

2014-2015 Classical Cottage School

GRAMMAR SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are offered for one hour, one day a week for 31 weeks.

American Textiles

Amanda White

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 7 to 14 & younger ages if accompanied by adult

Tuition: \$128.00 This class meets 3 times a month for 1 1/2 hours.

Materials Fee: \$60.00

This class will teach students to create many types of handmade textiles. We will spend four to six weeks each on four different skills; knitting, crochet, sewing, and embroidery bracelets. Materials will be provided for two projects in each skill. The high materials fee includes a large number of items, which are listed below. Moms (and dads) are welcome to join us for the class and may pay just the materials fee for their participation (or just come hang out if you bring your own materials). Materials Included: Yarn for knitting and crochet, embroidery thread for bracelets, fabric for sewing, knitting needles, crochet hook, large sewing kit, and patterns for projects.

Art in Science & Nature

Joby Mitchell

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 6 to 8

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$40.00

Just as we learn the ABC's to read and the scales to play music, we will learn how to observe the world in terms of the five basic elements of shape to learn to draw. Each week the children will be exposed to a different theme in nature i.e., plants, mammals, reptiles, etc. The topic will be discussed in class and a fact sheet will be included with their drawing in a portfolio to bring home at the end of the year.

Children's Year

Jeanette Weiler

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 3 to 5

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$20.00

Children's Year is an enrichment course for our youngest students to explore the alphabet (sounds and formation of letters), seasons and months of the year, and the days of the week in concrete, imaginative, and exciting ways. Our children will enjoy listening to stories, making crafts, and singing songs. There will be no required homework, although a worksheet may be provided to review the letter work taught in class that week. Parental involvement is always welcome and available parents will be asked to assist the teacher once or twice during the course of the year.

Classical Studies II: Roman History & Culture

Mimi Larsen & Angie Steele

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 9 to 11

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$25.00

This is the second course in a 3-year Classical Studies cycle, although students do not need to take these classes in chronological order. In this one hour class, children will explore Ancient Rome with an emphasis on history, buildings, culture, geography, and famous men. Map work, timelines, copybook and

other projects will be used to reinforce the understanding of these people, places and events in Ancient Rome as well as their impact on future societies. Occasional homework assignments will be given, not to exceed thirty minutes.

Cultures of the Continents II

Emily Spriggs

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 6 to 8

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$30.00

This class is the second in the Cultures of Continents course series. We will begin with a brief study on the world's seven continents, five major oceans and other geographical features such as land and water forms. Through mapping and other activities we will explore ten different countries from around the world. We will spend about three weeks on each country by studying the geography, history, people, cuisine, customs and other significant cultural aspects. We will read books and folktales, make crafts, listen to music, look at pictures and when possible, watch video about each country. The countries we plan to study include Mexico, Brazil, France, Russia, Israel, South Korea, Singapore, Nigeria, South Africa and New Zealand. While there is no homework assigned, we may distribute handouts which may be completed at home to reinforce what we cover in class. Children are only required to bring their CoC II Folder, (which will be provided) to class each week. All other class materials will be provided as well.

Discovering the Great Artists I

Angie Steele

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 8 to 12

Tuition: \$128.00 This class meets 3 times a month for 1 1/2 hours.

Materials Fee: \$30.00

Students will experience the styles and techniques of famous artists from the Renaissance to the present. Students will explore the artists' backgrounds and critique some of their works of art. The majority of each class time will be spent in a hands-on activity to explore the styles and techniques of the artists while allowing for individual creativity. This is Part 1 of Discovering the Great Artists.

Early American History for Children

Mimi Larsen

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 5 to 7

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$25.00

This class is a literature-based approach to learning American history for young children. The students will learn about our nation's history as they listen to "living" books about famous Americans and key events. Beginning with the Vikings and the discovery of North America, class will progress through the Colonial Age and the founding of our nation, finishing with Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. In-class activities and craft projects will reinforce and supplement the readings. The children will create their own Early American History Book, completing pages weekly. Homework is optional.

