



**2019 - 2020 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS  
GRACE HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION  
UPPER LEVEL ELEMENTARY CORE CLASSES**

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

**Latin – Song School 2**

**Lower Elementary (Grades 2 – 4)**

Does the fun stop after Song School 1? *Song School Latin, Book 2* is a gentle and delightful follow-up to the *Song School Latin* used in our Song School 1 course. With 7 review chapters and 175 everyday vocabulary words, each weekly lesson in the Song School 2 course is filled with songs, chants, new and review vocabulary, and an introduction to grammar and derivatives while at the same time incorporating the fun illustrations, stories and games that the children loved in Song School 1. A lively musical CD is a delightful piece of the program and comes in the back of each student text. As an ideal introduction to the language, *Song School Latin 2* will more than prepare a student to begin a grammar school program such as *Latin for Children*. Come join the fun!

**Text:** Classical Academic Press' *Song School Latin, Book 2* (2013 edition)

**ISBN:** 978-1600510809

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Terri Strasser

1 hour/32 Weeks

**Latin for Children A**

**Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 5 – 8)**

*Latin for Children* is an engaging, incremental, & creative curriculum, designed to introduce students as young as fifth grade to Latin. The *Primer A* text and supplemental materials make up the first year of a three-year series. *Latin for Children* is a modular and flexible program, with elements to engage students of every learning style. As a step beyond just an exposure to the language, it trains students in grammar, vocabulary, and English derivatives in a lively, interactive way that is perfectly suited to students in the grammar stage.

**Texts and ISBNs:**

- *Latin for Children: Primer A*. Classical Academic Press (Revised Edition, June 2017) - 978-1600510007
- *Libellus de Historia, Latin History Reader*, for use with *Latin for Children, Primer A* (Revised Edition, 2018) - 978-1600510045
- *Latin for Children, Primer A – Activity Book* - 978-1600510052

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructors:** Terri Strasser

1 hour/32 weeks

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE (continued)

### **Latin for Children B**

**Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 6 – 8)**

**Prerequisite:** *Latin for Children A*

Building on the *Latin for Children A* curriculum, this course will focus on new grammar concepts, Latin numbers, and a broad range of new vocabulary. Lessons incorporate a plethora of mnemonic aids (songs and chants) that facilitate the learning process with ease and delight. Join this Latin course that is preparatory for high school level Latin study.

**Texts and ISBNs:**

- *Latin for Children: Primer B*, Classical Academic Press (Revised Edition, 2018) - 978-1600510069
- *Libellus de Historia, Latin History Reader, for use with Latin for Children, Primer B* (Version 4) - 978-1600510106
- *Latin for Children, Primer B – Activity Book* - 978-1600510113

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructors:** Terri Strasser

1½ hour/32 weeks

### **Latin for Children C**

**Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 6 – 8)**

**Prerequisite:** *Latin for Children B*

Building on the *Latin for Children B* curriculum, this course will focus on new grammar concepts, Latin numbers, and broad range of new vocabulary. Lessons incorporate a plethora of mnemonic aids (songs and chants) that facilitate the learning process with ease and delight. Join this Latin course that is preparatory for high school level Latin study.

**Texts and ISBNs:**

- *Latin for Children: Primer C*, Classical Academic Press (New Revised Version) - 978-1600510120
- *Libellus de Historia, Latin History Reader, for use with Latin for Children, Primer B* - 978-1600510168
- *Latin for Children, Primer C – Activity Book* (Optional) - 978-1600510175

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Terri Strasser

1½ hour/32 weeks

# HISTORY

## Elementary History

**Lower - Middle Elementary (Grades 1 – 5)**

### **Old Testament History and Ancient Egypt**

Using Veritas Press's History Cards as the springboard for this course, this year's study is part one of a rotating four-year elementary program based on the study of living histories. The course focuses upon history from Creation to Ancient Egypt and through the Old Testament by studying the exciting accounts of "real people who had real adventures." Capturing the pert stage of the early learner and the natural desire for exploration, this course will include hands-on activities, memorization and class projects that make history come alive.

#### **Texts and ISBN:**

##### **Textbooks:**

- *The Greenleaf Guide to Old Testament History* - 978-1882514120
- *The Greenleaf Guide to Ancient Egypt* - 978-1882514007

##### **Veritas Press' Memory Cards:**

Old Testament and Ancient Egypt – 978-1930710009

**Materials Fee:** \$20

**Instructor:** Carrie Johnson

1½ hour/32 Weeks

## HISTORY (Continued)

### **Transitional History**

### **Middle/High School (Grades 6 - 8)**

GHC's Transitional History course provides students with a big-picture understanding and appreciation of history from Creation until modern times. Using *Streams of Civilization* and *Veritas Press History Cards*, students will be reading other supplemental books that represent a general overview of history from the beginning of time to the present. Emphasizing the logic stage of the *trivium*, students will connect facts and explore relationships among events. This course is designed to prepare students for entrance into the Omnibus I course of study.

