

5-6 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FOR REGISTRATION 2011-2012

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Outside Work Guidelines:

Minimal- Less than 1 hour of homework expected each week

Moderate- Between 1-2 hours of homework expected each week

Significant- At least 2 hours of homework expected each week

New Paid Teacher Contract Agreement:

Veritas attempts to utilize the full range of talents provided by the membership. When needs cannot be met by membership, we solicit outside sources for either paid or unpaid classes. These teachers negotiate the terms of their services with leadership and sign a contract that will bind them, in goodwill, to our members, our students, and our classes. Through this process, we have built a reputable relationship with many guest teachers.

Because many negotiations are based upon student enrollment minimums, it is very important that our classes stay above certain predetermined numbers so we do not breach our contract with the paid teacher. In the past, through students randomly dropping classes, we have had difficulty remaining faithful to these terms of agreement. Our guest teachers negotiate fair, and often times, lower than average fees as a favor to Veritas families. When the numbers fall below the contracted per student cost ratios, the teacher is under no obligation to continue with us.

To guarantee that our contracted teachers receive the negotiated prices and that our committed students do not lose the teachers' services before the year is over, parents will be asked to sign a contractual promise to pay for the years' services even if their student drops the class sometime during the year. We regard our guest teachers as an extension of our co-op. If a member is in breach with a guest teacher, (s)he will be considered in breach with Veritas in general and may lose membership privileges.

Please make note of the following policy changes. They will be implemented for Registration 2011-2012.

1. Guest teachers are bound by contract to negotiations that have been agreed upon by both parties, namely Veritas leadership and the teacher. All communications regarding student participation and/or payment terms should be directed through the Registrar and not with the teacher personally.
2. The parent desiring the **yearlong** services of a paid teacher will sign a contract which promises to pay the teacher in 3 equal payments (once a trimester). If the student drops the class, for whatever reason, the parent will be held responsible for continuing the payments to finish the year. All unpaid balances must be paid in full before re-enrollment or future registrations will be considered. Default on the payments to a guest teacher could be grounds for dismissal from Veritas.
3. Contracted teachers are bound by agreement to reimburse days missed that are personal in nature (I.E. vacations, sickness, family emergencies, etc...). However, the instructor is not required by contract to reimburse days missed due to Veritas or Urbancrest Baptist Church's decision to close (I.E. inclement weather, mass absences, church emergencies or scheduling conflicts, etc...). The paid teacher is expected to contact the students during the day of the closing and provide a plan for continued study so that time is not lost in covering the necessary material.

YEARLONG CLASSES

Institute for Excellence in Writing: A (Early Option) – Noelle Lamb

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **3 trimesters; 3rd grade reading level; must have independent handwriting skills and basic understanding of writing sentences; younger students will need parental assistance if they are not independent workers; students will have to show samples of readiness**

Intended Curriculum: *Institute for Excellence in Writing*

Outside Work: **Moderate**

Supply/Book Fee: **Notebook, \$18; E-book, \$10**

This will be the beginning of the program. The target audience is grades 3-5. The students will develop and practice the skills being covered through DVD presentation and teacher feedback.

Institute for Excellence in Writing: B – Amy Boyer

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **3 trimesters**

Intended Curriculum: *Institute for Excellence in Writing*

Outside Work: **Moderate**

Supply/Book Fee: **Notebook, \$18; E-book, \$10**

This is not a continuation of the (A) program, but rather a continuation of the same learning skills. The class can be taken as a follow-up to Program (A) or as a standalone program for students without any previous writing experience. The target audience is grades 6-8. The students will develop and practice the skills being covered through DVD presentation and teacher feedback.

*Purchasers of Notebook and Packet need only to buy colored pencils. *If you have multiple students in your family,*

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just purchase extra 1" or 1 1/2" binders at a local store to hold their copies of the packet.

