



2025 Fall Co-op Class Descriptions

PRE-K TO 2ND (TOTS TO AGE 6)

Phonics Fun with Secret Stories – Gracie Comartin – \$65/semester – (PK3 to 5yrs)

This playful and engaging class is designed for Pre-K students and early learners who are just beginning to explore letter sounds. Using the Secret Stories phonics approach, we'll bring letters to life through fun stories, songs, movement, and hands-on activities. Students will discover the “secrets” behind how letters work together to make sounds, building a strong foundation for reading in a way that feels like play.

Rhythm & Dance Class - Karina Pratt - \$50/semester – (PK3 to 5yrs)

The class will begin with a few light stretches for warm up with physical exercises and games. Each week the kids will learn a simple and fun choreography.

Goals:

This class will help kids develop rhythm, coordination and motor skills, as well as assist in the development of memory and creativity. It will also provide a way for them to exercise and help improve flexibility, balance, physical strength and endurance. **This is a 30 minute class Mommy & Me class.**

Cuentos Creativos - Marissa Castiblanco – \$60/semester (PK3 - 5yrs)

Immerse your child in the beauty of the Spanish language through the magic of classic picture books! In this engaging and interactive class, children will learn Spanish by listening to beloved stories and participating in creative extension activities that bring the tales to life. Each session features a different classic book, with activities designed to reinforce vocabulary, comprehension, and cultural appreciation. Through crafts, dramatizations, and themed games, children will connect with the story in a meaningful way, making language learning fun and memorable. Perfect for young learners eager to explore a new language through the joy of storytelling! **This is a 30 minute class. Care givers must be present with student.**

Musikgarten – Anna Rudzinski – No charge – (birth to 5yrs)

"Family Music and Movement " class incorporating early childhood movement & music as per the Musikgarten curriculum. This unique program allows participation in a fun, energetic environment while instilling a love and understanding of music in their child that also teaches life lessons including how to listen, get along with others, and preparing them to perform well in school.

This is a 30 minute Mommy & Me class.

ELEMENTARY GRADES 1 – 6

Violin (Beginning - Advance) - Jennifer Rudzinski – (K-2nd and 3rd & up) - Free

This class is taught directly by a Florida Youth Orchestra conductor & the director of the South Florida HEAT Band.

We will provide:

- 1) A free musical instrument to use during the school year.
- 2) Weekly lessons with professional musicians.
- 3) At the end of the school year, we will put on a recital to show families and friends their new talent.

You provide:

- 1) Time for your child to practice their instrument at home.
- 2) A release of liability to have your child photographed and having their picture used in publicity by the Florida Youth Orchestra
- 3) A promise to be sure your child attends weekly

The student will:

- 1) Promise to practice daily
- 2) Respect fellow musicians and your instructors
- 3) Participate and not disrupt class.
- 4) Attend weekly

Creative Expressions: Elementary Art - Gracie Comartin (2nd - 5th) —\$85/semester:

In this hands-on art class, elementary students will explore a variety of techniques and materials to express their creativity and build confidence as young artists. We'll experiment with drawing, painting, collage, and more while learning about color, shape, texture, and design. Each project is designed to encourage imagination, problem-solving, and joy in the creative process—no experience needed, just a willingness to have fun and try new things!

Secret Stories Super Reader - Gracie Comartin (K - 2nd) —\$85/semester:

Secret Stories® are the “secret” reasons WHY letters get together and make the many different sounds that

they do. They offer logical explanations for letter sound behavior that learners’ brains crave!

Rooted in the science of reading and cognitive neuroscience research, Secret Stories® targets backdoor learning channels to accelerate phonics skill mastery for reading and writing. Secret Stories® works seamlessly with any reading curriculum or phonics program to fast-track the critical “code-based” phonics skills needed to read and write—while fitting perfectly into existing instruction. This class targets early elementary learners that are proficient at letter sounds, letter recognition, and are able to read CVC words. This is a 45-minute Mommy & Me class.

Suggested text: [Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons](#)

First Steps in Spanish - Jeimy Rodriguez- \$65/semester - (1st -4th grade)

This fun and engaging beginner Spanish class is designed especially for young learners taking their very first steps into the Spanish language.

Children will learn basic vocabulary and phrases through songs, games, and hands-on activities. Each class introduces essential topics such as:

- The Spanish alphabet (ABC en español) Numbers and counting
- Colors and shapes

- Greetings and simple phrases
- Days of the week & basic emotions
- Everyday objects and animals


****No prior Spanish experience needed!** Let's begin the journey — ¡Vamos a aprender español!


A-HA! Diving Deeper (Animals-Habitats and their Anatomy) - Jayanni Martin – (2nd-6th) - \$100/semester

Engage in hands-on activities to explore the diverse world of animal's anatomy, their habitats and behaviors. Students will discover a newfound love and respect for animals and their habitats around the world. Understanding humans' negative impact all over the world will help students understand how they can increase the positive impact of the world.

