



TRUE
NORTH
HOMESCHOOL

COURSE CATALOG
FALL 2025

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, 2025.

	1st Hour	2nd Hour
Littles	Tiny Tots (2 & under)	
3-5 Year Olds	Little Learners: TN Early Childhood Classes	
6-8 Year Olds	Science Questions Broaden Your Horizon Obstacle Outburst Basic Drawing	Drama Bead & Build Obstacle Outburst Stories in Nature
9-11 Year Olds	Sourdough 101 Tuttle Twins Bead & Build Intro to Photography	Drama Museum Makers: Christmas Edition The Ultimate P.E Games Science Questions
12+	Community Builders	Drama Museum Makers: Christmas Edition The Ultimate P.E Games Sourdough 101 Intro to Photography

~~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: Lindsay Harkins

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: Mackenna Dugan
- 4's Class Lead Teacher & Tinker Town Lead: Meagan Hellyer
- 5's Class Lead Teacher & Learning Lab Lead: Morgan Benigni
- Move & Groove Lead: Hannah Hansen

One class for both hours

Age: 3-5

Class Cost: \$35 (snack 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!

LITTLES

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3-5 YEAR OLDS

Tiny Tots
BIRTH TO 2



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 2025-SPRING 2026:



****This class is a one year commitment****

Tentative performance on either April 18 OR 25, 2026

(Performance date may be subject to change depending on theater availability)

This is a Junior production which means the script will have longer and more lines for some characters, extended songs, more solo opportunities and a longer show run-time of 1 hour instead of 30 minutes. Be mindful of your actor and their stamina/ability for a longer production. We know we would love to have them!

Teachers

Christina Gibson, Stephanie Pyke, Charity Clarke

Overview

Are you ready to dive down the rabbit hole and join a world full of crazy characters, wild adventures, and lots of fun? 🐇👑 Alice in Wonderland Jr. 🎩🐍 is the perfect show for YOU! With colorful costumes, catchy tunes, and a story full of surprises, you'll be part of an epic journey with Alice as she meets the Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat, Caterpillar, and a whole host of zany characters! 🎵🎶 Don't miss out on the chance to be part of this magical, fast-paced production! 🌟 Grab your spot to be part of the madness, the magic, and the excitement! 🎭🌟 Sign up now and let's make some wonderland memories together! 🌟🎭

Ages: 6+ We welcome a variety of ages! **Students must be able to read. Please keep in mind, this production is a Junior which means there are longer and more lines per some characters, extended songs, more solo opportunities and the show itself is 1 hour instead of 30 minutes. When you sign up, keep in mind your child's stamina/ability for a longer production. They do NOT need to be a character in order to participate. If they prefer to be in the ensemble, there are SO MANY wonderful songs for them to sing and dance in. Auditions will be held the first day of co-op after classes and lunch.

Class Cost: \$135 per semester. Breakdown Cost Per Week: \$11.25

*Price includes costumes, T-shirt, script, set, props, projections, theater rental, programs, copyright/licensing, 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.*

Class Description:

Students will rehearse Alice in Wonderland Jr. for one year (TWO semesters) and will have two performances (approximately 3pm and 6pm) tentatively on either April 18 or April 25, 2026. A dress rehearsal will be scheduled for either April 17 or the 24, 2026. Location will hopefully be Hamilton Heights High School and tickets will be \$5 general admission per person per show. **Performance date may be subject to change based on theater availability.**

Class Objectives:

While the students are learning the production, we will be taking our time focusing on: varying Acting Techniques, Musicality, Choreography, Projection, Body Language, Acting vs. Reacting, Teamwork, Theater Principles, and MORE all while having whole lotta fun building our show!!

Commitment Requirements

1. This is a one-year long class. You must be willing to commit to being in drama Fall AND Spring semesters.
2. Students should be willing to audition. However, any student who doesn't wish to audition is still welcome to join us and will be part of our ensemble! Auditions will be held the first week of co-op after classes and lunch. Auditions will start around 1:15 pm in 5 minute slots.
3. Each student will be responsible for practicing and memorizing their lines, songs, and choreography at home. The lines needed each week are REQUIRED to be memorized BEFORE each class period. This is a slight change due to the show being a Junior production. We will have a detailed schedule of weekly plans so you will know where in the script we are at.
4. Families must be willing to stay after co-op for extra rehearsals occasionally. We try to keep this to a minimum.
5. Families MUST attend dress rehearsal the day before the performance and be available for most of the day on performance day. (Tentative show date will be either April 18 or 25, with dress rehearsal either April 17 or 24, 2026.)
6. Costumes WILL BE provided for this production. Students will be expected to provide their own undergarments or base costuming (ie: leggings, long sleeve shirts etc.) as well as stage shoes (black jazz/dance/flat shoes or character shoes).
7. Parents must be willing to volunteer during performance weekend. (ex. set up/tear down, stage mom in the wings, costumes, ticketing, fundraising, dinner prep, spotlights, etc)

