

# Lighthouse Christian Academy Enrichment Classes 2024-2025

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## 2024-2025 Enrichment Classes

## Art: Creative HeARTs

**Teacher:** [Brooke Graves](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 2nd through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Supply box with crayons, pencils, scissors, glue, etc.

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** Art and craft supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Prepare yourself for an immersive journey of artistic exploration and creation! In this course, students will harness the power of color, texture, and shape across a spectrum of mediums. From mesmerizing mosaics to festive holiday crafts, from exquisite watercolors to captivating paintings and directed drawings, the possibilities are boundless. Art also seamlessly intertwines with various subjects, enriching learning experiences in geometry, numeracy, scientific principles, literacy, comprehension, and beyond! Led by Mrs. Graves, students will embrace an interactive, hands-on approach, honing motor skills and fostering creative expression through safe and innovative techniques. Join us as we explore God's gifts to us and use our creative hearts!

## Art: Exploring Watercolors

**Teacher:** Molly Ballantyne

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 6th grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pencils
- Erasers

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** Paints, brushes, and paper supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 0 to 30 minutes per day as students desire to increase their skills

**Course Description:** In this course students will explore the beautiful medium of watercolor painting. We will learn how to use the unique properties of watercolor to our advantage through a variety of projects, including a final piece of the student's choice that will incorporate the techniques covered in the course. Instruction takes the student from never having picked up a brush to completing a portfolio of projects... All while learning more about our Creator and how art can be used for His glory.

## Art: Intermediate Sewing

**Teacher:** [Rebecca Smith](#)

**Prerequisites:** Able to sew a straight stitch on a machine and have basic sewing skills

**Appropriate for:** 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Sewing Machine (if available)
- 3 yards of 100% quilting cotton – each yard a different design for the student's quilt

**Semester supply fee:** \$30

**Supply fees to be used for:** Fabric and supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Students will make a quilt, Christmas stocking, learn fun sewing and quilting techniques, learn how to applique, and other sewing projects.

## Art: The Knitting Circle

**Teacher:** [Kacy Simper](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 3rd grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Scissors, wide-eye, tapestry needle, knitting needles size 8, 9, or 10, and a container to hold the materials and project that the student is working on.

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** The Knitting Circle is a class designed to connect creativity and friendship. Students of all ages gather, their fingers dancing with knitting needles, creating intricate patterns of yarn that are as unique as the relationships they form. This knitting circle is more than just a place to learn a craft; it's an opportunity to build lifelong friendships.

Knitting teaches patience, humility. Determination, productivity, flexibility, problem solving, and social connections.

## Art: Kreative Kids

**Teacher:** [Ann Mill](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Yearly supply fee:** \$25

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This artistic class provides age-appropriate, fun and imaginative art activities for your young artist. Art projects are based on themes and employ a variety of techniques, mediums and materials to create artistic projects and crafts that stimulate the imagination.

## Art: Out of the Box

**Teacher:** Jill Businelle

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st through 6th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Paper, pencil or crayons, apron for painting

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** Tools for cutting, rolling, attaching boxes together. Boxes, paint, scissors, accessories.

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Cardboard is an incredibly versatile craft material. You can fold it, roll it, cut it, tape it, paint it to make exciting things such as colorful lizards, balancing butterflies, robot costumes, and much more. We are using Makedo tools that are safe for all children to use to cut the cardboard.



## Art: Paper Perfection

**Teacher:** [Heather Giezen](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 12” Trimmer with ruler (or a separate ruler)
- Scissors
- Bone Folder
- 12 x12 storage box
- Tape Runner (may need several over the course of the class)
- Folder or 3 Ring binder for handouts

**Semester supply fee:** \$45

**Supply fees to be used for:** Handouts and materials used in the class

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Students will learn various paper-crafting techniques to create beautiful handmade projects. Scrapbooking, card-making, treat boxes, mini albums, ornaments and gift tags to name a few. Many techniques will be incorporated, for example: Stamping, die-cutting, embossing, using punches to decorate, folding, quilling and many more.

## Art: Pokémon

**Teacher:** [Rebecca Smith](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pokémon cards
- Basic supply box

**Semester supply fee:** \$30

**Supply fees to be used for:** Art and craft supplies, wood, string, nails

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Get ready for a fun-filled art class inspired by Pokémon! Students will create their own Pokémon card, make Pokémon string art, suncatchers, paint rocks to look like Pokémon characters, play the Pokémon card game and of course there will be time for trading!

## Art: Sew Much Fun

**Teacher:** [Elizabeth Farr](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st through 3rd grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Small bag for projects
- Pencil box

**Semester supply fee:** \$20

**Supply fees to be used for:** Fabric and supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Learn sewing basics on machine and by hand while making cute animals, stuffies, and other fun projects.

## Art: Sewing for Beginners

**Teacher:** [Rebecca Smith](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Sewing Machine (if available)
- 3 yards fo 100% quilting cotton – each yard a different design for the student's quilt

**Semester supply fee:** \$30

**Supply fees to be used for:** Fabric and supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Students will learn the basics of sewing. They will learn how to sew a straight stitch, make a Christmas stocking, a simple 3 yard lap quilt, pot holder, mug rug, and other beginner sewing projects.

## Art: Expedition Sketch

**Teacher:** Alma Tario

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 6th grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- A Mechanical Pencil
- An Eraser

**Semester supply fee:** \$20

**Supply fees to be used for:** Sketch books, pencils, drawing materials and aids

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 0 to 30 minutes per day as students desire to increase their skills

**Course Description:** In this course, beginner artists will learn drawing techniques to help advance their art. By experimenting with different drawing mediums, including graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, and pen and ink, the student will develop a portfolio. A final project of the student's choice will incorporate the techniques learned throughout the course. Our creativity comes from the Lord, and as we seek to develop our creative skill together, we will learn more about the Lord and how art can be used for His glory.

## Bible: The Biggest Story

**Teacher:** [Brooke Graves](#)

**Prerequisites:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading level

**Appropriate for:** 2nd grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pencil box with basic supplies: pencils, crayons/markers, scissors, glue stick
- Bible (recommended but not required)

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** supplies for crafts, games, and activities

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This two-year course offers an in-depth exploration of both the Old and New Testaments, with each year dedicated to one testament. Whether joining for the study of the Old or New Testament, students will embark on a year-long journey of discovery, delving into the rich narratives and timeless teachings of Scripture. In the first year, students will be immersed in the rich stories of the Old Testament, followed by an enlightening journey through the New Testament in the second year. Guided by The Biggest Story curriculum, students will unravel the compelling narrative of Scripture, from the dawn of creation to the triumphant return of Christ. Through interactive activities including crafts, games, memory verses, and coloring pages, learners will deepen their understanding of God's redemptive plan while fostering a vibrant connection to biblical teachings. Join us on this captivating voyage, where every lesson illuminates the timeless truths of the Bible, igniting a lifelong passion for spiritual discovery.

\*This course is based on the Bible but does NOT replace the Bible\*

## Bible: Character First

**Teacher:** [Linette Ballew/Coach B](#)

**Prerequisites:** reading, writing, cutting with scissors

**Appropriate for:** 1st through 3rd grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 1 one-subject notebook with pockets (wide-ruled)
- 1 stocked pencil box
- 1 packages of construction paper
- 1 packages of glue sticks

**Semester supply fee:** \$20

**Supply fees to be used for:** copying, colored pencils, crayons, extra scissors, glue and craft supplies, LEGO pieces, various teaching subscriptions)

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This engaging class introduces students to Biblically cherished character traits providing a foundation for life skills. Students will learn “WHY” it is important to be Attentive, Obedient, Orderly, and Truthful. This class also includes facts about animals and American heroes. Fun crafts, songs, LEGO building, writing and memory exercises help reinforce each trait.

