

Fairdale Co-op Fall 2008 Course Catalog

Ancient Civilizations (1st-3rd)

Your child will take walk through Ancient Civilizations in this hands-on class. We will explore Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China and the Aztec World. Using History Pockets from Evan Moor we will create portfolios full of memorable discovery pockets.

Teacher: Bethany Maynard

Ancient Greek Mythology (6th-Up)

This course will focus on the lives of ancient Greeks. The geography, culture, government, and daily life will be included, however, the main focus will be the mythology. Students will discover what life was like for these ancient people and why they put so much emphasis on their mythology.

Teacher: Gina Hartlage

Apologia Science (6th-Up)

This is a great science class taught through a biblical worldview. We'll learn more about God and his creation by doing the experiments at co-op and the reading at home. Your child will need the text (1st edition), but I do know that many of the east campus families have the text to sell used! There will be a **\$5 class fee** to cover the experiments in class.

Teacher: Suellen Barnes

Art History (4th/5th)

Introduction to Art History will allow students to experience styles, works and techniques of some of the great masters through history. This class is a brief introduction just to get the kids thinking. The class may cover art anywhere from the Renaissance period forward. We may discuss such masters as Van Gogh, Michelangelo, Monet, Rembrandt and more!

A brief research project of artists/movements will be expected as homework each week. The bulk of class time will be used to create their own project in the style we are studying, rather than in straight

copy work. This will be a hands-on artistic experience! Class work examples include: (1) making/using egg paint and (2) creating a drawing in the style of cubism (after we take the object apart).
Teacher: Sabrina Nallia

Art (Kindergarten)

Let your child express his or her inner creativity as we learn about famous artworks and artists. A variety of projects will be created using mediums such as clay, paper Mache, recycled items, fabric and paint. Key terms such as line, mosaic, texture, and color will be introduced as well to help broaden your student's knowledge about the artistic world. **Fee: \$3**

Teacher: Bethany Maynard

Dinosaurs (1st)

This course will focus on the fun facts regarding dinosaurs. The class will discuss these creatures with a pro-creationism point of view with some compare and contrast to traditional points of view. Students will learn about the variety of dinosaurs through puzzles, games, and interesting stories. This class is geared toward boys. We will pair the older boys with younger boys to create Mentor Pairs. Each pair will work together to complete ongoing projects. Girls are allowed to take this class.

Teacher: Gina Hartlage

Election Study Unit by Amanda Bennett (6th-Up)

We the people ARE the government here in America – we elect our leaders to lead our country and represent us through our elections! By voting, we are able to express our own opinions on issues through our

choices of candidates. As the next generation begins to mature and prepare to be a part of their communities, they need to understand that their vote is their voice. The freedom to vote and choose our government representatives is a freedom that has been obtained and defended at the cost of many precious lives. They need to understand the election process, the workings of American government and the impact that they can have on the process as well as the future of our country.

With this unit study, your students will learn about:

- Ø History of elections
- Ø Basic structure of representative government
- Ø Voting and election process
- Ø Campaign participation and opportunities
- Ø Presidents, their families and their opponents

Also, we will be following this with a social studies class afterwards so they will have government and social studies throughout the co-op year!

Teacher: Leah Sweetman

Exploring Art (2nd/3rd)

This class is designed to introduce basic art techniques, mediums and vocabulary. Homework will be minimal, requiring less than ten minutes a week. Usually homework will be a sketch in their sketchbook.

Basic skills studied may include line, color, texture, form, shading and light. Project examples for this semester are: puffy art, wire sculptures, monochromatic simple printmaking and pinhole cameras. Students may retake this course. We will discuss the same basics each semester; however, the projects will change.

Teacher: Sabrina Nallia

Five in a Row (K, 1st)

A unit study for 4-8 year olds. Each week is based on a different children's book. We'll be learning about China, France, Appalachia, and more. We'll be learning Geography, the culture of each country, science, games, and even having taste tests! **Fee: \$3**

Teacher: Sara Woosley

God Created the World & Universe (Answers in Genesis) (K)

"Explore the universe that God has made. Explore jungles and forests; oceans and streams; mountains and meadows, while learning to conserve and care for God's creation as He planned." Kids will use a sticker book from Answers in Genesis for this class (add'l \$4.95) along with fun activities to get them excited about the world they live in.

Teacher: Beth Schneider

Handwriting Without Tears (K4)

Get Set For School- Focuses on Colors, Numbers and Letters <Capital only!> We will discuss the sounds that each letter makes! This will be all co-op year long!

Teacher: Leah Sweetman

Handwriting Without Tears (Kindergarten)

Letters and Numbers for Me <for Kindergarten> Focuses on Capital and Lower Case letters and then also numbers 1-10! It also has the children writing words and sentences in the end! It will be used all co-op year long!