AGES 6-8

FIRST HOUR



OBSTACLE OUTBURST

Teacher: Cassie Grubbs

First & Second Hour

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$5.00

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$0.41

Class Description: Come join the fun, playing outside, while working with peers to conquer the relay obstacle course of the week.

Each week the kids will be put into teams where they will have to work together to complete tasks such as: ring throwing, hula hooping, potato sack racing, hopper ball racing, scooter boarding, hop scotch, jump roping and more!

Some weeks the course will be set up for them and others they will get to put one together for the opposing team! If we get rained out, we'll likely head indoors for some fun—this could include card or board games, or even an indoor obstacle course!

SCIENCE QUESTIONS

Teacher: Kim Shemwell & Kathryn Veldhuizen

First Hour Only

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$60

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$5

Class Description: We have come up with some science questions that we can research using the scientific method. Don't know the scientific method? We'll teach you!! This will be a hands-on class. Students will keep a journal with vocabulary and drawings of the experiments. Most work will be done in groups. Examples of questions include: how do mosquitoes spread illnesses? How do sailboats stay upright? Can a rubber band REALLY cause a watermelon to explode? We will answer these, and more, in class! Safety goggles and aprons will be provided as necessary, but please provide closed toe shoes and play clothes from home.

BROADEN YOUR HORIZON

Teacher: Vedorian Obiora & Paxton Alexander

First Hour Only

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$40

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$3.34

Class Description: Pack your bags and embark on a global adventure! In this exciting class, we'll explore two countries from each continent, discovering their unique languages, delicious foods, rich traditions, and creative crafts, and more. From the vibrant festivals of South America to the ancient traditions of Asia, this class is a fun and interactive way to experience the beauty of different cultures.

Join us as we travel the world—no passport required!

AGES 6-8

FIRST HOUR



BASIC DRAWING

Teacher: Erica Klaehn

First Hour Only

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$40

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$2.50

Class Description: Drawing is a teachable skill anyone can learn! In this class, students will be taught to use "The Five Basic Elements of Shape" from the Monart Drawing Method developed by leading art educator Mona Brookes. Just as we put together letters to create words, we will use "The Five Basic Elements of Shape" together to create drawings piece by piece.

Aside from simply learning foundational drawing skills, this class will also improve skills in the following areas: fine motor skills, attention to detail, boost self-confidence, visualization, self-discipline and creative problem-solving.

AGES 6-8 SECOND HOUR



BEAD & BUILD

Teacher: Rachel LaJeunesse

Second Hour Only

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$40

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$3.33

Class Description: Join us for a colorful journey into the world of Perler beads! In this engaging class, young creators will explore their imaginations as they design and build multiple exciting projects, including a bracelet, spinning top, 3D box, festive ornament, and more.

Through hands-on activities, children will develop essential skills such as creativity, patience, concentration, and critical thinking as they learn to design their own unique creations. Each session promises to be a blend of fun, learning, and artistry, empowering kids to express themselves while honing their crafting abilities. Let's make magic with Perler beads!

STORIES IN NATURE

Teacher: Kimberly Dixon & Charlie Morgan

Second Hour ONLY

Ages: 6-8

Class Cost: \$5

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$0.41

Class Description: Step into the world of stories and imagination! In this class, children will enjoy engaging read-alouds and, when the weather allows, head outside to explore elements of the stories in real life. Whether it's pretending to follow a character's footsteps or simply soaking in nature together, this class blends the magic of books with the wonder of the outdoors.

OBSTACLE OUTBURST

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DRAMA (SEE PAGE 7)

AGES 9-11 FIRST HOUR



SOURDOUGH BAKING 101

Teacher: Lydia Keegan

First Hour ONLY

Ages: Ages 9-11

Class Cost: \$120

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$10

Class Description: Discover the ancient art of sourdough baking, and come away equipped to bake healthy bread for life! A look at the science, organisms, ingredients, methods and versatility of sourdough baking will include microscopy, bread baking, pizza crust, other baked goods, and techniques for each step of the process. Students may be asked to care for a starter throughout the week or bake at home occasionally. They will each have their own toolset and will definitely have bread and baked goods to share with the family.