## Bible: Heroes of the Bible

**Teacher:** [Sarah Montoya](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st grade through 3rd grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** \$15

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Heroes of the Bible is all about teaching kids the Biblical virtues of courage, commitment, loyalty, and honor. Through stories and crafts, students will learn Bible lessons about the Old Testament heroes and the Life of Jesus. Most importantly, students learn that, by putting their trust in God they can live heroic lives too.



## Culinary Arts: Back Pocket Baking

**Teacher:** [Elizabeth Farr](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 2nd through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Apron and folder for recipes

**Semester supply fee:** \$20

**Supply fees to be used for:** Recipe printing and ingredients

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Whether you've got friends coming over, your best friend is having a birthday, or you just want something good to eat, there's lots of times in life it's good to have a group of recipes you can just pull out of your back pocket and make on the spot. Learn the basics of baking as you learn how to bake breads, cakes, and other tasty treats that you and your family will love.

## Culinary Arts: Green Eggs & Ham Cooking

**Teacher:** [Miss Maggie](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st through 3rd grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Apron
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons

**Semester supply fee:** \$50

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This fun filled hour is designed to teach young students to love working in the kitchen while trying a variety of nutritional foods they prepare. Students gain greater food literacy through teamwork and achieve a sense of accomplishment as they bring recipes from the prep stage to the table. Recipes are presented in a conventional format with cooking and safety hints, and in a pictorial version for younger students.

Please indicate in your registration of any allergies or dietary restrictions your student may have.

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## Culinary Arts: Kitchen Kapers

**Teacher:** [Miss Maggie](#)

**Prerequisites:** A love of food and eating delicious things

**Appropriate for:** 4th grade through 6th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Apron
- 1-inch 3-ring binder
- 30 sheet protectors

**Semester supply fee:** \$50 for food, spices and recipes

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This hands-on class teaches kids how to cook healthy foods that are fast, simple and delicious – things they can quickly and easily make at home. Your kids will learn kitchen safety, knife skills, how to read a recipe, and how to shop, prep and cook so they can produce and eat their own tasty creations at home.

Please indicate in your registration of any allergies or dietary restrictions your student may have.

## Culinary Arts: Let's Eat France

**Teacher:** [Miss Maggie](#)

**Prerequisites:** A love of French food

**Appropriate for:** 7th grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Apron
- 1-inch 3-Ring Binder
- A reusable take-home container each week (as needed)
- 30 Plastic Sheet Protectors
- Pen

**Semester supply fee:** \$50 for recipes, food, and spices for our class

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 0-1

**Course Description:** This class is designed for students to savor their way through France! They will delve into the rich histories of cherished ingredients like lavender, truffles, and renowned regional cheeses. We will practice the proper techniques for selecting, preparing, and enjoying French cuisine, including soufflé, coq au vin, fresh baguettes, quiche, ratatouille and so much more! We will explore the diverse regions of France and the iconic dishes they produce, such as bouillabaisse, cassoulet, tarte tatin, and learn some French along the way!

## Culinary Arts: Old World Bakers

**Teacher:** [Elizabeth Farr](#)

**Prerequisites:** General baking knowledge or Back Pocket Baking

**Appropriate for:** 8th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Apron, folder to hold recipes

**Semester supply fee:** \$40

**Supply fees to be used for:** ingredients, recipe printing

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Learn how to make traditional baked goods from around the world. This class is all about preserving cultural heritage through baking. Each week we'll focus on a country, tackling a confection that'd make your great-grandma proud. Expect to make delicious messes as we create beautiful confections from Italy, Germany, Hungary and more.

## Foreign Language: American Sign (ASL) - Advanced

**Teacher:** [Dawn Sprouse](#)

**Prerequisites:** At least 1 year of ASL with fluency and focused interest in learning more

**Appropriate for:** 3rd grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1

**Course Description:** This fun and engaging *American Sign Language* (ASL) class builds on the skills of the experienced ASL student and delves into more advanced areas like Classifier Handshapes, Non-manual Signals, Role Shifting, Spatial Referencing, etc. Students will gain a deeper understanding of conversational skills, grammar, vocabulary, and cultural information related to the Deaf Community. The ASL classes perform at the Christmas and Spring Concerts.

## Foreign Language: American Sign (ASL) - Beginner

**Teacher:** [Dawn Sprouse](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 3rd grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This fun and engaging class is an introduction to *American Sign Language* (ASL). The class is designed to teach basic grammar, vocabulary, fingerspelling, numbers, and cultural information related to the Deaf Community. The ASL classes will perform at the Christmas and Spring Concerts.

## Foreign Language: Beginning Spanish

**Teacher:** [Monica Gonzalez](#)

**Prerequisites:** Read and write in English at a minimum of 5th grade proficiency, study and complete coursework outside of class, understand classroom expectations and be able to follow instructional prompts respectfully.

**Appropriate for:** 5th grade through 8th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 1-inch 3-ring binder with lined paper
- Pencils and pens

**Semester supply fee:** \$5

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4 - 5

**Course Description:** At the end of the course you will: KNOW basic Spanish vocabulary and grammar conventions. BE ABLE TO speak, read, write and communicate in Spanish for a wide variety of real-world situations. UNDERSTAND basic verbal conversations and written texts in Spanish.



## Foreign Language: ¡Hola, Amigos!

**Teacher:** [Monica Gonzalez](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st grade through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- A mini dry erase board, dry erase markers and an eraser
- 1-inch 3-ring binder with lined paper
- Note cards (3x5)
- Pencils and crayons

**Semester supply fee:** \$5

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1

**Course Description:** This course is a year-long elementary level course that explores Spanish using music, movement, and art! The course is designed to introduce early learners to conversational Spanish using the arts. The course is accessible to students as young as kindergarten. Early readers and pre-readers will be able to participate in the course!

At the end of the course, students will: KNOW basic Spanish vocabulary, including the alphabet, numbers, colors, letters, days of the week, seasons, and conversational phrases! BE ABLE TO communicate verbally in Spanish in a variety of real-world situations and UNDERSTAND basic verbal commands and conversations in Spanish!

## Foreign Language: Spanish 1

**Teacher:** [Monica Gonzalez](#)

**Prerequisites:** Read and write in English at a minimum of 8th grade proficiency, study and complete coursework outside of class, understand classroom expectations and be able to follow instructional prompts respectfully.

**Appropriate for:** 9th grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Realidades book (ISBN: 978-0-13-369172-6)
- 1-inch 3-ring binder with lined paper
- Pencils and pens

**Semester supply fee:** \$5

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4 - 5

**Course Description:** This is a yearlong high school level course that completes the requirements for 1 credit of foreign language. The course is designed to cover the scope and sequence of the Colorado Department of Education Spanish 1 guidelines. In this class, we will learn concepts like masculine and feminine nouns and adjectives in Spanish. We will also learn about the three verb families and practice conversational skills in class, so the students learn pronunciation, reading, and thinking abilities in the other language. We will incorporate games and fun activities like watching videos, technology, and more to keep the students engaged during class.

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## Foreign Language: Spanish 2

**Teacher:** [Monica Gonzalez](#)

**Prerequisites:** Spanish 1 or equivalent.

**Appropriate for:** 9th grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- TBD

**Semester supply fee:** TBD

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** TBD

**Course Description:** This class will be included in the schedule if there is enough interest via registrations.

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## Language Arts: Alphabet Soup

**Teacher:** [Justeen Walters](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Preschool

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** \$20

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Learning the alphabet can be challenging, but by keeping those little fingers busy and associating each letter with a corresponding picture makes learning the ABCs engaging and fun! Students will also learn to write their names and the alphabet.