Elementary Grammar I

TBD

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 6 to 8

Tuition: \$80.00 (This is a ½ hour class.)

Materials Fee: \$15.00

Elementary Grammar I provides an introduction to grammar through the use of and exposure to properly spoken and written English. Students will learn to recognize and define nouns, verbs, pronouns, and other parts of speech. Students will memorize the definitions of various parts of speech and work on proper capitalization and punctuation. We will use the Four-Strand Approach as recommended by Jessie Wise Bauer: memory work, copy work and dictation, narration, and grammar concepts. A weekly homework page is given to the students, which should take approximately 30 minutes or less to complete.

Elementary Grammar III

TBD

Prerequisites: Students should have had some previous grammar instruction before signing up for this class. Please contact the teacher to discuss this recommendation if you have any questions.

Ages: 8 to 10

Tuition: \$80.00 (This is a ½ hour class.)

Materials Fee: \$15.00

Elementary Grammar III is a continuation of Elementary Grammar II which was taught last year, but is not a pre-requisite. We will continue to build upon the child's grammar and writing skills covering a wide range of topics in more detail. These include: parts of speech, sentence diagrams, skills in beginning writing, story telling, and narration. Knowing the definitions of the various parts of speech is essential as students learn to diagram sentences. We will use the Four-Strand Approach as recommended by Jessie Wise Bauer: memory work, copy work and dictation, narration, and grammar concepts. A weekly homework page is given to the students, which should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Five In A Row for 4 and 5 Year Olds

Taryn Bell

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 4 to 5

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$35.00

In this fun-filled class, students will explore the geography, culture and history of the countries of the world which are found in our most treasured children's literature. Based on the Five In A Row curriculum, each class will consist of reading a carefully selected picture book, followed by activities that will help our youngest students discover the geography, math, science and social studies concepts included in that week's book. There will not be any required homework. Completing the take-home handouts and reading the week's highlighted book at home will enhance your child's learning experience, but will be optional. Parents will be given a syllabus if they choose to read the book with their child.

Geography of the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe

Amanda White

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 9 to 11

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$45.00

Geography of the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe covers the area that constituted the ancient Roman Empire. Each region is explored in its historical context in "History's Headlines," as well as in the present in "Tour of Today." Your student will learn countries and capitals of today and relate them to the ancient lands of the Greeks and Romans, deepening his understanding of both the past and the present.

Great Books – Year 1

Angie Haecker

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 4 to 5

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$15.00

In Great Books your child will be exposed to literature of enduring value. Each week we will read and discuss a different story that will captivate your child's imagination and help to cultivate a love of reading. We will discuss different elements of stories such as the setting, characters, plot, or conflict of the story. Illustrations will be studied, stories compared/contrasted and plots predicted. We will introduce different literary devices and concepts as relevant to the story and age-appropriate. Your child might meet authors of some of their favorite stories and will be introduced to unfamiliar authors, even spending a few weeks getting to know a particular author or two through an author study. We will also incorporate an activity that relates to either a theme or a skill set from the story. This activity could be a game, craft, song or reenactment. If your child was in Great Books - Year 2 in 2013/2014, all new literature will be presented in our Year 1 rotation in 2014/2015.

Hands on Science

Dianne Klopp

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 8 to 10

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$45.00

If science experiments never seem to get done because you don't want to make a mess or can never remember to buy red cabbage when you need it, then this class is for you! This course will focus on engaging, fun experiments that get students excited about science. Each week students will perform a different hands-on experiment or create a model. We will cover a wide range of topics including astronomy, electricity, magnetism, states of matter, chromatography, kitchen chemistry, DNA, food webs, and rocketry.