All ingredients used in this class will be traditional baking ingredients. Please keep your child's allergies or sensitivities in mind when signing up for this class.

TUTTLE TWINS

Teacher: Bekah Smith

First Hour Only

Ages: 9-11

Class Cost: \$30

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$2.50

Class Description: Join us for a 12-week adventure with the Tuttle Twins! Students will explore big ideas like freedom, entrepreneurship, personal responsibility, and how the world works — all through the fun and accessible stories of the Tuttle Twins series. Each week, we'll read a book together, dive into lively discussions, and enjoy hands-on activities that bring the lessons to life. No prior reading required — we'll handle that part in class! Perfect for curious learners and families seeking meaningful enrichment rooted in real-world concepts.

ADVANCED BEAD & BUILD

Teacher: Rachel LaJeunesse

First Hour Only

Ages: 9-11

Class Cost: \$40

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$3.33

Class Description: Step up your crafting game with Perler beads in this engaging class! Designed for creative minds ready to explore new possibilities, students will create a range of exciting projects, including a magnet, spinning top, 3D aquarium that houses a colorful fish, ornament, and more!

As they dive into these hands-on activities, participants will enhance their creativity, patience, concentration, and critical thinking skills. This class goes beyond the basics, empowering kids to develop their own designs and tackle more complex creations. Join us for a fun-filled experience that inspires imagination and transforms simple beads into stunning works of art!



INTRO TO PHOTOGRAPHY

Teacher: Amanda Manship

First Hour ONLY

Ages: 9-11

Class Cost: \$25

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$2.08

Class Description: Intro to photography will explore the art of digital photography by learning about composition, point of view, light exposure, and using your own creativity when taking photos. Students will also learn about editing the photos they take and will be showcasing their work in a portfolio we will be building over the semester.

Students will need to bring a phone (a parents phone) or a tablet to take pictures on each week.

This class will be prerequisite for intro to yearbook (9-11) and yearbook (12+) which will be offered for the spring semester.

AGES 9-11 SECOND HOUR



MUSEUM MAKERS: CHRISTMAS EDITION

Teacher: RuthAnn Lane

Second Hour Only

Ages: 9+

Class Cost: \$40 (most of this will be given to kiddos as a build budget)

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$3.33

Class Description: Do you love creating, designing, and sharing cool things with others? Join our Christmas Museum Curators class and become a real museum curator! In this exciting 12-week project, YOU get to choose what your museum exhibit will be about—anything from Christmas food to decorations, stories, music, or traditions from around the world—and bring it to life for the community to see. You'll explore how museums are made, take virtual tours of famous exhibits, and design your own display to share with the public. Even better? Our museum will help support the library's November mission: collecting canned food for families in need. The grand finale is our Christmas Museum Night at the library, and **we need ALL curators present on Monday, November 24th (4–5 PM set-up, 5–6 PM event, 6–7 PM tear down) at the Hamilton North Public Library in Cicero.** Come be part of something magical, creative, and meaningful this holiday season!

THE ULTIMATE P.E GAMES

Teacher: Vedorian Obiora & Paxton Alexander

Second Hour ONLY

Ages: Ages 9+

Class Cost: \$15

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$1.25

Class Description: The ultimate P.E. Games: Get ready for the most exciting P.E. class yet! In this action-packed course, students will play and master the 12 most popular P.E. games—as ranked by students themselves! From high-energy team sports to fun, fast-paced tag and strategy games, this class will keep everyone moving, competing, and having fun. Whether you love dodgeball, capture the flag, kickball, or relay races, this class is designed to keep you active, engaged, and having a blast!

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12+ FIRST HOUR



COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Teacher: Amanda Tancredi & RuthAnn Lane

First Hour Only

Ages: 12+

Class Cost: \$25

Breakdown of Cost Per Week: \$2.08

Class Description: Get ready for a class unlike any other—where YOU help shape the fun! In this high-energy, social class, we'll kick off the first week by working together to design the ultimate 12-week experience. From scavenger hunts to escape rooms, obstacle courses to board games—and maybe even a few surprises—you and your classmates will vote on the activities you're most excited about and collaborate to build the class plan from the ground up.

This is a space to make friends, try new things, and get moving—whether we're solving puzzles, competing in team challenges, or just learning how to work together in creative and fun ways. Think youth group-style games, teamwork, laughter, and a chance to lead and create. Your voice matters here!

No prep or experience needed—just bring your ideas, your energy, and your sense of adventure. Let's make it awesome together.

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