

Hello Living Lessons families,

As summer draws to a close and we look forward to cooler weather, I am eager to meet your children for a more normal year at CCS!

We will be feasting on a variety of topics through art, nature study, poetry, stories and crafts. For natural history this year we will be focusing on seasonal changes and taking nature walks weather permitting. I will pair this with some nature lore stories peppered throughout the year to awaken our wonder and interest in the natural world with a focus on trees, animals, birds and insects. Nature journals will be provided.

For our picture study we will focus on three artists: Rembrandt, Goya, and Thomas Gainsborough. Your child will be able to bring their art prints home to share with the family, hopefully providing enjoyment and enriching discussion. Also, each week we will read a nature inspired poem and explore the world of Tall Tales, Myths, and Fables.

Here are some of the books I will be using:

Through Four Seasons, Bird Stories, Hexapod Stories by Edith Patch  
The Handbook of Nature Study by Anna Comstock  
The Lost Words by Robert McFarlane  
Tell Me, Tree by Gail Gibbons  
American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osbourne  
Aesop's Fables by Milo Winter  
Poetry by Christina Rossetti and Robert Louis Stevenson

Thank you and have a wonderful rest of your summer!

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