## Language Arts: Bookworms

**Teacher:** [Brooke Graves](#)

**Prerequisites:** 1<sup>st</sup> grade reading and writing skills

**Appropriate for:** 1st through 3rd grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pencil box with basic supplies:
  - Crayons, scissors, glue stick, pencils
  - Optional: markers, colored pencils

**Semester supply fee:** \$5

**Supply fees to be used for:** Craft supplies and stuffed animal to stuff

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Welcome to an exciting literary adventure! In this class, young minds will be nurtured to embrace the joy of reading. Through captivating read-aloud sessions, students will immerse themselves in the enchanting worlds of literature. From exploring intriguing characters to exploring the depths of captivating settings, every story becomes a treasure trove of learning. Bookworms includes interactive activities, crafts, and games, where students will not only enhance their comprehension skills but also foster a lifelong love for books. Join us as we jump into new worlds where imagination knows no bounds, and the magic of storytelling unfolds with each turn of the page!

## Language Arts: Creative Writing

**Teacher:** [Heather Giezen](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 9th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 3 ring binder
- Notebook paper & writing utensils
- Access to a computer with internet
- Access to various Genres of books

**Semester supply fee:** \$10

**Supply fees to be used for:** Course Packet & other handouts

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4-5

**Course Description:** Students will learn about various genres of literature by reading them and writing original stories that fit the genre. They will be required to create an original character and will be required to read a book fitting the genre we are working on.

**Please note:** All weekly writing assignments will be turned in on Google Classroom. For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.

## Language Arts: English 1

**Teacher:** [Elizabeth Farr](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 9th grade through 10th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 3-ring binder
- Notebook paper & writing utensils
- Purchase, borrow, or download the following books:
  - Beowulf (Ian Serrailler translation)
  - Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (Penguin Classics edition, Brian Stone translation)
  - A Midsummer Night's Dream, William Shakespeare
  - As You Like It, William Shakespeare
- Optional curriculum: IEW Level 1C including Fix It Grammar, Frog Prince
  - We will be using this curriculum throughout the year for writing. It's not necessary to have it, unless you want some additional help throughout the week with the video lessons (my family has always bought the DVDs) and teacher guides.

**Semester supply fee:** \$10

**Supply fees to be used for:** photocopies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4-5

**Course Description:** Students will learn sentence structure, formal paragraphs, the writing process, and essays, as well as learning to read and interpret literature. All weekly writing assignments will be turned in on Google Classroom or in physical written form.

**Please note:** For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.

## Language Arts: English 2

**Teacher:** [Elizabeth Farr](#)

**Prerequisites:** English 1 or equivalent

**Appropriate for:** 10th grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 3-ring binder
- Notebook paper & writing utensils
- Purchase, borrow, or download the following books:
  - Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare
  - Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
  - The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne
  - Macbeth, William Shakespeare
- Optional curriculum: [IEW Level 2C](#)
  - We will be using this curriculum throughout the year for writing. It's not necessary to have it, unless you want some additional help throughout the week with the video lessons (my family has always bought the DVDs) and teacher guides.

**Semester supply fee:** \$10

**Supply fees to be used for:** photocopies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4-5

**Course Description:** Students will learn sentence structure, formal paragraphs, the writing process, and essays, as well as learning to read and interpret literature. All weekly writing assignments will be turned in on Google Classroom or in physical written form.

**Please note:** For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.



## Language Arts: Fun with Phonics

**Teacher:** [Ann Mill](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Kindergarten

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pencil box with basic supplies:
  - Crayons, scissors, glue stick, pencils
  - Optional: markers, colored pencils

**Yearly supply fee:** \$25

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This class is designed to help students identify letters, their sounds and how to put them together to form words. They will learn to write the alphabet in both capital and lowercase letters and begin to write stories, journal entries and poems. Together the students will read great books that develop background knowledge, stimulate their interest in high-quality literature, increase their comprehension skills, and foster critical thinking.

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## Language Arts: LEGO Story Starter

**Teacher:** [Linette Ballew/Coach B](#)

**Prerequisites:** Basic writing skills

**Appropriate for:** 3rd through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Notebook
- Pencils with erasers or separate eraser. No pens or markers, please.

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** copying, colored pencils, crayons, specialty LEGO pieces, various teaching subscriptions

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** Only necessary if work wasn't finished in class

**Course Description:** Students will write stories and then create 3-D scenes using unique LEGO Elements provided by Coach B. We will work on the basics of beginning, middle and ending of story writing. Most work will be done in class. LEGO elements will remain with Coach B and will not be allowed to be taken home by students. Students MUST check Google Classroom weekly for posting of Action Mountain, updates and pictures of builds.

**Please note:** For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.

## Language Arts: Little Poets

**Teacher:** [Rebecca Smith](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Supply box with crayons, pencils, scissors, etc.

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Students will learn what poetry is, create their own poems, and enjoy reading poetry. They will create their own Haikus, Limericks, Shape poems, and Acrostic poems.

## Language Arts: A Novel Idea

**Teacher:** [Heather Giezen](#)

**Prerequisites:** Creative Writing preferred by not required.

**Appropriate for:** 9th grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 3-ring binder
- Notebook paper
- Writing utensils
- “Writing Your Novel from Start to Finish” by Joseph Bates
- Access to a computer with internet
- Access to books in the genre they will be writing

**Semester supply fee:** \$10 for Course Packet & other handouts

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4-5

**Course Description:** Students will study the concept of writing a novel from the opening line to developing the plot, theme, setting, point of view, character development and finally the ending sentence. We will work with each other to make our books publish-worthy, as well as designing a book cover, author bio and discussing publishing options. Students will also read books in the genre they are writing to help them view different ways of writing.

While students will work as a group on Fridays, each student will schedule an additional online class hour with the teacher during the week to work specifically on their book.

**Please note:** All weekly writing assignments will be turned in on Google Classroom. For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.

## Language Arts: Novel Navigators

**Teacher:** [Heather Giezen](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 6th grade through 8th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 3 ring binder
- Notebook paper & writing utensils
- Access to a computer with internet
- Access to the following books:
  - Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
  - Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
  - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
  - The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
  - Where the Red Fen Grows by Wilson Rawls
  - Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
  - Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Latham

**Semester supply fee:** \$10 for Course Packet & other handouts

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4-5

**Course Description:** Students will learn how to analyze literature, including plot and theme. They will participate in weekly discussions and do projects to show what they have learned.

**Please note:** All weekly writing assignments will be turned in on Google Classroom. For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.

## Mathematics: Algebra 1

**Teacher:** [Genevieve Trowbridge](#)

**Prerequisites:** Saxon online test into Algebra 1

**Appropriate for:** 8th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Algebra 1: An Incremental Development, 3rd Edition by John H. Saxon
- 1-inch 3-Ring Binder
- Loose leaf notebook paper
- Graph Paper
- Protractor
- Scientific Calculator

**Semester supply fee:** \$15

**Supply fees to be used for:** tests, and teaching supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 7-9

**Course Description:** Algebra 1 is a high school level math course that satisfies one math credit. Students will continue to develop their understanding of algebraic mathematics as they take their skills to the next level by learning to resolve more complex problems and functions. We will cover various topics including; signed numbers, exponents, roots, absolute value, equations and inequalities, scientific notations, unit conversions, polynomials, graphs, factoring, quadratic equations, direct and inverse variations, exponential growth, basic geometry, statistics, and probability. Each week we will begin by reviewing the previous week's work and answering questions any students may have. We will then look at the next 4 lessons. Each week the students will be expected to complete 4 lessons, working through all the practice and problem sets. Every week the students will take home a test to be proctored by a parent. Further information (grades, syllabus, etc.) will be handed out on the first day of class.

