

NEW HORIZONS HOMESCHOOL GROUP

ELEMENTARY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

2018 - 2019

ALL COURSE INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Our elementary program is designed to offer children from K4 – 4th/5th* grade an opportunity to socialize with other children while experiencing the fact that learning can be fun!

* Our middle school program is designed to include 5th graders who prefer to be challenged. Parents are free to place their 5th grade student entirely in either the middle school program or elementary program, or they can move between the two depending on the classes offered each period.

FIRST PERIOD

READ-ALOUD LITERATURE

MELISSA KIPE

Required materials: Any quality sketch book, such as this one on Amazon:
Large Sketchbook (Watson Guptill Sketchbooks)

ISBN: 9780823005192

Homework: The only work for you to do with your child in preparation for weekly class is to make sure they have read or had read to them, the poem we are working on a minimum of 5x/ week :)

The main thread of class will revolve around a selection of historical, historical fiction and fictional novels read-aloud. The children will then be given a chance to narrate the literature orally or by sketching in their literature sketch book. We will round the class out with a picture study of a great artist and a poem that we are working on, through a gentle memorization technique. The goal of this class is to expose our children to lovely art, beautiful poems and quality literature, in order to help prepare them to notice details, see the beauty God has put before us, and as a preparation for the writing they will do in the coming years.

SECOND PERIOD

ART

SARAH WEISER

Students will have fun exploring different ways to express themselves through art. We will use lots of different methods while learning basic skills with drawing, shading, color, painting and sculpture.

THIRD PERIOD

BIBLE / MATH CLUB

DEB MILLER AND MELISSA KIPE

Our elementary devotions will comprise of stories from the Old Testament along with songs, games and activities to engage children in the Bible. We will also be learning about the life of two missionaries, and the importance of sharing the Gospel.

Math club will use the game 24 to increase our abilities with the four math operations. This engaging game helps math memorization to be fun, and anytime you add fun to the equation, learning and memory increases.

We will also be listening to classical music with math facts. Alternate games will be available for those who are not quite ready to tackle math facts yet.

FOURTH PERIOD

ELEMENTARY BIOLOGY

HEATHER EGE

This class is for all young scientists interested in the fascinating study of life! Elementary students will explore two branches of biology: human anatomy and plant life. They will learn about body systems and while conducting fun experiments to further their understanding. A study of plants will include their structure, reproduction, and types. Experiments and nature observations will enhance their interest, learning and understanding. Material will be differentiated so that all our younger students will have fun learning concepts in science and sharing what they learn with others in the group.

FIFTH PERIOD

DRAMA

RENEE DIETRICH

I'm really looking forward to teaching drama to your kids this year! In this class, we will talk about theater, the art of telling stories through live acting. We will play many fun games that will help the kids grow as actors, with each game focused around a specific acting skill. Some of these themes include ensemble/team work, movement and space, utilizing voice, listening and focusing, etc. I have taught this class multiple times and find that even the shyest kids join in, have fun, and grow in their confidence in front of an audience. These skills, important in theater, also extend beyond the stage. Acting skills improve teamwork abilities, focus, and presentation skills. When time permits, we will play fun PE group games at the end of the class to further our team building, encouragement and just to have more fun 😊