Learning through Literature

Angie Steele or Kristi Gray & Virginia Max

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 9 to 12

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$25.00

With a focus on Newberry award winning books, the students will be developing the fundamental skills necessary to recognize literary elements of a story, such as foreshadowing, character description, conflict, and theme. Weekly classroom participation will be expected as we discuss the book. In-class projects will be designed to teach the students to interact with and understand the story. At home, students will read weekly from the literature and answer questions which will be discussed in class. Students are expected to come to class with homework completed and ready to learn. There will be a book response or project assigned at the end of reading each book. This class is considered a bridge class to the Upper School curriculum. A booklist will be emailed to students in the summer.

Living Math

Jennifer Wright

Prerequisites: Children must have a good grasp on the concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions.

Ages: 10 to 12

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$30.00

Math is the the science of patterns! The purpose of Living Math is to help students appreciate mathematics from a whole new perspective by learning about the lives of great mathematicians and by doing fun, hands-on, mathematical activities. Rather than being topic-based, our study of mathematics will progress somewhat chronologically and use literature and history to make math come alive and provide a context to enjoy and retain learning. We will study Archimedes, Pythagoras, Fibonacci, and DaVinci to name just a few. Our activities will include building an abacus, making tessellations, flexagons, mobius strips and lots more. This class is by no means meant to take the place of a good math curriculum at home but will serve to enhance it and provide a different perspective on a subject which kids often find tedious and dull. Worksheets with rote drills are avoided and instead the focus is on creatively introducing mathematical concepts which, despite their complexity, can be appreciated and enjoyed by the children. Homework will be assigned most weeks but should require no more than 30 minutes to complete.

Myths of the World

Leigh Ann Lynch

Prerequisites: None

Ages: Level A is for ages 4 to 6; Level B is for ages 7 to 9

Tuition: \$80.00

Materials Fee: \$40.00

Myths of the World will highlight famous and not so famous stories and myths from various cultures, excluding Greek and Roman mythology. This half hour class lends itself to story-telling and coloring pages related to the tales as well as geographical knowledge of their origin. Making connections among

tales and cultures will be encouraged while also nurturing vocabulary development. Though having time for acting out the stories are rare, some brief myths lend themselves to dramatic interpretation which this class will try to offer on occasion.

Penmanship

Boo Bennett

Prerequisites: None

Ages: Level A is for ages 6 to 7; Level B is for ages 7 to 10

Tuition: \$80.00 (This is a ½ hour class.)

Materials Fee: \$25.00

Cursive writing is a simple art form that every child can learn. A review of manuscript (printing) will be reviewed and then the children move to the cursive. Instruction will not start with “Aa” and proceed to “Zz”, but instead begin with the simple lines that are the building blocks for all of the letters. Students will learn to read cursive. Mrs. Scheerer recently praised my 14-year-old before the Latin IV class, saying, “Timothy has beautiful cursive writing.” Whether your child continues to AP Latin (those essays for APs are to be handwritten) or not, make their classical education well-rounded with the mastery of classical penmanship. Weekly homework of about 45 minutes required. Success in the class will depend on completed assignments.

Prima Lingua Latina I

Julie Shanabrook

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 6 to 8

Tuition: \$80.00 (This is a ½ hour class.)

Materials Fee: \$15.00

Prima Lingua Latina I is an introduction to Latin and a preparatory course for students who plan to continue taking Latin in the Upper School. Using much of the same vocabulary as the first 6 chapters of the Upper School text, *Lingua Latina*, students will learn basic grammar, declensions, and Latin sayings. Students in this class will also be introduced to the geography of Rome (“Rome was Built on Seven Hills!”), Roman culture, history focusing on the kingdom of Rome, and Latin songs and prayers.

Prima Lingua Latina II

Julie Shanabrook

Prerequisites: Prima Lingua Latina I

Tuition: \$80.00 (This is a ½ hour class.)