## Mathematics: Algebra 2

**Teacher:** [Genevieve Trowbridge](#)

**Prerequisites:** Algebra 1

**Appropriate for:** 9th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Algebra 2: An Incremental Development, 3rd Edition by John H. Saxon
- 3-Ring binder
- Loose leaf notebook paper
- Graph paper
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor, and Compass

**Semester supply fee:** \$15

**Supply fees to be used for:** tests and teaching supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 8-10

**Course Description:** Algebra 2 is a high school level math course that satisfies one math credit. Students will continue to develop their understanding of algebraic mathematics as they take their skills to the next level by learning to resolve more complex problems and functions. We will cover various topics, including: graphing equations, uniform motion problems, sine, cosine, tangent, imaginary numbers, logarithms, absolute values, and advanced geometry. Each week we will begin by reviewing the previous week's work and answering questions students have. We will then look at the next 4-5 lessons. Each week students will be expected to complete 4-5 lessons, working through all practice and problem sets. Every week students will take home a test to be proctored by a parent. Further information (grades, syllabus, etc.) will be handed out on the first day of class.

## Mathematics: Munchkin Math

**Teacher:** [Ann Mill](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Kindergarten

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Yearly supply fee:** \$25

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Don't let your little munchkin get frustrated with math. This class includes fun games and learning activities to show math can be fun and exciting. We will begin our morning with Calendar time, counting, learning our days of weeks and months of the year. We will explore measuring, comparing, sorting, pattern making, telling time, graphs, counting, recognizing 2D Shapes and 3D shapes, as well as learning addition and subtraction concepts. These concepts will be introduced in a variety of engaging ways such as: seasonal themes, music, songs, physical movement, books, sensorial activities, art, games, fun worksheets, puzzles and more.



## Mathematics: Two by Two

**Teacher:** [Justeen Walters](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Preschool

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** \$20

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This class will show your little one that math is everywhere. Preschoolers will learn to count, learn what a number is, learn about shapes and patterns, measure, sort, categorize, and compare objects. In addition, playing with puzzles, building toys, blocks, and games helps your preschooler practice and build math skills as they count, manipulate objects, and work with different shapes, spaces, and sizes.

## Multi-Subject: All the Good Stuff

**Teacher:** [Christina Flagg](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Supply box with crayons, pencils, scissors, glue, etc.

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** Experiments, Art and craft supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Childhood is a time of discovery and wonderment. It should be filled with science exploration, art creativity, wholesome literature, fun and excitement through games, movement, and laughter. This class is designed to capture this special journey in a young person's life and make it spectacular. Each week we will embark on a time of adventure, joy, and "All the Good Stuff" of childhood. We will conduct experiments together, create original works of art, make music, play games both inside and out, and have space to simply be kids. Childhood is special and we hope to make it memorable.

## Multi-Subject: Life Skills

**Teacher:** [Justeen Walters](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 7th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- College ruled spiral notebook
- Pencils
- Folder

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** general supplies for class activities

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 30 minutes to an hour

**Course Description:** This practical and engaging class equips you with essential skills to navigate everyday life confidently and independently. Topics include financial literacy, such as budgeting and saving; effective communication and relationship-building; time management and organization; basic cooking and nutrition; and essential home maintenance. Through hands-on activities, interactive lessons, and real-world scenarios, students will develop problem-solving abilities and self-reliance. Whether you're planning for college, a career, or simply want to be more prepared for life's challenges, this course offers valuable knowledge and skills to help you succeed. Join us to become more capable and empowered in your daily life!

## Performing Arts: Beginning Ukulele

**Teacher:** [Sarah Montoya](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- A Ukulele

**Semester supply fee:** A music book will be available on the first day of school for \$1

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 15 - 20 min per day

**Course Description:** This class introduces students to the Ukulele in a setting that is fun, creative and relaxed. Classes involve singing and rhythmic strumming.

## Performing Arts: Spotlight Theatre

**Teacher:** Rachel DeMello

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 4th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- A three-ring binder
- Lined paper (in binder)
- Pencils with erasers

**Semester supply fee:** \$20

**Supply fees to be used for:** Sets, costumes, and props

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** A minimum of one hour per week of memorization and practice. Additional rehearsals may be called toward the end of the semester when we perform.

**Course Description:** Welcome to the stage! This class is designed to introduce students to general theatrical acting and technique through instruction and production of a one-act (short) play. Theatre is an incredibly powerful way to share a message and touch someone's heart, and as such, it is a great tool for sharing the Gospel and Biblical principles. Students will grow their skills and learn to use them for the Lord.

## Performing Arts: Delight in Dance

**Teacher:** [Marisa Lebsock](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 3rd grade through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Comfortable dance clothes (not baggy)
- Socks, jazz shoes, or ballet shoes
- Hair pulled back

**Semester supply fee:** TBD for costumes

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1 -2 for practice

**Course Description:** We believe dance is an expression of our worship. This class is designed to encourage dancers to use their athletic technique to portray a wide range of emotions and body movements. This class integrates a variety of dance styles including ballet and jazz while focusing on spatial awareness, flexibility, strength, floor work, leaps, turns, and safe body alignment to create a versatile dancer.

## Performing Arts: Step by Step

**Teacher:** [Marisa Lebsock](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 6th grade through 8th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Comfortable dance clothes (not baggy)
- Socks, jazz shoes, or ballet shoes
- Hair pulled back

**Semester supply fee:** TBD for costumes

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1 -2 for practice

**Course Description:** In this class we will dance jazz, modern, ballet, lyrical, musical theater, improvisation, and possibly a little bit of tap.

As we learn dance technique, choreography, and isolations, we will also learn to encourage each other, gain confidence through movement, and become self aware. We will learn a wide range of dance skills: isolations, styles, choreography, bar, leaps and turns. Physical strength, (core, upper, and lower body), cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, balance, agility, and skill. We will persevere, show self-control, be patient and brave.

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## Performing Arts: Joyful Noise Choir

**Teacher:** [Miss Maggie](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** \$15 for music, props and handouts

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1 to 4 hours

**Course Description:** Joyful Noise is designed to enhance the musical, creative and expressive qualities of all students. Musical opportunities are provided for every child to learn the basic skills of singing, reading music, developing song repertoire, broadening listening skills and experiencing the interrelated nature of music with other cultures and content areas. The goal is to be a life-long participant of music. The choir performs at both the Christmas and Spring concerts.



## Performing Arts: Junior Speech

**Teacher:** [Miss Maggie](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 3rd through 6th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1 to 4 hours

**Course Description:** Junior Speech is for students under 12 (on October 1<sup>st</sup>) who are interested in trying speech for the first time. There are typically one or two Colorado tournaments each year that sponsor a one-day Junior speech tournament as a special event. These give Junior competitors an opportunity to test their new skills and win awards just like the "big kids" in the [SALT Speech & Debate Team](#).

### Interpretive Events

Interpretation speeches are selected printed literature, brought to life through the creative use of voice, movement, and facial expression.