Teacher: Leah Sweetman

"Horton Hears a Who" (Kindergarten)

This class is designed to be a multi-subject unit study based around the Dr. Seuss character Horton. We will study a bit of everything from being good friends, caring for our communities, to exploring a jungle

and more! Project samples include a service project for our co-op community, playing a relationship rhyming word game, and making/caring for our own "Whoville" clover. This class will be full of tactile, hands-on learning opportunities.

Teacher: Sabrina Nallia

Institute for Excellence in Writing (2nd/3rd & 4th/5th)

The Student Writing Intensive (SWI) is a course presented directly to the students. Comprised of four complete lessons on DVD (which will be taught over a 16 week period—8 weeks in the fall, 8 weeks in the spring), each session presents models and techniques from the TWSS syllabus. Additional supplemental lesson plans will further enhance the students writing ability with the IEW/SWI program.

Even students with little writing experience can immediately enjoy Andrew Pudewa's humor, realize the process is not so overwhelming, and get started. Once they learn techniques to create a more enjoyable finished product, their concept of writing as being "too hard" changes; they now have the tools for success!

Once they get the basics of the IEW course and are ready for more work, we will then add a literature book (based on each individual level) to the overall program. Literature Book to be announced later.

Supplies: \$18 per family for the purchase of Student Writing Intensive Workbook (i.e. if you have more than one child taking this class, you only need one notebook and can make copies for your other child to be placed in a binder)

<http://www.excellenceinwriting.com/index.php?q=swi>

All Teachers will follow the Teaching Writing: Structure & Style from IEW. **All parents who have children in the class are REQUIRED to join us in a 2 day training program as we learn from the Teaching Writing: Structure & Style DVD's.** For more info on TWSS...

<http://www.excellenceinwriting.com/index.php?q=teaching-writing-structure-and-style-video-seminar-plus-syllabus-teachers-manual>

Cost for parents: Free, but you will need the TWSS workbook... (New at IEW...\$24 for the workbook)

***if you own the TWSS / SWI, you will not have to purchase anything else: just make copies for your additional children from the SWI Student Notebook---bring your TWSS Parent Notebook to 2-day seminar to be announced.**

***Parents are responsible for purchasing the notebooks on their own as Fairdale Co-op will NOT be purchasing them. You may purchase them through the above website at IEW or through Rainbow Resource Catalog.**

Teacher: Kristi Fields/Lori Davis

Literature-book study (4th/5th)

We will work through a unit study of the book "Sounder" by William H. Armstrong. The student will complete a book report at the end of the study. Poetry styles will also be demonstrated and discussed. Each child will keep a poetry journal throughout the class.

Teacher: Beth Schneider

Map skills (2nd/3rd)

A fun hands-on way to learn about maps.

We will be making some simple maps, too! Talk to your child about what (just a few things) they see on the way to Grandma's house...is it over the hills and through the woods

Teacher: Karen Davenport

Ocean Predators (2nd/3rd & 4th/5th)

Sharks are not the only predators of the ocean. We will be learning about other predators of the ocean through lapbooking.

Teacher: Cara Croft

PE (K, 1st, 2nd/3rd)

This class will provide the opportunity for students to learn basic stretches, various gross motor skills, and basic game skills. The

students will work on team building and individual skills in a fun, active way that promotes physical fitness

Teacher: Ruth Pratt

Penguins (1st)

We will be learning about Penguins; The 17 different species, Where they live; Penguin Habitats, Vocabulary, Antarctica, Are penguins birds? Dinner Time, What they eat, Penguins don't jump, they BOUNCE! (nesting), The life cycle of penguins, Penguin Chicks, Penguin Predators, Playful Penguin Pastimes Along with some fun, hands on projects that are planned and I hope to complete.

Teacher: Valerie Cummins

Scripture Songs (4th/5th)

In Acapella Scripture Songs, students will learn to sing several scripture with no instruments. This will include learning some simple harmony and singing rounds and perhaps some of the solfage (do, re, mi) and simple intervals. We will also do some listening to different genres of Christian music and the importance of guarding our minds by being filled with God's truth.

Teacher: Vickie Askew

Spanish (1st)

Intro class to Hispanic Culture. Conversational Spanish. A few basic writing skills. Focus will be more on conversation and acquiring an interest in another language. Will also learn one-two songs both in Spanish and sign language.

Teacher: Jennifer Jepsen

Spanish (2nd/3rd)

Continuation of language learning geared more towards conversation. Will also be learning a few songs in Spanish and sign language. More development on Hispanic culture as well. Enjoy cooking a Hispanic dessert together.

Teacher: Jennifer Jepsen

Study Hall (6th-Up)

Study Hall will be a time for students to work independently, in a small group, or on-one-on with a teacher. Students can focus on the material of their choice. If a student does not have material that they need to accomplish for that hour, there will be an activity for them to complete. Activities will focus on team building, character development, respect, values, communication and goal setting.

Teacher: Gina Hartlage