Materials Fee: \$15.00

Prima Lingua Latina II is the second year in a 3 year introduction to Latin and a preparatory course for students who plan to continue taking Latin in the Upper School. Using much of the same vocabulary as the first 6 chapters of the Upper School text, *Lingua Latina*, students will continue to learn Latin grammar, declensions, Roman culture, history focusing on the Roman Republic (“Caesar, mighty Caesar..”) and Latin sayings and mottoes.

Shakespeare for Kids

John Siman

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 9 to 11

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$20.00

“The play’s the thing...” -- indeed it is -- to introduce children to the rich world of Shakespeare. Using appropriately abridged and abbreviated versions of *The Tempest*, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, and *As You Like It*, students will read, discuss, memorize, and perform a sampling of simple selections. This is a “hands-on” class that does require a certain amount of memorization and public performance but not too much homework. Students will, however, be asked to read the plots of these three and a few other plays from the *Lamb’s Tales of Shakespeare* and will also be given small assignments to help them begin to learn about Shakespeare’s life in the England of Queen Elizabeth I.

Story of the World: Medieval

Taryn Bell & Jeanne Delaney

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 7 to 9

Tuition: \$128.00 (includes license fee from Peace Hill Press)

Materials Fee: \$45.00

In this class, students will listen to exciting history stories as they track and discuss the flow of cultures and ideas. Story of the World Volume 2 takes the students from the fall of the Roman empire to the rise of the Renaissance. Class time includes the story from the text, map work and an activity or craft. Purchase of the text is not required. There will not be any required homework.

Supervised Play

Steve & Jenny Beaudouin

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 7 to 14 & age 5-6 if accompanied by adult

Tuition: \$60.00 This class meets 3 times a month for 1 1/2 hours.

Materials Fee: \$5.00

This group comes together for 90 minutes of physical activity and games. It is an opportunity for students to exercise and enjoy friends after a full day of academic classes. The games are chosen by the students, although a wide variety of sports and activities will be encouraged. Each student, regardless of age, is expected to participate in the day's activities. This class will meet on the CCS grounds, weather permitting. (This decision will be made by the teacher no later than lunchtime of that day.) Also, this class does NOT meet on the days that we have Roman Culture.

The Cradle of Civilization

Leticia Ash

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 7 to 9

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$30.00

This class is an in-depth study of the people groups who inhabited the lands of Ancient Mesopotamia, from the Greek, meaning 'between two rivers'. Also known as the Cradle of Civilization or the Fertile Crescent, it is regarded as the birthplace of agriculture, urbanization, writing, trade, science, history and organized religion. Students will actively work chronologically through the diverse groups of people who lived or conquered this region, including Sumerians, Babylonians, Assyrians, Phoenicians, Hebrews, Persians and more. Students will enjoy and remember history as they create their own keepsake notebook in this third Ancient River Valley Civilization.

The History of Music and The Great Composers

Kristi Gray

Prerequisites: None

Ages: 9 to 11

Tuition: \$128.00

Materials Fee: \$45.00

In this class we will study the great composers of several different music eras such as the baroque period, the classical period, the romantic period, and the contemporary period. We will learn about composers like Vivaldi, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and Williams. We will also explore how classical music has influenced music through the ages and explore classical music in pop culture. The students will be expected to take notes in class and will have some homework. An optional field trip will be included in the curriculum.

Thinking Skills

Jeanne Delaney

Prerequisites: None

Ages: Level A is for ages 4 to 6; Level B is for ages 7 to 9

Tuition: \$80.00 (This is a ½ hour class.)