### **Texts and ISBN:**

#### **Textbook:**

- *Streams of Civilization, Volume One* (Third Edition). Stanton, McHugh, et al. ISBN: 978-1629820507
- *Streams of Civilization, Volume Two* (Third Edition). Stanton, McHugh, et al. ISBN: 978-1629820538

#### **Supplemental Reading:**

- *The Holy Bible*
- *Tales of Ancient Egypt* (Puffin Classics) – Roger Lancelyn Green. ISBN: 978-0141332598
- *Tales of Greek Heroes* (Puffin Classics) – Roger Lancelyn Green. ISBN: 978-0141325286
- *Tale of Troy* (Puffin Classics), Roger Lancelyn Green – ISBN: 978-0141341965
- *No Fear Shakespeare, Julius Caesar* – ISBN: 978-1586638474
- *Myths of Norsemen* (Puffin Classics), Roger Lancelyn Green – ISBN: 978-0141345253
- *Adventures of Robin Hood* (Puffin Classics), Roger Lancelyn Green – ISBN: 978-0141329383
- *The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition*, Anne Frank – ISBN: 978-8172345198
- *Whatever Happened to Penny Candy*, Richard Maybury, ISBN: 978-0942617641

#### **Memory Cards:**

- Veritas Press History cards (all 5 sets at [www.veritaspress.com](http://www.veritaspress.com))
  - Old Testament and Ancient Egypt – 978-1930710009
  - New Testament, Greece and Rome – 978-1930710016
  - Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation – 978-1930710023
  - Explorers to 1815 – 978-1930710030
  - 1815 to Present – 978-1930710047

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Carrie Johnson

1½ hours/32 weeks

## LANGUAGE ARTS

### **IEW – Elementary**

### **Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 4 – 6)**

#### *Old Testament History-Based Writing*

Incorporating the *Institutes for Excellence in Writing* method, this class utilizes a classical approach to writing that stresses imitating great writing and builds a firm foundation of critical thinking and study skills while focusing upon such topics as note making and outlining, summarizing from notes, narrating stories, writing from pictures, and writing creative stories. Students will compile personal binders and portfolios of their completed work. Vocabulary words are included in this curriculum. Using Bible texts, stories, and themes, these 27 lessons move through all nine IEW units and include structure and style checklists for students. In addition, this course incorporates weekly grammar lessons from Robin Finley's *Junior Analytical Grammar* and *Jr. Mechanics* program. Parental involvement is *expected* and *encouraged*!

**Texts:** Required Student Textbooks are provided by teacher (New IEW Students - \$62; Returning Students - \$42)

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Carrie Johnson or Erica Herrera

### **IEW I – (Ancient History-Based Writing)**

### **Middle (Grades 6 – 8)**

*Ancient History-Based Writing Lessons, Volume 1 in Structure, Style, Grammar & Vocabulary* (Ancient History-based source texts) Using curriculum from the Institute for Excellence in Writing, and incorporating source texts from stories, letters, literature, and other Ancient history documents; students will have fun as they learn to write well. Throughout the course of a year, students will improve their critical thinking and study skills as they learn to take notes, outline, create oral and written summaries, improve their vocabularies, analyze plot outlines, write basic reports and creative stories, and “dress-up” their writing with stylistic techniques. As students master each structural model and stylistic technique, they develop greater confidence and creativity. Consequently, they may even discover that they enjoy writing! From the Great Flood to the Ziggurats and from the Ancient Greeks to the early Romans, students will use ancient source texts along with their own notes and writing to compile personal handbooks and portfolios. This course incorporates the study of grammar using Robin Finley's *Analytical Grammar*. Parental involvement is *expected* and *encouraged*!

**Texts:** Required Student Textbooks are provided by teacher (New IEW Students - \$62; Returning Students - \$42)

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Melissa Schubert

1½ hours/32 weeks

## LANGUAGE ARTS (continued)

### **IEW II – Intermediate**

**Middle/High School (Grades 7 – 12)**

*U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons*

**Prerequisite:** IEW I

Honors Level

This advanced set of 35+ lessons moves quickly into sophisticated research, documentation, note-taking from lectures, advanced essays (basic, persuasive and super), critiques of literature, and thesis papers. Appropriate for grades 7-12, the writing assignments include topics such as slavery, inventions, industrialization, WWI, communism, the Great Depression, WWII, civil rights, and more. This course incorporates the study of grammar using Robin Finley's Analytical Grammar. Parental involvement is *expected* and *encouraged!*

