

K4-4th Grade Class Descriptions New Smyrna Beach

If you have specific curriculum questions, please reach out to the named teacher privately.

K4 9:00AM-12:00AM

Teacher: Andraia Lee

I'm so excited to teach your children this year! Each week we will work on the following areas: phonics, reading, writing, math, and social studies. An example of our day will go as follows: Circle Time: Welcome/Greetings, calendar, letter of the day (as we progress in the year it will be sight word of the day), review our days of the week, months of the year, seasons, and counting. This will typically be followed with a worksheet that goes along with either our letter or sight word of the day as well as journal work. We will then work in our Letters and Sounds book and do small groups in which I will take one or two students at a time and work individually while the rest of the class has centers and stations set up throughout the room that will focus on our lesson.

Snack: Students will provide their own snack and I will read a book or they will watch a short video that correlates with our lesson. Wednesdays we will do a show n tell at this time.

Social Studies: Our main focus will be the following concepts: Becoming a good citizen, learning our Pledge of Allegiance, community helpers, States, Continents, and Countries around the World, the environment, culture, and religion of different people groups. Each day we will do one lesson in our books.

Math: We end each day with our math curriculum. We begin with large group activities in our books and on the white board followed with individual work and small group lessons as needed.

Goals. By the end of the year our class goal will be to know our alphabet, sounds, sight words with some reading, counting to 100 (by 1's, 5's and 10's) basic addition and subtraction.

Curriculum: TBD

Materials: Pencil box filled with 3 sharpened pencils with erasers, washable markers, pack of crayons, colored pencils, scissors, and glue stick. One pocket folder. Manuscript tablet for journal writing. Water bottle. Please make sure that everything is labeled with your child's name

K4 & K5 1:00PM-4:00PM

Teacher: Danielle Vanscoy

Pre-K and Kindergarten students will enjoy an afternoon of fun with read aloud stories, science and working on their handwriting/fine motor skills. We will be working on listening comprehension skills while listening to both fictional and non-fiction texts. Some goals we will have throughout the year will include being able to identify the roles of author/illustrator, identify characters/setting/major events (with support) and comparing two texts. We will also

spend a portion of our afternoon engaging in fine motor centers to strengthen our fingers to become better writers. These centers will include working with play-dough, scissors, tweezers, and putting beads on strings or pipe cleaners. When the class is ready, we will step into learning the correct size and formation of letters. Some topics we will cover in science will be learning our five senses, properties of matter, motion of objects, our solar system and life science. The afternoon will be filled with hands-on activities, crafts, centers, songs and lots of story time!

Curriculum:

Materials:

K5 9:00AM-12:00AM

Teacher: Stephanie Sherry

During our three hours together on Tuesday and Thursday we will focus on Reading, Writing, Phonics, and Math. We will reinforce daily lessons by working in smaller groups at various center activities to instill cognitive skills, motor skills, and social skills. These will include many hands-on activities which allow students to enrich their learning, working with others in smaller groups, discover new skills, and sharing. Through weekly Show & Tell, students will build confidence speaking in front of a group. We will use various games to enhance our lessons and keep learning fun. Various art projects will be included to allow for creativity and special mementos to remember their time in Kindergarten.

By the end of the school year students will know their alphabet, sounds, sight words, how to write letters, and numbers. They will understand counting, simple addition/subtraction, counting by 5's and 10's, and number order (before, between, and after).

Curriculum: Abeka K5 Numbers Skills book
Abeka K5 Letters and Sounds
Abeka Reading Program 1A "Fun with Pets"
Amazon - Learn to Read CVC Words Storybook
(Author Crystal Radke by Rockridge Press 2022)
Amazon - Letter and Number Tracing Book
(Activity Treasures)

Materials: Pencil box that closes well and is large enough to hold pencils, scissors, glue sticks, and crayons. A set of washable colored markers. Each student should have a backpack and insulated, unbreakable, and tight sealing water bottle/thermos. Students will also need a light snack each day.