***Purchasers of the e-book need to purchase a 1" or 1 1/2" binder to hold the packet, five-tab dividers, and colored pencils. Please make sure to print and hole-punch all pages and place them in the binder for the first day of class.*

Institute for Excellence in Writing: B (Continuation)— Amy Boyer

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **3 trimesters; *Students must have completed IEW A or B or an equivalent course.**

Intended Curriculum: *Institute for Excellence in Writing*

Outside Work: **Moderate**

Supply/Book Fee: **Notebook, \$18; E-book, \$10**

Welcome to the Student Intensive Continuation Course Level B. This course assumes that the student has completed one of the Student Writing Intensives (SWI)—either live or on video. Although review will be imbedded in the class presentations, the student should have a fair understanding of the following ideas:

- Note-taking and writing from “key word outlines” (Unit 1 & 2) •
- The six “Dress-up” techniques & five Sentence Openers (#1, #2, #3, #5, #6) •
- Story sequence (Unit 3) • Titles • Topic-clincher paragraph rule (Unit 4)

Students who have not completed the SWI course but have equivalent experience may also be able to participate in this continuation course.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course a student will be able to:

- Use a variety of stylistic techniques including sophisticated vocabulary, complex sentence structure, and decorations such as dramatic openers and similes
- Write research reports from multiple sources • Write a five-paragraph report using topics, introduction and conclusion •
- Conduct an interview and write their findings •
- Write letters • Write book and movie critiques • Edit their work for grammar, syntax and usage

Young Apologia: Astronomy – Kelli Hundley

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **3 trimesters long; no prerequisite. They do have to be done in succession.**

Intended Curriculum: ***Apologia Exploring Creation with Astronomy with notebooking pages from the following website: http://www.jeanniefulbright.com/pdfs/astronomy_notebook.pdf***

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: 39.00 New from Apologia we will be using the downloadable version of the journal

Starting with the sun and working towards Pluto, the student will learn details about all nine planets in the solar system. Along the way, the student will also learn about Earth’s moon, the asteroid belt, and the Kuiper belt. After that, the student will move outside our solar system and learn about the stars and galaxies that make up God’s universe. Finally, the student will learn about space travel and what it takes to be an astronaut.

We will be completing many activities and projects in class that will enhance their reading

Zoology 2: Swimming Creatures of the 5th Day (6-8) – Guest Teacher: Margaret Powell

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **3 trimesters long; no prerequisite. They do have to be done in succession.**

Intended Curriculum: ***Exploring Creation with Zoology 2 Swimming Creatures of the Fifth Day***

Outside Work: **Moderate**

Supply/Book Fee: Cost: **\$39.00 for the text; \$24 for the journal (possible free down-loadable journal* See note)**

Apologia’s second zoology book will take you and your family on an exploration into the wonders of the swimming creatures made on the fifth day of creation. From the rivers and streams to the mighty ocean, God filled the Earth’s waters with animals great and small; enormous whales sprung into being billions of plankton leapt to life. On that day, millions of creatures like the strapping sea turtles, the skulking sharks, the delightful dolphins, and the soaring squid gladly joined their fellow sea animals, as bass traveled the rivers past the creeping crayfish and the sluggardly snails. And much more - Hardback - 217 pgs *Due to the controversial nature of science, Veritas Christian Home School Group has decided to choose a curriculum that embraces the literal 6 day view of creation. Our teachers will instruct the class from this perspective while at the same time encouraging open discussion.*

*Note from Apologia: *You are able to print the pages from our website, but there is a difference in the pages on the website and what you get in the journal. The pages on the website are very generic unlike the pages in the note booking journal that have a little more activities involved with them. If this doesn't make sense, please feel free to contact us. Thanks!*

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2 TRIMESTER CLASSES:

Grammatical Word Functions and Origins – Guest Teacher: Tina Hull

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **2 trimesters**

Intended curriculum: **Basic Winston Grammar and Vocabulary from Classical Roots**

Outside Work: **Moderate**

Supply/Book Fee: **Approx. \$13 for each workbook**

No more of the hundred-year schemes of diagramming, the boring methods of grammar education of yesteryear!!

This class is to help students understand the structure of language and comprehend the principles of traditional grammar. Using innovative means to achieve conventional ends, *Winston Grammar Basic* curriculum does away with the traditional grammar textbook, lecture approach, and heavy emphasis on memorization. The program covers *nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositional phrases, coordinating conjunctions, interjections, nouns of direct address, subjects, direct and indirect objects, ellipsis, predicate nominatives and appositives.*

In addition, this course will include vocabulary and spelling from *Vocabulary from Classical Roots*, a thematically organized vocabulary program based on Greek and Latin roots. Words are presented with dictionary-style definitions and example sentences. Exercises include *synonym, antonym, fill-in-the-blank, identification of incorrect usage, and analogies.*

This 2 trimester class is sure to be exciting, interesting and far from another boring language arts class!