- **Dramatic Interpretation:** In Dramatic Interpretation the competitor creates a serious, original, rendition from a single piece of literature, which captivates and moves the audience.
- **Humorous Interpretation:** In Humorous interpretation the competitor creates an amusing, original rendition from a single piece of literature, which captivates and entertains the audience.
- **Duo Interpretation:** In Duo interpretation two competitors create an original rendition from a single selection of literature, or multiple selections of literature, which captivates and moves the audience.

### Platform Events

Platform speeches are a prepared speech, written by the speaker (outside assistance allowed), on a topic of the speaker's choice.

- **Expository:** An expository speech is a prepared speech, written by the competitor, which explains a topic usually with the help of visual aids.
- **Original Oratory:** An Original Oratory is a prepared speech, written by the competitor, on a topic of the speaker's choice.
- **Persuasive:** A Persuasive speech is a prepared speech, written by the competitor, which advocates a specific position of course of action.

### Limited Prep Events

In Limited Prep events, competitors get a limited amount of time to prepare for a speech on a topic that is given to them at the speech event.

- **Impromptu:** In Impromptu speaking the competitor is given two minutes to prepare a speech on a randomly drawn quotation or topic.
- **Apologetics:** In Apologetics speaking the competitor is given four (4) minutes to prepare a speech which defends a tenet of the Christian faith.
  - For Apologetics topics, visit <https://lighthca.org/junior-speech.html>

## Performing Arts: Music Makers

**Teacher:** [Sarah Montoya](#)

**Prerequisites:** 4th grade proficiency reading/writing skills

**Appropriate for:** 4th through 8th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** For handouts, teacher provided worksheets and instruments

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1

**Course Description:** Students will explore the basics of music as well as perform on Bucket Drums, Bongos, Tambourines and so much more! Students will perform as an ensemble for Lighthouse Academy concerts.

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## Performing Arts: Music & Me

**Teacher:** [Ann Mill](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Kindergarten

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Yearly supply fee:** \$25

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Music & Me is designed for young children to explore the world of music by introducing and playing a variety of musical instruments. We will sing and dance, make our own instruments and study classical music through a creative lens. Students will learn rhythm while developing their gross and fine motor skills. The goal is to teach a love and appreciation for music! Music & Me will perform at both the Christmas and Spring concerts.

## Performing Arts: Pulling Strings Beginning Guitar

**Teacher:** [Sarah Montoya](#)

**Prerequisites:** Must love music and have an eagerness to learn it!

**Appropriate for:** 1st grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Guitar (acoustic preferred). If you are purchasing or renting a first guitar, one that is appropriately sized for the student is best. A full-size guitar may work but can be difficult for smaller hands. Child-size guitars are optimal, along with nylon or light metal strings, depending on finger strength. Nylon is easiest on the fingers and they are much quieter!

**Semester supply fee:** \$1 for a notebook and music that will be provided

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1½ *minimum* (15 minutes practice per day, six days per week is expected – more is encouraged)

**Course Description:** This is a beginner music course designed for aspiring young musicians to learn the fundamentals of Guitar Method and Theory. This course will teach the very basics, such as position to play, tuning, taking care of the instrument, learning basic chords, and putting songs together. The course will also enable students to use casual chord progressions and incorporate rhythm, strums, and style. Beginning guitar will perform at both the Christmas and Spring concerts.

## Performing Arts: Twinkle Toes

**Teacher:** [Marisa Lebsock](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Kindergarten through 3rd grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Leotard
- Tights
- Stretchy Pants
- Ballet Slippers

**Semester supply fee:** TBD for costumes

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1 - 2 for practice

**Course Description:** This class is designed for the young dancer. Students begin class with a proper warm up and then move into barre combination, center floor and across the floor steps (Plies, tendues, degages, jumps, skipping, chasses, etc). Correct body placement is emphasized, and body limits are never pushed. Dancers also learn proper stretching technique and simple combinations. Students will perform at both the Christmas and Spring concerts.

## Physical Education: Cheer for Christ

**Teacher:** [Kacy Simper](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 3rd through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- TBD

**Semester supply fee:** \$15

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This class incorporates tumbling, dancing, jumping, projecting, stunting, and teamwork in order to grow closer to Christ and each other. As we learn new cheer skills we will also learn to encourage each other, take turns, gain confidence through movement, and become self aware. We will learn a wide range of fitness skills: Physical strength, (core, upper, and lower body), cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, balance, agility, and skill. We will persevere, show self-control, be patient and brave.

## Physical Education: Edge Movement-Jedi Parkour

**Teacher:** [Erica Madrid](#) from [Edge Movement](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 7th-12th grade

**Materials supplied by the student:** Athletic clothing that does not restrict free movement and shoes which ideally have minimal tread and minimal cushioning.

**Semester Supply fee:** \$50

**Supply fees to be used for:** usage, wear & tear of specialty equipment

**Hours of optional homework per week:** 0-4

**Course Description:** If you're looking for a fun and challenging activity for your child, look no further than parkour. This exciting movement discipline involves running, jumping, climbing, and moving through obstacles creatively and efficiently. Not only is it a great way to promote being physically active, but it also offers kids numerous life-long benefits that can help them in all areas of life. Parkour provides the ultimate adaptability training by improving overall fitness (including strength & flexibility, balance & coordination and spatial awareness); developing creativity and problem-solving skills; building confidence and teamwork, and is FUN! Kids will learn technical parkour skills as well as techniques for moving and falling safely, all of which develop their responsible judgement when applying their skills outside the class setting.

## Physical Education: Edge Movement-Ninja Parkour

**Teacher:** [Erica Madrid](#) from [Edge Movement](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 4th-8th grade

**Materials supplied by the student:** Athletic clothing that does not restrict free movement and shoes which ideally have minimal tread and minimal cushioning.

**Semester Supply fee:** \$50

**Supply fees to be used for:** usage, wear & tear of specialty equipment

**Hours of optional homework per week:** 0-4

**Course Description:** If you're looking for a fun and challenging activity for your child, look no further than parkour. This exciting movement discipline involves running, jumping, climbing, and moving through obstacles creatively and efficiently. Not only is it a great way to promote being physically active, but it also offers kids numerous life-long benefits that can help them in all areas of life. Parkour provides the ultimate adaptability training by improving overall fitness (including strength & flexibility, balance & coordination and spatial awareness); developing creativity and problem-solving skills; building confidence and teamwork, and is FUN! Kids will learn technical parkour skills as well as techniques for moving and falling safely, all of which develop their responsible judgement when applying their skills outside the class setting.



## Physical Education: Edge Movement-Padawan Parkour

**Teacher:** [Erica Madrid](#) from [Edge Movement](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1st-4th grade

**Materials supplied by the student:** Athletic clothing that does not restrict free movement and shoes which ideally have minimal tread and minimal cushioning.

**Semester Supply fee:** \$50

**Supply fees to be used for:** usage, wear & tear of specialty equipment

**Hours of optional homework per week:** 0-4

**Course Description:** If you're looking for a fun and challenging activity for your child, look no further than parkour. This exciting movement discipline involves running, jumping, climbing, and moving through obstacles creatively and efficiently. Not only is it a great way to promote being physically active, but it also offers kids numerous life-long benefits that can help them in all areas of life. Parkour provides the ultimate adaptability training by improving overall fitness (including strength & flexibility, balance & coordination and spatial awareness); developing creativity and problem-solving skills; building confidence and teamwork, and is FUN! Kids will learn technical parkour skills as well as techniques for moving and falling safely, all of which develop their responsible judgement when applying their skills outside the class setting.