Materials Fee: \$35.00

This class is designed to improve verbal and figural skills in several important areas, including similarities and differences, sequences, following directions, deductive reasoning, classification, making inferences, visual logic and analogies. The skills are designed to improve the child's ability to view problems in different ways and train their minds to stretch in new directions. The skills utilized will cover critical, logical, analytical and creative thinking and help transfer this thinking into almost any subject area--and life! The class will solve puzzles and brainstorm, working independently and in groups. This creative and fun approach will improve each student's attention, observation and memory. Two half-hour sessions will be offered with age-appropriate activities. Homework will be handed out each week but should take less than 30 minutes and it will be optional.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEACHER BIOGRAPHIES

Leticia Ash

Leticia Ash, a native of Missouri, graduated from Patrick Henry College with a B.A. in History. There she studied a variety of historical topics ranging from the foundations of Western civilization to U.S. intellectual history and the history of sports. Her most recent projects have been a thesis on Amelia Bloomer and her introduction of pants for women into American fashion as well as development of a women's history course. We are delighted to welcome Leticia to the Classical Cottage School!

Steve & Jenny Beaudouin

Steve and Jenny homeschool their 4 children and have attended CCS for 6 years. They own 4 restaurants in Virginia and West Virginia. They previously taught PE at a local private school and they both help coach a local youth running club. Jenny attended West Virginia University and Steve has a degree in Civil and Architectural Engineering from Central Maine Technical College.

Taryn Bell

Taryn Bell lives in Berryville and has been homeschooling for 19 years. She has five children. Three have graduated and two are enrolled in Classical Cottage School. In addition to homeschooling, Taryn spends her time doing the bookwork for her husband's business and playing with her three grandchildren.

Boo Bennett

Boo Bennett graduated from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Her boys are Timothy, 14 and Robert 12. She learned the important skill of penmanship from diligent nuns.

Jeanne Delaney

Jeanne Delaney lives in Berryville with her husband William and has six children....four grown children and two daughters (Elisa and Emma) still in CCS. This will be her 9th year at CCS and 6th year as a teacher in the Grammar School. Jeanne graduated from California Polytechnic University with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in the Science. She worked as a Material Operations and Production Planner until 'retiring' to raise her children.

Kristi Gray

Kristi Gray grew up in Loudoun County, Virginia. She attended Liberty University and earned her degree in History with a minor in English. She has been a reading and math tutor for over twenty years. Prior to homeschooling she taught in several local Christian schools. This will be her third year teaching at Classical Cottage School.

Angie Haecker

Angie Haecker earned her B.S. in Elementary Education with a Learning Disability Endorsement from Valparaiso University and completed graduate courses in Reading Specialization at Shenandoah University. She taught for three years as a Learning Disability Resource teacher in a Christian school before moving to Virginia and starting a family. She homeschooled her two children who are both now in college. This will be her sixth year teaching at CCS.

Dianne Klopp

Dianne Klopp is a homeschool mother of three boys. She received her BBA in Computer Information Systems and a minor in Economics from James Madison University. She received her Master's in Education from George Mason University, and is a licensed teacher. Prior to becoming a full-time Mom, she worked in the computer industry designing and developing financial software.

Mimi Larsen

Mimi Larsen is a home school mother of six. She earned her BBA from the College of William and Mary. This will be her seventh year teaching at the Classical Cottage School.

Leigh Ann Lynch

Leigh Ann Lynch has a masters in education from the college of William and Mary and a bachelors in English from Emory University. She taught kindergarten at Boyce elementary in Clarke County and second grade in Winchester city before starting her family. She home schools all 4 children ranging in age from 15 to 7. When not teaching and managing the home, she enjoys painting acrylics and watercolors.

Virginia Max

Virginia received a B.A. from Wheaton College with a major in English Literature. She taught 5th grade for one year in a DC Public School and 3rd grade for four years in Fairfax County Public Schools before coming home to raise and homeschool four children. While homeschooling, she helped found Cornerstone School of Washington, DC, a Pre-K through 12th grade inner-city, Christian school in Southeast, DC and she has served in many capacities there including curriculum development and teacher training.

Joby Mitchell

Joby Mitchell is a home school mother of four. She has a BS degree in Christian Education. This will be her fifth year teaching at CCS.