#### **Texts:**

- Required Student Textbooks are provided by teacher (New IEW Students - \$62; Returning Students - \$42)
- Animal Farm, George Orwell, (Any edition acceptable)

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Peggy Bruce

1½ hours/32 weeks

## LITERATURE

### Literature – Elementary

### **Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 4 – 6)**

Based upon Adam & Missy Andrews' *Teaching the Classics, A Socratic Method for Literary Education*, this course is an elementary level introduction to the classics focusing upon the elements of great literature and teaching the skills necessary to appreciate and analyze great works. During the course of the year students will read and analyze the eight classics listed below. (Books subject to change at teacher's discretion)

**Books:** Classics listed below (Library loans allowed if available during weeks of course use.)

1. *The Trumpet of the Swan*, E.B. White – 978-0064410946
2. *Victory on the Walls: A Story of Nehemiah*, Frieda Clark Hyman – 978-1883937966
3. *Heidi*, Johanna Spyri – 978-1449910723
4. *Adam of the Road*, Elizabeth Gray Vining – 978-0142406595
5. *Anne of Green Gables*, L.M. Montgomery – 978-1840227840
6. *Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison*, Lois Lenski – 978-0064461627
7. *Carry on Mr. Bowditch*, Jean Lea Latham – 978-0618250745
8. *The Story of Dr. Doolittle*, Hugh Lofting – 978-0440483076

**Materials fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Erica Herrera or Carrie Johnson

1 hour/32 weeks

### Literature – Introduction

### **Middle (Grades 6 – 8)**

Based on Adam and Missy Andrews' *Teaching the Classics – A Socratic Method for Literary Education*, this course is an introduction to the classics focusing upon the elements of great literature and teaching the skills necessary to appreciate and analyze great works. During the course of the year we will be reading and analyzing the 8 classics listed below. (Books subject to change at teacher's discretion)

**Books:** Classics listed below (Library loans allowed if available during weeks of course use.)

- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, C.S. Lewis – ISBN: 978-0064409421
- *Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan – ISBN: 978-1581734812
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain – ISBN: 978-1593081126
- *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens – ISBN: 978-0735812598
- *D'Aulaire's Greek Mythology*, Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire – ISBN: 978-0440406945
- *Julius Caesar (No Fear Shakespeare)*, William Shakespeare – ISBN: 978-1586638474
- *The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin – ISBN: 978-0142401200
- *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Louis Stevenson – ISBN: 9781593081317

**Materials fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Melissa Schubert

1 hour/32 weeks

## MAPPING/GEOGRAPHY

### Mapping the World

Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 3 – 6)

#### *Overview of the Continents*

Helping your child learn about a country is not just about learning the name of a far-off place but understanding the location as a crucial component of the five themes of geography. With *Mapping the World by Heart*, your child will gain knowledge of physical geography, allowing them to map all of the continents with special emphasis on the US - from memory! Students will learn to draw detailed maps including important locations and landforms. Combining memorization with the real use of knowledge, practice, mnemonics, group activities, and games, *Mapping the World by Heart* inspires students to study and love geography!

**Text:** *Student World Atlas, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, Ultimate Reference for Every Student*

**ISBN:** 978-1465474025

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Zion Strasser

1 hour/32 weeks

## MATHEMATICS

### Saxon Math 7/6

Middle (Grades 6 – 7)

Using an incremental method, this *Saxon Math* curriculum teaches new concepts while keeping previous concepts current. Over time and through repeated exposure to these concepts, students gradually gain mastery in their math skills. *Math 7/6* is for average sixth graders or slower seventh graders. This text is especially good at providing a cumulative review and expansion upon topics covered through earlier grade levels. Among topics covered at this level are fractions, mixed numbers, decimals, percent, ratios, rounding, estimating, exponents, working with signed numbers, square roots, beginning algebraic expressions, surface area, volume, angles, circles, prime factorization, ratios and proportions, and statistics and probability.

**Text:** *Saxon Math 7/6, Fourth Edition: Homeschool Set/Box*

**ISBN:** 978-1591413332

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Megan Summerville

1½ hour/32 weeks

## SCIENCE

### Zoology

Upper Elementary (Grades 4 – 6)

#### Flying Creatures

Students will have fun exploring Birds, Bats, Bugs, and Butterflies through hands-on activities and projects. They will learn about birds, feathers, eggs, flight, and migration. Projects will include making bird feeders and identifying birds using a local bird guide as well as creating an ant farm. Other kinds of activities will be learning about bats, collecting and identifying insects, watching the metamorphosis of butterflies and moths, participating in a scavenger hunt, and much more!