## Physical Education: Fierce Fitness

**Teacher:** [Kacy Simper](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Shoes for running

**Semester supply fee:** \$15

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Exercise is beneficial for our brains and helps us learn more. Physical education is focused on being active, learning new skills, and having fun. In this class, students learn the importance of good sportsmanship and what it means to be a good teammate. By participating in team-building activities and games, students are challenged, both physically and cognitively, to work together to complete a task or achieve a goal. Perhaps best of all, our physical education classes are hosted outside on our field thereby enjoying Colorado's annual 300+ days of sunshine!

Our physical education program finds students enjoying activities that get them moving like creative tag games, performing Crazy 8's, or enjoying a flamingo contest. Students will also combine more complicated athletic skills into team sports and modified games. Some student favorites include: Roadrunner Tag, Ultimate Ball, Bowling Pin Soccer, and Capture the Flag.

## Physical Education: P.E. Movement for Life

**Teacher:** [RJ Gelinas](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 5th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

Free moving clothing, running shoes, good attitude

**Semester supply fee:** \$20

**Supply fees to be used for:** Equipment and supplies for games and activities

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 10-15min a day

**Course Description:** The brain and body require movement. No better way than with your friends in a fun filled environment. Coach RJ is fun and caring and will make sure all students feel included and have a great time. We will do workouts, rugby, football, hockey and much more. Come be apart of the Lighthouse Team!!!!

## Physical Education: Wiggle Worms

**Teacher:** [Justeen Walters](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Preschool

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Shoes for running

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** We believe kids should be able to act like kids! Preschoolers need play and exercise that helps them continue to develop important motor skills — kicking or throwing a ball, playing tag or follow the leader, hopping on one foot, or running obstacle courses. Buzzy Bees is designed to do just that. Students will also learn cognitive, and social skills through cooperative play while building their confidence.

## Sciences: Biology Lab

**Teacher:** [Genevieve Trowbridge](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 9th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Biology, 3rd Edition by Jay L. Wile
- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Biology Student Notebook by Vicki Dincher
- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Biology Solutions and Test Manual (3RDEdition) By: Vicki Dincher
- Notebook
- Colored pencils and writing utensils

**Semester supply fee:** \$60

**Supply fees to be used for:** lab supplies and equipment

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 7-9

**Course Description:** Biology taught from a creationist perspective (the theory of evolution is addressed in one chapter). This class covers the structure, function, and systems of all five kingdoms as well as genetics, ecology, the scientific method, and some organic chemistry. After completing this class, students will be adequately prepared for college. Labs are conducted on a weekly basis and dissections are included. Chapters are completed on a bi-weekly basis and lab reports are due each week. Meets the requirement for one science credit.

## Sciences: Botany

**Teacher:** [Rebecca Smith](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Basic supply box

**Semester supply fee:** \$10

**Supply fees to be used for:** Student journal and supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Students will learn how little seeds grow into flowers, how plants and trees make their own food through photosynthesis, plant their own seeds, the healing properties of some plants, and discover all the other amazing aspects of plants!

## Sciences: Chemistry Lab

**Teacher:** [Genevieve Trowbridge](#)

**Prerequisites:** Algebra 1 and Biology (please contact me if you have any questions)

**Appropriate for:** 9th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Chemistry, 3rd Edition by Kristy Plourde
- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Chemistry Student Notebook, 3rd Edition
- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Chemistry Solutions Manual, 3rd Edition by Kristy Plourde
- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Chemistry Test Booklet, to go with the 3rd Edition
- Notebook
- Colored pencils and writing utensils
- Scientific Calculator

**Semester supply fee:** \$50

**Supply fees to be used for:** lab supplies and equipment

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 7-9

**Course Description:** This class is taught from a creationist perspective and covers major chemistry concepts such as matter, mass, elements, compounds, mixtures, chemical equations, stoichiometry, molecular formulas, molecular geometry, polyatomic ions, covalent substances, enthalpy, and more. This is a lab class. Students will get to experience the concepts through experiments. Time in class will be spent conducting experiments and making connections to the concepts in the text. After completing this class, students will be adequately prepared for college. Labs are completed every week and lab reports are due weekly. Chapters are completed on a biweekly basis. Meets the requirement for one high school science credit.

## Sciences: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

**Teacher:** [RJ Gelinas](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1

**Course Description:** Students will discover God's deliberate design of the human body and how it is masterfully and majestically created to function. We will explore the Nervous, Circulatory, and Respiratory systems. Within this fascinating study of anatomy and physiology, your student will discover how the brain communicates with the rest of the body, how we breathe, why our circulation system is essential, and how our innate intelligence runs us and leads us to health and healing!



## Sciences: STEAM Fever

**Teacher:** [Christina Flagg](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 6th (11 years old) through 8th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pencil box with basic supplies: writing utensils, scissors, glue stick, colored pencils

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** lab supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1-2 to work on various projects

**Course Description:** STEAM allows students to connect their learning in the critical areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics to provide the whole pallet of learning at their disposal. Students will take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process.

## Sciences: General Science

**Teacher:** TBD

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 6th grade through 8th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Apologia Exploring Creation with General Science **Textbook**, 3rd Edition
- Apologia Exploring Creation with General Science **Notebook**, 3rd Edition

**Semester supply fee:** \$25 for lab supplies and equipment

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4

**Course Description:** *Exploring Creation with General Science* is designed to be a student's first introduction to the various areas of science. With that in mind, we will be touching on all major sects of science, including the scientific method, simple machines, archaeology, biology, geology, the fossil record, and the human body. Throughout the year we will be completing experiments, going over course material, study tips, and more!

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## Sciences: History of Rocketry and Aviation

**Teacher:** [Linette Ballew/Coach B](#)

**Prerequisites:** reading, writing, researching and scientific experiment creation

**Appropriate for:** 6th through 8th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Notebook
- Stocked pencil box

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** copying, colored pencils, crayons, extra scissors, glue and craft/experiment supplies, LEGO pieces, various teaching subscriptions

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1 to 3 hours

**Course Description:** In this class students will explore the history of flight, space travel and the heroes that changed the aerospace world. Students will be challenged monthly with topic related flight projects to present in class, as well as group LEGO build activities. Some outdoor class time is required. Students must check Google Classroom for updates, videos, assignments and extras.

**Please note:** For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.

## Sciences: Lab Rats

**Teacher:** [Christa Eberly](#)

**Prerequisites:** 1st grade reading and writing

**Appropriate for:** 1st through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Supply box with crayons, glue, scissors, pencils, etc.

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** for experiment supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Lab Rats is a fun, introductory science class that will cover basic science concepts from all disciplines using exciting labs to illustrate the concepts. We will have fun with lights and learning about rainbows, making rockets, learning about animals and adaptations, and much much more! This class is all about fun...oh, and learning some science along the way!

## Sciences: Little Einsteins

**Teacher:** [Justeen Walters](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Preschool

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester Supply Fee:** \$25

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** We will explore objects, materials, and events using a variety of tools to engage in simple investigations that raise questions to engage students in scientific conversation while working collaboratively with their peers. Students will learn to record their observations using words, pictures, charts, and graphs. This class is designed to give younger students science experiences to build a foundation for future learning and comprehension.

## Sciences: Of Sound Mind: Logic

*Understanding Logical Fallacies and Bias*

**Teacher:** [Christina Flagg](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 9th grade through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Single subject notebook

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1-4 depending on the project

**Course Description:** In a society where countless ideas are being shared, debated, and analyzed, it's more important than ever to sift out the good ones from among the bad ones. And when people you respect and trust use arguments that sound persuasive, how can you determine if they are correct?

One of the most used methods of spreading misinformation is the use of a logical fallacy—a bad argument that makes something seem truthful that might not be. These types of arguments are used repeatedly, and there are many different types.