1st Grade Foundations 9:00AM-10:00AM

Teacher: Melissa O'Bryan

In this class students will cover topics that will lay the foundation for good learning abilities to come. They will have the opportunity to further practice concepts needed to become fluent readers — vowel sounds, phonics, and sight words. We read books together to instill a love for reading. We will also cover beginning writing skills like handwriting, punctuation, and building sentences. We play games and do activities that allow students to get out of their seats and have fun while learning!

Curriculum: Handwriting book TBD

Materials: pencils, colored pencils, scissors, gluesticks, 2-pocket folder

1st Grade Math 10:00AM-11:00AM

Teacher: Melissa O'Bryan

In Math level 1, students will begin with counting, writing, and reading numbers and move on to addition skills, subtraction, learning place value, ordinal numbers, graphing, simple fractions, introduction to measuring, as well as counting money and telling time.

Curriculum: TBD

Materials: pencils, colored pencils, scissors, gluesticks, 2-pocket folder

1st Grade Reading 11:00AM-12:00PM

Teacher: Tiffany Hopkins

Beginner readers need to spend time building good foundation to ensure success! We will take the time to learn the difference between vowels and consonants before moving on to consonant blends, short vowel sounds, and finally long vowel sounds. Students will begin learning sight words and as they start blending new words together they will be able to put all these skills together to start reading simple sentences.

Curriculum:

Materials:

1st Grade Science 1:00PM-2:00PM

Teacher: Stephanie Bricker

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

We will be exploring the wonder that God created using hands-on activities and projects. Put on your helmet and buckle in while we explore the sun, planets, asteroid belt, dwarf planets, the Kuiper belt galaxies, nebulae, and even black holes as they reveal the marvel and might of our loving Creator.

Curriculum:

<https://www.apologia.com/product/astronomy-regular-notebooking-journal-2nd-edition/>

Please make sure that you order the JUNIOR Notebook.

Materials: colored pencils, markers, glue stick, scissors, pencils and hand pencil sharpener

1st Grade History 2:00PM-3:00PM

Teacher: Stephanie Bricker

From the Mountains to the Prairies America is a vast land full of History. We will explore America's past using Notgrass curriculum and hands-on learning. Throughout history people have worked hard, experienced heartache and come up with solutions. We will look at this using a Biblical Worldview.

Curriculum:

TBD

Materials: colored pencils, glue stick, scissors, pencils and a hand pencil sharpener

1st-2nd Grade Enrichment 3:00PM-4:00PM

Teacher: Michele McLean

“Play is the highest form of research.” - Albert Einstein, Theoretical Physicist

This class will encompass themed-based unit studies with a focus on hands-on learning experiences. This is a creative class where we will study subjects through creativity, exploration, and play! Art, hands-on science, music, and movement will be incorporated into our learning adventures!

2nd Grade Math 9:00AM-10:00AM

Teacher: Lorena Perman

Curriculum:

Materials:

2nd Grade Reading 10:00AM-11:00AM

Teacher: Tiffany Hopkins

Once a student has the basic skills of blending vowels and consonants together, they are ready to learn the many forms in which long vowels can occur, consonant blends, prefixes, and more! By building on these skills, students will build self-confidence and be ready to read on their own!

Curriculum:

Materials:

2nd Grade Writing 11:00AM-12:00PM

Teacher: Stephanie Bricker

This class will take the basic skills that were introduced last year and elevate them to the next level. Students will learn the framework for writing and then create well written stories using the framework. By the completion of this course students should confidently be able to put their thoughts into basic paragraphs.

Curriculum: Just Write Book 1 and Easy Grammar Grade 2

<https://www.christianbook.com/just-write-book-1/elsie-wilmerding/9780838826256/pd/372625?event=ESRCG>

<https://www.christianbook.com/easy-grammar-grade-2-workbook/9780936981840/pd/981543?event=ESRCG>

Materials: pencils, erasers, colored pencils

2nd Grade Science 1:00PM-2:00PM

Teacher: Laurie Parker

Apologia's award-winning Astronomy curriculum is written for elementary students and has no prerequisites. Because young students learn best when they are interested in a topic, the Young Explorer Series was designed so that each course can be used in any order.

Using hands-on activities to help your young scientist retain what they learn, Apologia's elementary science curriculum uses the Charlotte Mason methodology to introduce the wonders of our solar system, the stars, and beyond. In this course, your student will explore and learn about the sun, planets, asteroid belt, dwarf planets, the Kuiper belt galaxies, nebulae, and even black holes as they reveal the marvel and might of our loving Creator.