#### **Texts and ISBNs:**

- Apologia Young Explorers Series: *Exploring Creation with Zoology 1: Flying Creatures of the Fifth Day – Young Explorers Series* - 978-1932012613
- *Zoology 1 Notebooking Journal* - 978-1935495116
- *How to Make an ANT FARM (Step-by-Step Projects)* – 978-1641565554
- *The New Stokes Field Guide to Birds: Eastern Region* – Donald Stokes and Lillian Stokes - 978-0316213936

**Materials Fee:** \$20

**Instructor:** Pam Scott

1½ hours/32 weeks

### Anatomy and Physiology

Upper Elementary (Grades 4 – 6)

Each person has been specifically and uniquely created by God. In this course, students will encounter fascinating facts, hands-on activities, and engaging experiments as they study the human body together. Students will take a journey through each of the major body systems including skeletal, muscular, respiratory, digestive, circulatory, and cardiovascular. Students will also study nutrition and health and how our immune system is designed to protect us. Students will enjoy creating their own personalized model of the human body. Other types of activities for students will include building a stethoscope, creating a model of a cell, and discovering their own blood type.

#### **Texts and ISBNs:**

- Apologia Young Explorers Series: *Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy and Physiology* - 978-1935495147
- *Anatomy Notebooking Journal* - 978-1935495154

**Materials Fee:** \$20

**Instructor:** Pam Scott

1½ hours/32 weeks



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UPPER LEVEL ELEMENTARY ELECTIVE CLASSES**

**PRINCIPLES OF ART**

**Art Principles**

**Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 4 – 6)**

This upper elementary/middle school level course emphasizes the fundamental art principles of color, value, texture, shape, line, and form through painting, drawing, collage and sculpture. Students will gain skill in art by looking at great works of art, discussing the elements found in those works, and imitating the techniques. Throughout the course of the year, students will complete a series of art projects, culminating in a portfolio to be displayed at the end of each semester.

**Materials Fee:** \$20

**Instructor:** Julie Glowacki

1 Hour/32 Weeks

**HOME ECONOMICS**

**Culinary Skills**

**Middle (Grades 5 – 10)**

**Prerequisite:** Home Ec 1

This course will teach students the basics of cooking and the processes of putting together a tasty meal. The four basic essential methods of cooking will be taught: dry-heat cooking with fat, dry-heat cooking without fat, moist-heat cooking, and combination cooking. This class is more than just following a recipe...students will be making their own creations!

**Materials Fee:** \$60

**Instructor:** Terri Strasser

1½ Hours/32 Weeks

## SPEECH & LOGIC

### **Speech and Logic – Elementary**

**Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 4 - 6)**

Elementary Speech and Logic will focus on teaching students how to think critically and logically. In addition, students will learn how to write and present speeches, learning different techniques for how to present different types of speeches. Students will also learn how to identify and address logical fallacies. During the course of the year, students will practice logical thought and logical conversation while they learn how to approach an issue from both sides and determine what is fact and what is fiction, what is truth and what is falsehood. This class will sharpen students' minds as they develop the art of conversation, speech, and thinking.

**Text:** *The Fallacy Detective: Thirty-Eight Lessons on How to Recognize Bad Reasoning*, Workbook Edition (4<sup>th</sup> Edition), by Nathaniel and Hans Bluedorn

**ISBN:** 978-0974531571

**Materials Fee:** N/A

**Instructor:** Zion Strasser

1½ Hours/32 Weeks

## WORKSHOP SKILLS

### **Boys Home Workshop**

**Upper Elem/Middle (Grades 4 – 8)**

This upper elementary level – middle school course for boys emphasizes the essential home workshop skills that every boy needs to know in order to skillfully guide his own home someday. Covering kitchen skills, mealtime manners, first aid and safety skills, young handyman skills, woodworking skills, gardening, outdoor adventures, and money-management skills, this course will give students the knowledge of these skills, the confidence in using them, and the excitement about caring for their homes in a God-honoring way!

**Materials Fee:** \$60

**Instructor:** Lou Bozzuto

1 Hour/32 Weeks

## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

### **Private Piano Lessons**

**Instructor:** Caleb Waymeyer

For Private lessons email: [cjwaymeyer@gmail.com](mailto:cjwaymeyer@gmail.com); phone: 561-301-2837

### **Private Piano Lessons**

**Instructor:** Courtney Waymeyer

For Private lessons email: [cvwaymeyer@gmail.com](mailto:cvwaymeyer@gmail.com); phone: 561-222-5996

### **Please NOTE:**

#### **For all Private Lessons:**

1. Please contact the teacher for times and more specifics.
2. Grace Homeschool Connection does not collect private lesson fees.
3. All guitar, piano and voice music instruction materials will be ordered and provided by the Instructor. The cost for these fees will be added to lesson fees.