

Class Offerings Overview
2023-2024

Elementary

During the elementary years, we realize math and reading take priority so we have our co-op set up such that you can use it solely as enrichment, you can build your entire homeschool day around it, or anything in between. For core classes, we provide curriculum suggestions to correlate with lessons done in co-op. This could be used to cover all of your course work in the subject, but using these resources is optional.

Every student in elementary school will participate in morning meeting, science and history. Our community will follow a three-year cycle for science and a four year cycle for history

	<i>History</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>2023-2024</i>	<i>Modern World (1500-present)</i>	<i>Human Anatomy, Chemistry, Origins</i>
<i>2024-2025</i>	<i>American History</i>	<i>Biology and Earth Science</i>
<i>2025-2026</i>	<i>Ancient History (creation - 500 AD)</i>	<i>Ecology, Physics, Astronomy</i>
<i>2026-2027</i>	<i>Medieval World (500 - 1500)</i>	<i>Human Anatomy, Chemistry, Origins</i>

Language Arts

K-2 - These students have a dedicated presentation class.

3rd and 4th grade - Literature and Writing course which will focus on skills to prepare them for ALL. These students have subject specific presentations in their content classes.

5th and 6th - ALL is a literature and writing class that uses grade-appropriate novels and IEW. Novels and IEW texts rotate as listed below. These students have subject specific presentations in their content classes.

	IEW Text	Novels
2023-2024	Modern World History	various novels and short stories
2024-2025	U.S. History	various novels and short stories

Electives

The rest of the day is composed of electives which may change year to year. Our electives for the 2022-2023 school year are below to show the type of variety, but they can vary from year to year based

on the backgrounds and skills of the moms in the co-op. Some will be whole year classes, others will rotate throughout the year.

PreK-2 - art, nature study, PE, songs and stories, presentations

3-4 - art, PE, Spanish, geography

5-6 - entrepreneurship, PE, Spanish, art

Homework

Outside of 5th/6th writing and literature class, most classes will not have required homework on a regular basis. We include presentations in many classes on an occasional basis and some preparation is required for these, with the expectations increasing as the student advances. Many classes offer optional bonus homework as a way to dig into a topic or provide moms with ideas of activities to complete at home. These are optional and meant to be fun - just use them as you wish!

Scholé Days

Scholé Days are a fun but integral part of our community which allow students to learn from different people and participate in activities we are not able to do on normal school days. Sometimes outside work is required for Scholé Days. For example, we held a Maker's Market in which students could make and sell items.

Middle School

In middle school, students will be expected to do daily work outside of class, but will have time to participate in family learning if you desire. We view middle school as a bridge to high school where the majority of their learning is grade-specific and independent of their younger siblings.

Middle School A (2023-2024)

History - Heritage Studies

- Students will use history spines from four different areas of world history (Ancient Greece, Medieval China, African Empires, and Vikings)
- Instruction will focus on skills as well as content including: research, note taking, content writing, primary source analysis, long-term planning, group project

Science - General Science

- *Exploring Creation with General Science, 3rd Edition* (Apologia)
- Class time with focus on understanding concepts and completing labs

Bible - Bible Study Methods

- Students will use *How to Study the Bible* by Kay Arthur, *Jesus in the Spotlight: John 1-10* by Kay Arthur, *Topical Memory System* by the Navigators, and other studies that will be provided
- Focus will be on how to study Scripture using different methods and key verse memorization

English

- Various novels such as *Animal Farm*, *Adam of the Road*, *The Hiding Place*, *Treasure Island*, *Out of the Silent Planet*, Greek and Norse myths, and short stories from *Words Aptly Spoken*.
- Students will discuss literature and explore literary devices, genre, and author intent.
- *Grammar of Poetry* and *Speech Bootcamp*

Elective - Varies depending on teacher availability and student interest

- Art
- Debate
- Entrepreneurship
- Spanish

Middle School B (2023-2024)

History - Foundations in American History and Government

- *Landmark History of the American People* or *This Country of Ours* (text choice up to parents based on student level)
- Course will be a combination of early American history (through 1850) and civics
- Instruction will focus on skills as well as content including: research, note taking, content writing, primary source analysis, long-term planning, group project

Science - TBD

- Likely an anatomy course
- Course will focus on understanding concepts and lab work

English

- Various novels such as *The Giver*, *Fever*, *The Bronze Bow*, *Watership Down*, *War of the Worlds*, *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*, *A Single Shard*, and short stories from *Words Aptly Spoken*.
- Students will discuss literature and explore literary devices, genre, and author intent.
- *IEW Following Narnia Vol 2* and research paper writing

Bible - New Testament using *The Most Important Thing You'll Ever Study Volumes 3 and 4*

Elective - Varies depending on teacher availability - possibilities include:

- Art
- Debate
- Entrepreneurship
- Spanish
- Cultural Studies / Missions

Early High School

Early High School A

History - 20th Century World History

- Students will use a spine and novels from *Sonlight's 20th Century* curriculum and *Tapestry of Grace* fourth cycle
- Class time will be focused on discussion of important concepts, analyzing current events, and history-related skills such as primary source document analysis, research, content writing, etc.

English - World Literature

- This class will be taught in conjunction with the history course mentioned above.
- Students will read literature, short stories, and essays from around the world, primarily from the 20th century.
- Students will practice responding to literature through discussion and written responses, both formal and informal.

Science - Biology

- Students will use Apologia's Biology textbook and notebook. This course will equip students well for college study.
- Throughout their academic school year, students will conduct controlled experiments where they observe a problem, ask a question, formulate a testable hypothesis, and then conduct the experiment and analyze the data to see if their results support their hypothesis. It involves quantitative data that require measurements. The lab portion of Apologia guides a student through this process.
- They will also conduct descriptive experiments to make qualitative observations and describe what they learn. This includes microscope work, field studies of organisms in their natural habitats, and dissections.
- Class time will both focus on teaching concepts and provide time to conduct lab experiments.

**Depending on teacher availability, we may offer a supervised Physical Science lab for the 2023-2024 school year for students who have already taken Biology.

Music Theory (½ credit course)

- Students will be using Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory as a spine for this course.
- This class will be most useful if students can apply their learning to vocal or instrumental practice.
- In this all-in-one theory course, you will learn the essentials of music, practice your music reading and writing skills, improve your listening skills, and test your knowledge with a review at the end of each unit.
- If students desire to make this a full credit course, they may add a suggested option of either a performing arts component or a music history and appreciation component on their own.

Chapel

- All high school students will be invited to participate in a weekly chapel. Students will be given light reading or short videos to watch in advance to prepare them for group discussion and learning.
- The focus of the chapel learning this year will be on the Old Testament with the goal of increasing Biblical literacy and inspiring desire to better understand, study and apply Scripture to our daily lives.
- If desired, there will be a ½ credit option for students to dive deeper into this material. Additional reading, presentations and papers will be assigned for students who choose this option.

Early High School B

- High school at our co-op is still very much a work in progress but we plan to offer English (American Literature), American History, and Earth/Environmental Science. We are also

considering health, worldview and apologetics, art, PE, personal finance, mock trial and other elective options.