



STONE HILL LEARNING CENTER

2018-2019 Course Outline

ELEMENTARY LEVEL (3RD – 5TH GRADE)

Art Explorers (Tuesday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm) Art is everywhere! In this thematic, multisensory art class, we will look at nature, literature, art history and even our own personal narratives to create art pieces that reflect each individual student. We will also explore a variety of art media and techniques. (*Instructor: Clara Tozzi*)

Adventures in Science (Tuesday 12:30- 3:00 pm) (*Instructor: Shirley DeCicco*) The elementary science class will use the Science Fusion curriculum. This is a very dynamic curriculum that includes relevant labs, a colorful student book, and promotes a deep understanding of science concepts. Students will be engaged in investigating, asking questions, drawing conclusions, and sharing their findings with the class. Topics to study include Plants and Animals, Energy and Ecosystems, Weather, Earth and Space, Matter, and more. We will have a variety of activities including class presentations, science walks, field trips, and lots of fun!!!

Elementary Writing Class (Wednesday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm) Looking for a language arts class that employs creative learning methods to painlessly teach grammar and sentence writing skills? Infused with grammar, The Write Foundation sets the stage for future student success. Taught incrementally, students develop layers of writing skills that take the mystery out of learning how to write well. Students use highlighters to color code the concepts learned in class. Weekly games add lively fun while further reinforcing concepts. Creative methods of writing poetry are mastered even by the most reluctant writers. In addition to writing and grammar, this course will endeavor to foster a love for literature. Each month the class will read engaging children's classics. The basic book report will take on creative twists and turns throughout the year, giving students a chance to explore their own unique creative outlets while practicing their newly developed writing skills. The goal of this class is to teach foundational skills while promoting a true enjoyment of writing, grammar, and literature. (*Instructor: Eleanor Braun*)

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL (6TH-8TH GRADE)

Finding Your Artistic Voice (Tuesday 12:30-3:00 pm) Students will discover the joy and power of creative storytelling. By looking through the eyes of important animators, comic book and graphic artists, and illustrators, we will explore the art of creative storytelling. We will work on teams and/or with partners to create stop-motion animation, flip books, comic strips, shadow puppetry and even short movie making. We will create artistic visual stories and explore personal visual narratives. (*Instructor: Clara Tozzi*)



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Spanish I (Tuesday 12:30-3:00 pm) This beginning Spanish course will teach students basic dialog expressions, grammar, vocabulary, and reading. They will be exposed to present and preterite tenses and different types of sentences. Besides learning vocabulary and grammar, students will be studying the Latin culture. A 30-minute google chat will be made available later in the week to discuss homework questions and practice speaking the language. (*Instructor: Alba Lucia Thomas*)

Tapestry of Grace (Wednesday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm) This course will explore the 20th Century, from 1900 to the present. Students will be learning about President Theodore Roosevelt, WWI, the rise of Stalin and Hitler, the Great Depression, WWII, the birth of Israel, the Korean War, the Cold War, the rise of the modern Middle East and Islamic Terrorism. This is the 4th year in a 4-year cycle of Classic Education to History and Literature. (*Instructors: Jeanne Yoon and Alba Lucia Thomas*)

Middle School Writing Class - The Write Foundation (Wednesday 12:30-3:00) Excellent academic writing is best attained by mastering the wonderful but elusive essay. The Write Foundation lays the ground work for introducing students to essay writing by first focusing on the smaller, yet vital, components of the essay—sentence and paragraph writing. Level One, Sentence to Paragraph, is the first of a three-tiered approach towards essay writing. Infused with grammar, riddled with creative methods for building writing and critical thinking skills, and packed with fun-filled class games, students will enjoy the writing process while sharpening not only their pencils but their minds. To write well, a student must read well. With this in mind, students will also read and discuss monthly literature selections. The goal of this class is to develop the ability of students to write mature, grammatically correct sentences, logically organize their thoughts in preparation for writing, introduce paragraph writing, experiment with writing various forms of poetry, and enjoy great literature. (*Instructor: Eleanor Braun*)

Spanish II (Wednesday 12:30-3:00) This course is the 2nd in a middle school sequence. Students will be exposed to all aspects of language acquisition such as listening, speaking, writing, logic, cultural values and traditions. Students will gain further practice outside of class through audio exercises, worksheets and listening/writing assignments. (*Instructor: Alba Lucia Thomas*)

Science Exploration (Thursday 9:30-12:00 pm) This course takes an integrated approach to studying science. Students are encouraged to ask the “why” and “how” of science through in-class demonstrations, labs, and independent projects. Topics to be studied will include chemistry and astronomy using the HMH Science Fusion Series. Weekly homework assignments, quizzes, unit tests, and current events are required. (*Instructor: Terry Gilleland*)

Pre-Algebra (Thursday 12:30-3:00) We will be introducing Pre-Algebra topics along with topics from geometry and discrete mathematics. We will use the Saxon ½ ed. as our text. Students will be assigned problems sets to be solved at home along with a closed-book quiz. Placement test required (*Instructor: Terry Gilleland*)



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HIGH SCHOOL (8TH-10TH GRADE)

Algebra II (Tuesday 9:30 am – 12:00 pm) Students will use the Saxon Algebra 2 curriculum to learn about geometric functions like angles, perimeters, and proportional segments, negative exponents, quadratic equations, logarithms and advanced factoring. Students will be assigned weekly homework and a closed-book exam to be completed at home. *(Instructor: Terry Gilleland)*

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History of the Eastern Hemisphere (Wednesday 9:30-12:00) We will explore the history, geography, and culture of Asia, India, and the Middle East using the Sonlight curriculum, historical documents and literature. *Instructor: Shirley DeCicco*

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Biology (Thursday 9:30-2:00) This Apologia college-prep high school biology course is designed to give students an understanding of the basic biological world that surrounds them. Topics include an **Introduction** to classification, biochemistry, cellular biology, molecular and Mendelian genetics, evolution, ecosystems, and much more. There is a heavy emphasis on the **vocabulary** of biology, a strong background in the **scientific method** so that students are trained for laboratory sciences in other high school science courses, as well as university studies and **Labs** that cover experimentation, field studies, microscopy, and dissection *(Instructor: Dr. Keith Gammon)*



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AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Middle School Speech & Debate Club (Tuesday 3:30-4:30 pm) Join us for an informative time of discovering the opportunities that the National Christian Forensics Communication Association offers to homeschooled students. “The NCFCA believes that formal speech and debate can provide a means for homeschooled students to learn and exercise analytical and oratorical skills, addressing life issues from a Biblical worldview. To provide these opportunities to homeschooled students, the NCFCA shall facilitate qualifying tournaments throughout the country and the annual national tournament.” *(Instructor: Jeanne Yoon)*

Kaleidoscope Clubs (Wednesday 3:30-5:00 pm) These short, 8-week sessions will be offered for a variety of activities, including, Intro to MS Office, chess, cooking, and more.