

## Living Lessons III

Greetings!

I hope that everyone is enjoying these gorgeous days of late and spending lots of time outside. I am looking forward to the routine of school and working with your children!

There are a few things to mention and the great news is that you do not need to purchase any supplies for our class! All your child needs to bring is a cheerful attitude and an adventurous willing spirit. Your material fees will cover all necessary art supplies. They will bring home an art print each week and I ask that you place it in a prominent place in your home for them to look at throughout the week. Some suggestions would be on the refrigerator, on a cookbook stand on the counter or side table, on the piano, or in our house, we string bakers twine across a window and hang them with a clothespin.

We will be studying three artists this year: Rembrandt, Goya and Thomas Gainsboro.

"Historical poetry" is poetry that was written during or about events that took place during the time period being studied. In this course, students will become deeply acquainted with a few poets from this category. The three poets are Longfellow, Blake and Wordsworth. Additionally, we will be naturally introducing the works of the ever impressive William Shakespeare.

Our Nature Study will be a key component of our class. No drawing talent is required! I am expecting everyone to be a beginner. Using the nature journaling methods taught by John Muir Laws we will set up our nature notebooks and hopefully give them the tools to be life long journalists! Together, we will learn new ways to observe and document the bounty of God's generosity and whispers while growing in our appreciation for the amazingness of it all!

In an attempt to be outside as many hours a day as possible, we will meet outside as long as the weather is above freezing and not raining. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate outer wear as we move toward cooler days.

Thank you for entrusting your children to me! I look forward to our time together. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you have.

Pax et bonum,

Leslie Hofbauer

I am including the Law's Nature Drawing Book just in case you are interested in learning as well but it is NOT required for the class. [https://www.amazon.com/Laws-Guide-Nature-Drawing-Journaling/dp/1597143154/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?dchild=1&keywords=john+Muir+Laws&qid=1630783576&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.com/Laws-Guide-Nature-Drawing-Journaling/dp/1597143154/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=john+Muir+Laws&qid=1630783576&sr=8-3)