that would be a NICE addition to what is required for the class, but all required items are added to the cost of the class.

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# 11+ FIRST HOUR



## WWII BOOK STUDY

**Teacher:** Amanda Tancredi & RuthAnn Lane

**First Hour Only**

**Ages:** 11+

**Class Cost:** \$20 + Cost of Family Found Books (list to be released this summer) The 20 dollars will cover reference books for additional study, a Primary Sources HS History resource, binders, page protectors, copies, and discussion strategy tools

**Breakdown of Cost Per Week:** \$1.67 (not including cost of items purchased by families)

**Class Description:** Sign up for an immersive journey through one of the most significant periods in human history: World War II. In this dynamic literature course, we will delve into the intricacies of this era through the lens of historical fiction. Through engaging discussions, critical analysis, and collaborative activities, students will not only enhance their understanding of the events that shaped the world but also develop essential skills in critical thinking, empathy, and communication.

### Course Objectives:

- Explore the historical context of World War II through the eyes of fictional characters.
- Analyze the impact of war on individuals, societies, and cultures.
- Develop empathy and understanding for diverse perspectives and experiences.
- Hone critical thinking skills through close reading and textual analysis.
- Cultivate effective communication skills through vibrant discussions and presentations.

**Discussion Strategies:** Throughout the course, students will participate in a variety of discussion strategies to deepen their understanding of the literature and engage with their peers. Some of these strategies include:

- Socratic Seminars: Students will take on the role of facilitators, guiding discussions through open-ended questions and thoughtful exploration of ideas.
- Harkness Circles: In this student-led discussion format, participants sit in a circle to foster dialogue and active listening.
- Jigsaw Method: Students will work collaboratively to piece together different perspectives by sharing insights and findings from their assigned readings.

**Required Reading:** Families will be responsible for acquiring the books before the start of the fall semester. The reading list will be released during the summer to give plenty of time for families to find the books. AUDIOBOOKS ARE WELCOME! But students will need a physical copy of the book to refer to and use as a reference during discussions.

**Warning:** Please note that the literature studied in this course may contain sensitive and graphic content related to war, including violence and themes of loss. Families are encouraged to discuss these topics with their children and reach out to the instructor if they have any concerns.

**Conclusion:** Join us on a captivating journey through the pages of history as we explore the human experience during World War II. Through lively discussions, deep reflection, and shared inquiry, students will not only uncover the stories of the past but also discover new insights about themselves and the world around them. Get ready to embark on an unforgettable literary adventure filled with exploration, discovery, and meaningful connections.



# 11+ SECOND HOUR



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Class Cost: \$75 + fabric/notions supplies (purchased by families)

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$6.25 (not including cost of items purchased by families)

**Class Description:** This beginners' sewing class will introduce your child to the tools and skills of basic machine sewing. We will learn parts of the machine and how it works. We will learn 3 stitches on the machine, basic drafting and cutting skills, and finishing techniques. Students make 3-4 projects in class! Projects may include: pillowcase, aprons, drawstring bags, placemats, or other fun items!

**Prerequisites:** Familiar with rulers and how to read them, and measurements in inches.

**Note:** Class fee DOES NOT include fabric and basic notions. A full descriptive list of supplies will be sent prior to the start of class, with suggestions for stores/online places to purchase supplies.

## DRAMA (SEE PAGE 8)

# 11+ SECOND HOUR



## PBL BOARD GAME EDITION

Teacher: Lindsay Kreke & RuthAnn Lane

**Second Hour ONLY**

Ages: 11+

Class Cost: \$30

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$2.50

**Class Description:**

Check out this class trailer to get pumped up for [Board Game Class!](#)



Do you love playing board games? Have you ever wondered how a game is made? If your answer is "Yes!" then this is the class for you! Join us as we design fun tabletop games that will teach the community about a concept that you choose!

We will be working closely with the Hamilton North Public Library, our goal is to design games that the community can play during our presentation at the Hamilton North Public Library in Cicero on Monday, November 25th around 5pm. This will be an event will be open to the public!

### **Special Notes:**

- This class is best for students who will be able to present during expo like presentations, similar to a science fair. If your child isn't comfortable with this, the class might not be the best fit. Our goal is to guide students into feeling comfortable sharing about their game and being willing to answer questions.
- The cost of this class covers premade blank game sets, background checks for community partners, binders to keep us organized, and prototype materials. Any extra funds will be spent on games to study and research materials.
- THERE MAY BE SOME OUT OF CLASS WORK REQUIRED. For students to make their vision a reality they may need to take their work home and bring pieces together. Designing an individual workflow on week 2 will help them know how much work will need to be done at home.
- **Your child MUST be able to attend the Hamilton North Public Library on Monday, November 25th from 5pm to 7ish to present (time will be solidified closer to the date)**
- Your child MUST be able to stay after co-op on November 6th to participate in a True North "Dress Rehearsal" to present rough drafts of our games for feedback to the True North Community from about 1-1:30.
- While students won't be working with a partner to design their games, there is a set expectation that kids will work together to collaborate, brainstorm, give feedback, and research.
- This will be a very literacy heavy class, but we have put things in place for any students who might feel nervous about any of the steps that will need to be done for the completion of their game. If you feel your child isn't a confident writer or reader this might be a more difficult class, but all are welcome to join.



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# SECOND HOUR



## P.E. (OUTSIDE ONLY)

Teacher: Vedorian Obiora & Paxton Alexander

**Second Hour Only**

Ages: 9+

Class Cost: \$10

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$0.83

**Class Description:** P.E. is many students' favorite class. There is a reason. They learn many valuable skills and lessons while having fun, being active, and enjoying the outdoors. This semester will focus on teamwork, good character, enjoying physical activities, self-discipline, skill development, and FUN. Something I plan to do differently with our time this semester is leave time for reflection. Many of our games and activities have fantastic life lessons within them, and I want to make sure the kids leave the class feeling physically and mentally fit. This will only be 5-7 minutes of the class, but I think it will be well spent.