Fortunately, these logical fallacies can be learned, so they can be avoided. Armed with this information, you'll be equipped to understand when people are sharing an idea that is wrong or making a claim that isn't true.

## Sciences: Mad Scientists

**Teacher:** [Ann Mill](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Kindergarten

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Yearly Supply Fee:** \$25

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** This class is designed to give young students science experiences to build a foundation for future learning and comprehension. Students will explore objects, materials, plants, animals, the weather and events through Biblical Truths using a variety of tools. The class will engage them in simple investigations that raise questions in scientific conversation while working collaboratively with their peers. Students will learn to record their observations using words, pictures, charts, and graphs.

## Sciences: Nutrition 101

**Teacher:** [Rebecca Smith](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 4th grade through 6th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Supply box with crayons, pencils, scissors, etc.

**Semester Supply Fee:** \$10

**Supply fees to be used for:** Snacks that the kids will get to make in class and learn the benefits of the snack they are making.

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Students will learn the basics of nutrition such as: what types of foods are nourishing, how to read food labels, the importance of vitamins and minerals, what food additives are, how nutrition affects the body, and they'll get to enjoy some healthy snacks!



## Sciences: Physical Science Lab

**Teacher:** [Genevieve Trowbridge](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 8th through 10th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Physical Science, 3rd Edition by Jay L. Wile
- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Physical Science Student Notebook, 3rd Edition by Vicki Dincher
- APOLOGIA Exploring Creation with Physical Science Solutions and Test Manual (3rd Edition) by Vicki Dincher
- Notebook
- Colored pencils
- Writing utensils

**Semester supply fee:** \$35

**Supply fees to be used for:** lab supplies and equipment

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 4-6

**Course Description:** This course allows students to experience Physical Science from a creationist perspective through experiments. Students can gain an understanding of the basic world that surrounds them each day of their lives and the forces in creation so that they can appreciate the real-world relevance of scientific inquiry and the beauty of creation. Students can gain experience and understanding in three parts: chemistry, physics, and earth science of the physical world. We will conduct experiments covering topics from atomic structure, periodic table, chemical bonds, reactions and energy, motion, forces, energy, waves and sound, light, to electricity and magnetism. This is a lab class. Time in class will be spent conducting experiments and making connections to the concepts in the text. This course is intended to prepare students for high school science classes. Labs are conducted on a weekly basis. Chapters are completed on a bi-weekly basis and lab reports are due each week.

## Sciences: Savvy Scientists

**Teacher:** [Brooke Graves](#)

**Prerequisites:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade reading level

**Appropriate for:** 3rd through 6th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pencil box with basic supplies: pencils, crayons/markers, scissors, glue stick

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** Experiment Supplies & Science Journal

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Embark on an immersive scientific journey with Savvy Scientists, where exploration meets excitement! Delve into the mesmerizing realms of Marine Biology in the first semester, followed by a captivating exploration of Geology in the second. Mrs. Graves blends The Good and the Beautiful curriculum with dynamic supplementary resources, ensuring each lesson is an enriching experience. From hands-on experiments to thought-provoking discussions, students will cultivate a deep understanding of God's intricate world. Equipped with science journals, they'll document their discoveries weekly, fostering a lifelong love for learning and discovery.

## Sciences: Space Bots-Lego Robotics

**Teacher:** [Linette Ballew/Coach B](#)

**Prerequisites:** basic computer and math skills

**Appropriate for:** 3rd through 8th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pocket folder
- Pencils
- Notebook
- Weekly Space News to present to class

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** copy of Space Passport workbook, unique LEGO Mindstorm robotics pieces, cables, computer replacements, batteries, various teaching subscriptions

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1-2 for space news and quarterly home projects

**Course Description:** This is an introductory class to the design, build and launch of the LEGO Mindstorm Robotics curriculum. Students will learn technology terms, use unique parts to create a working robot, program the robot for very specific space-themed missions and learn teamwork skills to accomplish detailed goals. Students will also do research on real world problems relating to the space missions their robot will be accomplishing. Weekly space news updates will be shared by each student with the class. Other skills acquired: public speaking, logical and creative thinking processes and scientific experiment processing. Students MUST check and use Google Classroom for assignments, announcements, class materials and more.

**Please note:** For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.

## Sciences: STEAMworks

**Teacher:** [Christina Flagg](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Supply fees to be used for:** lab supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1-2 to work on various projects

**Course Description:** In this course, students will embark on an exciting interdisciplinary journey at the intersection of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). Through hands-on projects, collaborative problem-solving, and exploration of real-world applications, students will delve into the dynamic connections between these diverse fields.

## Social Studies: American Heritage Girls Club

**Teacher:** [Christa Eberly](#)

**Prerequisites:** Girls only please

**Appropriate for:** 1st grade through 6th grade

**Material supplied by student:**

- Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue stick

**Semester supply fee:** \$25 for craft supplies

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** American Heritage Girls is a Christian-based scouting organization for girls. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. In this class, we will explore arts and crafts, music, our American heritage, home economics and personal well-being. Our activities will complete badge requirements for AHG members, but students do not need to be a member of AHG to be in our class.

## Social Studies: Ameritowne

**Teacher:** [Linette Ballew/Coach B](#)

**Prerequisites:** reading, writing, math, concept of money value

**Appropriate for:** 4th through 6th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- A spiral notebook
- Pencil
- folder

**Semester supply fee:** \$50

**Supply fees to be used for:** 50 is the yearly supply fee due first semester. Fee is for copying, colored pencils, money games/tools, various teaching subscriptions and the Field Trip to Ameritowne that will be scheduled for the Spring. There is no 2nd semester fee.

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1 - 2, more with Ameritowne Business Fair and Elections

**Course Description:** Ameritowne is an award-winning educational program that teaches students personal responsibility in business, economics, politics and free enterprise with fun, hands on lessons. Students will participate in self-created business fair in the fall and real student led elections in the winter. A spring field trip includes working with a team to operate a “towne”: a real-life simulation that is an incredible learning experience for kids off-camps (Young Ameritowne Denver). Students **MUST** check and use Google Classroom for assignments, announcements, class materials and more. Contracts will be required of families to take the entire yearlong class.

**Please note:** For Google Classroom access, please send an email to [Info@LightHCA.org](mailto:Info@LightHCA.org) before classes start to request a Lighthouse student email address.

## Social Studies: Chess Club

**Teacher:** [Linette Ballew/Coach B](#)

**Prerequisites:** Basic understanding of Classic Chess

**Appropriate for:** 1st grade through 5th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** optional at home play

**Course Description:** This club is intended to strengthen skill of both game technique and good sportsmanship. Children will challenge each other at the board, along with playing several chess related games to sharpen knowledge and intertwine creativity into the club dynamic. Basic knowledge of chess is needed as this is a club, not a class. This club uses Google Classroom for all announcements and media uploads.

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## Social Studies: Circle Time

**Teacher:** [Justeen Walters](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Preschool

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** \$25

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Circle Time is a fun and creative class where children ages 3 through 5 explore a monthly theme based on quality children's literature. This class is designed to jump start their imagination with singing, arts-and-crafts, cooking and interactive play. All the while we are developing reading readiness, increasing vocabulary, and introducing students to story dictation. Whether we are sailing with pirates, gathering eggs on the farm, ice fishing, or just landing on the moon; imagination is the key. So, join us as we embark on our next adventure.