1 TRIMESTER CLASSES:

Advanced Grammatical Word Functions—Guest Teacher: Tina Hull

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester: Student must have completed Basic Winston Grammar**

Intended curriculum: **Advanced Winston Grammar**

Outside Work: **Moderate**

Supply/Book Fee: **Approx. \$12**

Why take Advanced Grammar?????

The Advanced Winston Grammar program picks up where the Basic program leaves off. The class teaches recognition of proper usage of phrases and clauses, improvement of expression through language, keys to more mature writing, and confidence to tackle larger and more difficult sentences. In addition, the student will learn proper usage of *possessive adjectives, possessive pronouns and nouns, reflexives, interrogative pronouns, present and past participles, correlative conjunctions, infinitives, gerunds, relative pronouns, compound and complex sentences, and embedded noun clauses.*

Art: Drawing Skills Drills – Paid Teacher: Jody Ball (Grades 5-6, 7 and up)

Scheduling Info/Prerequisites: **1 Trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **Practice sketching at home**

Supply/Book fees: **Teacher fee is \$25 per student for the trimester.**

~ A fun and lively study. This class allows students to understand basic drawing skills which will give students a solid foundation to progress into further art applications as they mature. Students will be taught how to see objects as they really are and apply drawing skills to render a subject as it really is. Students will be encouraged to allow their individual drawing style shine. They will gain a new appreciation for how things are created and be taught to really look at a subject, separating it out in their mind to build it back up on paper. We will use a variety of pencils, charcoal and experiment with pen and ink.

Art: Exploring Watercolor— Paid Teacher: Jody Ball (Grades 5 & 6 / Grades 7 and up)

Scheduling Info/Prerequisites: **1 Trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **Moderate**

Supply/Book Fees: **Teacher fee is \$25 per student for the trimester.**

~ We will explore the many expressive techniques possible with the use of watercolor crayons and pencils on paper. We will work from life and photos.

Building Thinking Skills – Christee Brackmann

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended curriculum: **Building Thinking Skills Level 2; Critical Thinking Company various book titles, Newbridge Thinking Skills Program**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

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Supply/Book Fee: **None**

Each class will use puzzles, problems, mysteries, brain teasers, and more to build verbal and mechanical skills while improving the student's creative problem-solving talents. We will use various materials published by Critical Thinking Co., such as Building Thinking Skills, Think-A-Minutes, Think-A-Grams, and Daily Mind Builders in order to exercise and implement thinking skills. Other materials that may be used are Newbridge Thinking Skills Program (worksheets, activities), Whodunnit Puzzles (book title), Blokus (game), Sudoku (solving game), advanced mazes, advanced hidden pictures, and more. There is no need to purchase workbooks, as handouts will be provided.

Cake Decorating – Shelby Birdwell

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **approx. \$5 fee for supplies**

We will learn and practice basic cake decorating skills, tips and tricks. Students will learn basic techniques, make icing, candy molds?, cupcakes, cake, etc.

Creation VS Evolution - Guest Teacher: Lisa Harvey

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: ***Bible, Answers in Genesis***

Outside Work: **none**

Supply/Book Fee: **none**

Teach students basic principles of evolution and Creation equipping them to compare and contrast the 2 views. GOAL: To solidify their understanding and confidence in God's intelligent design of His children and of the animal kingdom.

Creative Card Making – Melodie Haenes

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **\$5-\$10 supply fee**

Learn to be an encouragement to others as you make your own cards using scripture, quotes and poetry!

Drama and Skits(4-6)– Teri Teague

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **None!**

Experience a fun on stage small production and present what is practiced these ten weeks at Share Fair. **(Student must be able to perform on stage and all children will be included. They must attend Share Fair.)** Depending on the number of students in class we will do small skits or one play.