Cursive Quest: Write, Read, and Explore! - Derice Louis - (8-10yr olds) - \$85/semester

Did you know? In the 19th century, cursive writing was considered essential for academic success and intellectual development. Science shows that learning cursive first can improve brain function, enhancing memory retention and hand-eye coordination amongst a host of other benefits. Give your child the gift of beautiful handwriting and strong literacy skills!

 **Learn Cursive:** This class focuses on mastering cursive writing, helping students build fine motor skills, improve hand-eye coordination, and develop confidence in their penmanship. Through step-by-step instruction and engaging practice, students will learn proper letter formation, fluid connections, and techniques for writing neatly and efficiently. Cursive writing not only enhances writing speed but also supports brain development and focus.

 **Foster a Solid Phonics Foundation:** Complement cursive practice with phonics-based activities that strengthen reading and spelling abilities. Students will engage in decoding exercises, word recognition games, and fun literacy tasks to build a strong foundation for confident reading and clear communication. This class provides a structured, encouraging environment where students can master cursive writing while reinforcing their literacy skills.

Martial Arts w/Combat Training Regimen - Webster Salas & Cynthia Tsang - (3rd +) - \$150/semester

Martial Arts allows us to learn how to control our bodies and teaches us different types of attributes both physical and mental. We will be working on the following physical and mental attributes:

Speed, flexibility, strength, balance, coordination, as well as discipline, self-control, respect, and timing.

UPPER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 4TH - 8TH)

Budgeting - Cara Way Benjamin - (5th - 8th grade) - \$85/semester

Curriculum is still in the making but the main points will be that students will be given a set allowance/paycheck and they will have to learn to budget out utilities, food cost, rent, savings and entertainment with what they have. I will offer bonuses for reading books and bringing in a written summary about the book. We will also have games to help them learn more about how to budget like the "act your wage" and "cashflow" games

Scientific Explorers - Jayanni Martin – (5th-8th) - \$115/semester

Step into the world of discovery with Scientific Explorers! This hands-on science class for 5th through 8th graders invites students to explore the wonders of science through weekly experiments. From bubbling

chemical reactions to engineering structures and exploring life science, students will gain a deeper understanding of how the world works through fun, guided investigations.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES (GRADES 6TH - 12TH)

Intro to Value Debate - Tammie Garcia - (8th & up) \$65/student

Intro to Value Debate explores the fundamentals of Lincoln-Douglas Value debate: understanding how we make decisions; constructing values and making value claims; using a criterion to measure a value; and incorporating appropriate illustrations, philosophical ideas, and logical proofs to construct effective arguments. We'll be using the curriculum by NCFCA. A student activity book will be provided.

Acting 101: Storytelling - Mel Markward - (7th grade & up) - \$85/semester

This is a class for youth at all levels of experiences to become aware of their God-given talents. It is taught by professional actor and team leader with Torch and Trumpet Theatre Company and also formerly with Revelations Ministries Christian Performing Arts. Storytelling in all its nuances lies at the core of the birth and flourishing of many cultures; an ancient art form related to us in the Bible and taught by Jesus. Presenting a story is powerful way to connect, inspire and unite our hearts within a community. Students will learn how to use their mind, body and voice to connect to the audience. We will follow a foundation of biblical wisdom and sound judgement in our stories as we appreciate the beauty of language.

Each student will create a story that has meaning for him/her with the goal to deliver the story authentically to an audience. This will be a minimum of a 3 minute story to present at the HHH Talent Show.

STUDENT CLUBS

Chess Club – TBD - 8yrs and up

Free

Chess club is a class where everyone can play chess, share their strategies, techniques and teach other people how to play. Everyone helps everyone. We will have 5 chess boards so lots of people can play at the same time. We please ask that maybe one day we can do a chess tournament of all ages. Mrs. Erika will be the adult present in the class, along with anyone else who would like to participate in chess.

Suggested: Chess board (optional)

Yearbook Club - TBD - 3rd and up

Free

This club is a co-requisite for Graphic Design students, but is **open to all HHH students that meet the minimum age requirement**. Students will be tasked with creation and layout of the 2023-2024 HHH Yearbook. A timeline for each task and "job descriptions" for the different assignments the kids do will be discussed at the first meeting. This is an excellent club for building leadership and teamwork skills. Some parental assistance will be necessary (ex: transportation to cover certain events, initial help navigating yearbook software, etc...).

Supplies needed: Access to a laptop, tablet or iPad