Julie Shanabrook

Julie Shanabrook has homeschooled her 2 daughters for the past 12 years. She was an Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia with a concentration in Biology, and received a Masters in Physical Therapy from Boston University. She has enjoyed building on her own high school years of Latin through the amazing CCS Latin program, and looks forward to another fun year of helping to develop the next class of enthusiastic Latin students. Julie likes to use hands-on, multisensory teaching to engage these young scholars. Salvete, Discipuli!

John Siman

John Siman studied Philosophy as an undergraduate at Davidson College and received his B.A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his M.A. in Classics from The Johns Hopkins University. He has previously taught Latin and Greek at the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, The Catholic University of America, Maury High School in Norfolk, and the University of Virginia; he currently teaches Latin and Greek to academically gifted students at the Old Stone School in Hillsboro, Virginia.

Emily Spriggs

Emily Spriggs is a home school mom of two and is returning to CCS for the tenth year. Emily has previously taught Children's Year, Story of the World, Supervised Play and Culture of Continents I. Before becoming a full-time mom, Emily's career experience included marketing, sales, training, and information design. She also has experience in private club marketing and membership development. She holds a B.S. degree in Communication and received her MBA from Shenandoah University.

Angie Steele

Angie Steele is a home school mother of 5 children. She earned an undergraduate degree in English and a Master's degree in Education with a specialty in Reading. She taught in Fairfax County Public Schools for 10 years. This is her tenth year teaching at CCS.

Jeanette Weiler

Jeanette Weiler is a home school mom of three. She earned her undergraduate degree in Spanish and International Politics and her Master's degree in International Policy. Before becoming a full-time mom, Jeanette worked for the CIA for 15 years as an analyst. This is her eighth year teaching with the Classical Cottage School.

Amanda White

Amanda White lives in Winchester, VA and is the homeschooling mother of two boys, both of whom attend Classical Cottage School. She is an Army veteran, and worked in the IT industry for many years before homeschooling her children. She also works part time for Willowcroft Farm Vineyards in Leesburg, VA. This is her fifth year teaching at CCS.

Jennifer Wright

Jen Wright received her Bachelor's of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Virginia Tech. She worked as an Operations Research Analyst and an Applications Programmer for US Airways and EDS before deciding to homeschool her four boys. Jen, who is our high school physics instructor as well, has been teaching at CCS for six years now, and truly enjoys sharing her knowledge of math and science with the students.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Chapel

Families who want to include prayer in their day may attend Chapel in the sanctuary each Thursday morning from 10:40 to 10:55 a.m. Dads are invited to lead this devotional time with stories, songs, or Bible readings. Students join in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayers for our country at the conclusion of Chapel. We invite you to join this peace-filled time of fellowship with other Christians.

Memory Period

Prerequisites: None

Tuition: None

Materials Fee: None

Kim Schatz

All students are invited to attend a 15-minute memory period of Latin drill from 8:10 to 8:25 a.m. Thursdays held in the Chapel. Students will chant Latin declensions and conjugations. No sign-up is required.

Nursery

Ages: infants and toddlers 3 years of age and under as of the first day of class

Tuition: \$96 per class period for the year

Janette Cascio

For matters of safety and space, the nursery cannot accommodate any child over the age of 3. The insurance fee is the ONLY registration fee required for children registered only for the nursery.

Roman Culture

Once a month our Latin teacher Susan Schearer presents an engaging slide presentation or dramatization on a different aspect of Roman culture. This presentation is open to all students and families enrolled in the Classical Cottage School as long as a parent is with the children and they are able to sit quietly and not detract from the learning process. No registration for these presentations is necessary. We strongly encourage students participating in Certamen to attend this program. Cost: free.

Susan Schearer

Study Hall

Fee: \$5.00 per semester

Study Hall is intended for students who are mature enough to sit and work independently for an entire hour. They must bring enough work to occupy their time and understand that Study Hall is not a social hour. Our Study Hall Monitors do not assist with schoolwork. Students must register for Study Hall in advance. Study Hall is offered throughout the day as long as classrooms are available.

Rachel Mickahail