Fun with Foods – Diana Swanger

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **\$10 supply fee to cover the cost of food**

Learn the fundamentals of healthy eating and preparing delicious-tasting foods! Students take turns being the "Head Chef" of their lab group as they participate in 8 different labs. They'll make and eat foods from a different category each week including... dynamic drinks, great grains, fabulous fruits, valuable veggies, pump-it-up with pasta, lean-mean meats, and delicious desserts. Yum!!

History Pockets: Ancient Egypt – Amy Knecht

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **History Pockets & Streams of Civilization Volume I (Christian History Book)—all supplied by teacher**

Outside Work: **Minimal outside work <1 hr**

Supply/Book Fee: **none**

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Students create colorful booklets that include historical facts, maps, timelines, art/craft projects, etc. that introduce Egyptian life, government, architecture, language, etc. Supplemented by history lectures on Egyptian History from *Streams of Civilization*, Vol. I.

I also wanted to let you know that we will be introducing the topic of the Egyptian gods in general. It would be impossible to study Egyptian mummies, pyramids, leadership, etc. without discussing the role that religion played. However, I believe God is a jealous God and so we will not be highlighting or investigating their gods in an inappropriate way. We will use this opportunity to discuss polytheism vs. monotheism and the obvious problems that their religion caused. If you have any questions about this, please email me or call me at 937-748-9438 to discuss further.

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History Pockets: Ancient Rome – Amy Knecht

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **History Pockets**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **none**

Students will create a lapbook on Ancient Rome covering: daily life, government, education, army, religion/mythology, engineering and entertaining. It will be supplemented by lecture from *Streams of Civilization*.

Journalism – Teri Teague

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **Newspaper Articles, own**

Outside Work: **minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **none**

Create own newspaper! Interview the Veritas CO-OP and look at the world around us in a Christian Perspective. Learn to write an article by using Microsoft Word. Take pictures to add to the articles,

Learning through Games(3rd -8th) – Melodie Haenes

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **own**

Outside Work: **minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **None**

Using games the student will work on math, spelling, geography, history and art skills. The games will be board and card games.

Literature Study: *Number the Stars & Hiding Place* (5th-10th) – Mary Darst

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended curriculum: ***Number the Stars & Hiding Place Study Guide***

Outside Work: **Moderate**

Supply/Book Fee: **\$7.00; teacher will purchase the books and distribute them to ensure the same edition**

Number the Stars tells the tale of Annemarie Johansen, a young girl living in Denmark during World War II. The book opens in 1943, three years after German soldiers first arrived to occupy the small country. After three years of living uneasily with this occupying force, the gloves finally come off as the German Nazis begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark. The Danish Resistance, made up of ordinary citizens like the Johansen family, works steadily to smuggle the Jews out of Denmark and over the sea to nearby Sweden. Annemarie, only ten years old, must find courage and maturity beyond her years within herself in order to help her best friend, Ellen Rosen, escape from the Nazis.

Math Games- Renee Brown

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **You have the option of taking this 1, 2, or 3 trimesters long. They do not have to be done in succession. Students must be able to multiply and divide.**

Intended Curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **None-minimal, share and practice games, puzzles and tricks.**

Supply/Book Fee: **None**

Fun outside the math book , using math to play games, solve puzzles and do activities that use thinking math, problem solving, communication, reasoning, connections, along with content math, estimation, number sense, geometry and spatial

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sense, measurement, statistics and probability, fractions and decimals, and patterns and relationships.

PE 5+– (pending)

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1, 2 or 3 trimesters**

Intended Curriculum: **own**

Outside Work: **none**

Supply/Book Fee: **none**

It will be a general PE class with many different games, activities, and sports. The focus will be on fun, fitness and sport.

Nutrition – Whitney Griggs

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **Abeka Health/Nutrition along with my own**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **None**

Learn about basic nutrition, eating and cooking healthy, recognizing bad foods (ingredients on packages), how to make good choices when eating out, counting calories, fitness, fat burning, food pyramid, muscles, and sample healthy snacks!

One Hour Mysteries – Whitney Griggs

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **One Hour Mysteries by Mary Ann Carr, Teacher Book Bag Science Sizzles Fingerprints**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **None**

One-Hour Mysteries offers five motivating mysteries that your students can solve using clues and logical reasoning. Your students become "crime scene investigators," analyzing clues found at a crime scene and applying forensic techniques in their analysis. Criticalthinking skills include deductive reasoning, inferring, taking notes, organizing data, and analyzing evidence.