Curriculum: Apologia Exploring Creation with Astronomy textbook

Apologia Exploring Creation with Astronomy JUNIOR Notebooking Journal 2nd Edition

Materials: pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, colored pencils, markers, crayons, glue, and scissors.

2nd Grade History 2:00PM-3:00PM

Teacher: Michele McLean

**O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!**

Students will journey through the 50 states, learning American geography and history.

Curriculum: Notgrass History 50 States textbook

Materials:

3rd Grade Reading 9:00AM-10:00AM

Teacher: Tiffany Hopkins

We will prepare our students for higher level thinking as we read through novels and focus on vocabulary and literary techniques in an organized and fun way! Another focus will be discussing and applying the moral lessons and character values from the literature. We will also continue to work on spelling lists to promote good reading AND writing!

Curriculum:

Materials:

4th Grade Spanish 9:00AM-10:00AM

Teacher: Stephanie Bricker

This course will be an Introduction to Spanish aimed to help students to develop proficiency on a basic level thru curriculum and hands on activities exploring Latin culture.

Curriculum: TBD

Materials: colored pencils, glue stick, scissors, 1 inch binder

3rd-4th Grade Math 10:00AM-11:00AM

Teacher: Lorena Perman

Curriculum:

Materials:

4th Grade Math 10:00AM-11:00AM

Teacher: Stephanie Bricker

We will continue building a firm foundation of math concepts such as multi-digit addition, multiplication, division, fractions and simple geometry. Students will learn using Teaching Textbooks as well as hands on manipulatives. We will discover real life math practices preparing students for their future.

Curriculum: Teaching Textbooks Math 4

<https://www.teachingtextbooks.com/discs-and-books>

Materials: Pencils, erasers and a hand pencil sharpener

3rd-4th Grade Writing 11:00AM-12:00AM

Teacher: Nicole Matute

Students in 3-4 writing will follow an incremental approach to writing that will enable them to build confidence in their writing (and speaking!) abilities throughout the year. Using source texts, key vocabulary, and stylistic techniques, even the most reluctant writers will learn to write “with structure and style”.

Curriculum:

<https://iew.com/shop/products/structure-and-style-students-year-1-level-binder-student-packet>

<https://iew.com/shop/products/fix-it-grammar-level-1-nose-tree-student-book>

Materials: IEW Student Binder, Fix It! Grammar book, blank paper, and writing utensils to class each day.

3rd-4th Grade Health and Wellness 1:00PM-2:00PM

Teacher: Taylor Smith

Healthy Living:

- Body Awareness: Caring for your body, personal hygiene, importance of sleep, body safety, etc. Positive ways students can think and feel about themselves and how special they are because God created them unique.
- Nutrition: Fueling your body so you are healthy & strong. Eating healthy foods helps our bodies and minds and keeps us from getting sick.
- Exercise: Breathing, relaxing, using our energy & strength, etc.

Managing Yourself: Students will learn to manage their own resources: time, energy, possessions, money, technology use, mindfulness, thoughts & feelings.

Relationships with Others: “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them...” (Matthew 7:12)

Students will learn and practice respect, empathy, friendliness, kindness, honesty, cooperation, conflict resolution, as well as other positive ways of dealing with others.

Real World Skills: housekeeping chores, infant knowledge, gardening, sewing. This is a great age to train our children to start to take care of themselves and help around the house.

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Curriculum:**Materials:**

3rd-4th Grade History 2:00PM-3:00PM

Teacher: Laurie Parker

Each lesson is filled with full-color photographs, illustrations, and artwork. At the end of each lesson is a list of suggested activities. The exact activities vary from day to day, but they include:

- singing a song or learning a dance in *Rhythms and Rhymes*
- looking at the *Timeline* book
- completing a *Student Workbook* page
- reading from one of the recommended literature titles
- answering review questions
- doing a hands-on activity

Each unit has one special family activity. These include crafts, art projects, recipes, and other multi-age activities.

Curriculum: Notgrass History - Our Star Spangled Story textbook and student workbook

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