To enhance the mystery class, I will also add to the curriculum lessons on fingerprinting and Dactyloscopy -the study of fingerprint identification. We will begin making a fingerprinting lapbook in class as well as practice fingerprinting each other in class. (Depending on time, the lapbook may be sent home to be finished if parents wish). We will also make our own mystery in class - where students will have to figure out the suspect based on the fingerprints on file in the classroom.

Rapid Math Facts– Renee Brown

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester; No prerequisite**

Intended Curriculum: **Group drills**

Outside Work: **none-minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **none**

Drills and fast games to master math facts; multiplication and division.

Young Peacemakers – Renee Brown

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1 trimester**

Intended Curriculum: **Adapted from the Young Peacemaker and Young Peacemaker Activity Books By: Peacemaker Ministries**

Outside Work: **Scripture Memory, Activities**

Supply/Book Fee: **None**

The Young Peacemakers teaches how to resolve conflicts Biblically. Several different scenarios are given in the 10 lessons with a bad/better/best solution to the conflicts. Each student will have workbook pages with activities to reiterate the lessons.

The Young Peacemaker which aims to teach children how to prevent and resolve conflict in a constructive and biblically faithful manner. The Young Peacemaker emphasizes principles of confession, forgiveness, communication, and character development, and uses realistic stories, practical applications, role plays, and stimulating activities.

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AFTERNOON OPTIONS

1, 2 or 3 TRIMESTER CLASSES (Choose):

Tae Kwon Do: Basic Skills (All ages)– Paid Teachers; Master Scott and Sarah Schwab

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1, 2, or 3 trimesters-They do not have to be done in succession.**

Intended Curriculum: **own**

Outside Work: **minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **\$50 per trimester; must have at least 10 students**

Learn the basic disciplines for Tae Kwon Do and self defense. The emphasis will be on skill building and general disciplines. Evaluations and uniforms are optional. Advancement is provided but not mandated.

Tae Kwon Do: Advanced Skills (All ages)– Paid Teachers; Master Scott and Sarah Schwab

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1, 2, or 3 trimesters-They do not have to be done in succession.**

Intended Curriculum: **own**

Outside Work: **minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **\$50 per trimester; must have at least 10 students**

Learn the basic disciplines for Tae Kwon Do. The emphasis will be on advancement of skills and the promotion for belts. A student can enter the class without previous experience with the instructor's approval. Uniforms and testing will be expected.

PE Games and Sports (4-6) – Leah Green

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1, 2, or 3 trimesters long. They do not have to be done in succession.**

Intended Curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **none**

Supply/Book Fee: **None**

A general PE class where many different games/activities will be played. Focus will be on having fun and getting exercise!

Art (5-6) – Noelle Lamb (T1); Niki Smith (T2-T3)

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1, 2, or 3 trimesters long--They do not have to be done in succession.**

Intended Curriculum: **Visual Manna**

Outside Work: **minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **\$3-\$5**

This class will include art concepts and vocabulary, techniques, and appreciation all in one. There will be a wide variety of media, including drawing, pottery, weaving, painting, paper mache, sculpting, etc. It is filled with interesting little tidbits drawn from science, history, or about events and famous people. These tidbits are woven into the lessons. This class will introduce kids to the wide world of different types of art.

Games and Strategy (4-6) – Kathy Shelton

Scheduling Info/Prerequisite: **1, 2, or 3 trimesters long.**

Intended Curriculum: **Own**

Outside Work: **Minimal**

Supply/Book Fee: **None**

Students will play a variety of games appropriate for their age/grade level. Games may include Checkers, Chess, Scrabble, Battleship, Connect 4, Yahtzee (great for multiplying/adding), Clue, String Games, or other games appropriate for the group. Bible games will also be played throughout the year. The group will be divided into smaller teams in order to facilitate the changing of games and ensuring an appropriate number of players. For younger students, I Spy, puzzles, Boggle Jr, Scrabble Jr, Old Maid, or other games may be played. The objective is to have fun while using critical thinking skills.