## Social Studies: Morning Meeting

**Teacher:** [Ann Mill](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** Kindergarten

**Materials to be supplied by the student:** None

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** None

**Course Description:** Morning meeting is where we gather in a circle and explore a monthly theme based on quality children's literature. This class is designed to jump start their imagination with singing, arts-and-crafts, cooking and interactive play. All the while we are developing reading readiness, increasing vocabulary, and introducing students to story dictation. Whether we are sailing with pirates, gathering eggs on the farm, ice fishing, or just landing on the moon; imagination is the key. So, join us as we embark on our next adventure.

## Social Studies: Mystery of History (Vol. 1)

**Teacher:** Alma Tario

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- Pencil box with basic materials: pens, pencils, scissors, glue sticks, colored pencils, markers

**Semester supply fee:** \$5

**Supply fees to be used for:** Project materials, weekly activities

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** 1-2 to work on various projects (not every week)

**Course Description:** Unlike most programs, The Mystery of History integrates sacred and secular history on one continuous timeline to reveal God's sovereign hand in history. This course will cover events from the time of the prophets to the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ (c. A.D. 33). This series is historically accurate and chronological to help students trace cause and effect, relevance, and the timeless significance of world history.

## Social Studies: Student Council

**Teacher:** [Christina Flagg](#)

**Prerequisites:** None (may require an interview with administration to determine eligibility)

**Appropriate for:** 8th through 12th grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- 3-ring binder
- Lined paper or a single subject notebook

**Semester supply fee:** None

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** For high school students only, varies depending on school project/events

**Course Description:** The Student Council Leadership course offers students the opportunity to develop essential leadership skills while actively participating in school governance and community service initiatives. Students enrolled in this class will learn the principles of effective leadership, communication, teamwork, and decision-making through hands-on experiences in organizing school events, representing student interests, and collaborating with peers and faculty.

Throughout the course, students will engage in a variety of activities including planning and executing school-wide events such as fundraisers, spirit weeks, and community outreach programs. They will also have the opportunity to voice student concerns, propose and implement solutions, and act as liaisons between the student body, administration, and faculty.

By the end of the course, students will have gained valuable leadership experience, enhanced their communication and interpersonal skills, and developed a deeper understanding of civic responsibility and community engagement. This class empowers students to become active leaders within their school community and prepares them for future leadership roles in college, career, and beyond.

## Social Studies: War History

**Teacher:** [Kacy Simper](#)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Appropriate for:** 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Materials to be supplied by the student:**

- TBD

**Semester supply fee:** \$15

**Supply fees to be used for:** TBD

**Approximate hours of homework per week:** TBD

**Course Description:** Dive deep into the pivotal moments that have shaped our world with the War History class. This engaging course covers major U.S. conflicts from the Civil War to modern warfare, examining the causes, key events, and lasting impacts of each. Through a mix of lectures, discussions, and multimedia resources, students will explore the strategies, technologies, and personal stories that define these historical periods. Critical thinking and analysis will be emphasized as students evaluate the political, social, and economic factors driving these wars. Whether you're a history enthusiast or new to the subject, this class offers a comprehensive understanding of how warfare has influenced civilizations and continues to affect our world today. Join us to gain a deeper appreciation of history and its ongoing relevance.

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## 2024-2025 Teachers

## Linette Ballew/Coach B



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Linette is a wife, mother of many children ranging in ages from fifteen to twenty-four years old and an Oma many times over. Glen & Linette Ballew have been in ministry together for 30 years, both graduating with 4-year degrees from sister Christian colleges. In the mid 90's they partnered with founder of Five Iron Frenzy, Reese Roper, and launched an independent record label named Fifty280 Records. The Ballews helped shape a new Christian music scene in Colorado with a variety of concerts, battle of the band competitions, DJing on 56KLZ, hosting Denver's first alternative Christian music radio show on 94.7 KRKS, and producing the 2-day Vision Music Festival that spanned six years. Together they were the Executive Producers for Heavenfest 2012. Linette specializes in Student Ministries and was ordained in 2006. She is entering her 13th year of homeschooling. She is a First Lego League coach and owns her own company; Mission Robotics. She mentors students in creative problem-solving using LEGO Robotics. She helped coach her first team to the Colorado State Finals in 2013. They brought home a trophy for 2nd place in research presentation and placed 8th overall. In 2014 the SuperBots placed 2nd for robot design. Nearly every year since, team #456 has earned a trophy or the right to compete at State Championships and is one of the oldest teams in the state. She currently provides and supervises a variety of LEGO Robotic classes, camps, competitive and non-competitive teams and clubs. She has been with Lighthouse Christian Academy from the founding year and serves as an administrator for the enrichment program.

## Maggie Carabelos



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Maggie and her husband Leonard have been happily married for over 34 years and homeschooled their sons, nephews and great nephews in Thornton, Colorado. With a Certificate in Early Childhood Development, Maggie's teaching experiences began with many years in childcare, which culminated in founding, building and directing her own childcare center. Maggie believes the classroom is a creative setting that must offer opportunities, challenges and success for each student. Every goal is achievable when students are given the right amount of encouragement, inspiration, the appropriate tools, and the freedom to explore in a constructive environment.

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## Christa Eberly



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Ms. Christa is a mom to 4 kids and Oma to 3. She just completed her 25th year of teaching in various capacities and currently owns Inspiration Station Preschool. Ms. Christa has her BA in Elementary Education and her TESOL certification from Colorado Christian University. Ms. Christa loves adventure and learning and hopes to share those loves and God's love with all the children who she is blessed to lead at Lighthouse.



## Elizabeth Farr



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Elizabeth is a Mom to 4, and wife to one awesome guy. Her family loves serious nerdy board games and all things baseball. She has a B.f.A. in Music Education from University of Houston and a Masters in Music Education from CSU, and has played the violin since age 6. She's has been using her musical knowledge to improvise harmonies, melodies, and accompaniments in worship teams since age 15. Elizabeth also teaches her violin at Lighthouse! Her Gram taught her to sew by hand as a kid. She kept on sewing all the way until marriage where she was still stitching by hand. After marriage she got her first sewing machine. Elizabeth writes about sewing at [elizabethmadethis.com](http://elizabethmadethis.com) and her sewing projects have appeared in Seamwork, Altered Couture, the Fabric Mart Fabricistas and the Minerva Crafts blog. She also loves baking, learning to bake from her Gram, Mom. Elizabeth and her Mom sold their baked goods together at the Colorado Springs Farmer's Market when Elizabeth was in college and later made her wedding cake.

## Christina Flagg



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Christina is a veteran homeschooling mom of three beautiful kiddos who she absolutely adores. She's had the blessed privilege of being married to her husband John for the past 20 years. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies with a minor in Natural Sciences from Cal State Fullerton and a Master of Arts degree in Education with an emphasis in Teacher Leadership. She possesses a California Multiple-Subject teaching credential in addition to a Colorado teaching license. Education is her passion. She loves that education takes many forms. She owns a tutoring company, Above and Beyond Learning Experience, and has taught in public school, private education, online school programs, homeschooling support programs, and now enrichment with Lighthouse. Christina firmly believes learning should be fun and since each student is unique, there isn't a "one size fits all" approach to teaching. That makes her job exciting because she loves to find ways to reach every student in her class.

## RJ Gelinas



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Coach RJ has been involved with Lighthouse Christian Academy since 2017. His children attended and after helping at a field day he had the interest and passion to come and teach P.E. And health to the students at Lighthouse. In 2022 we kicked off the P.E. Programs and coach RJ was the P.E teacher for the high school kids. His program started off with 2 kids and by the end of the year he had 13 kids from Elementary to High School in his class.

## Heather Giezen



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Heather Giezen is a homeschooling mother of 4 who has been married to her high school sweetheart, Zach, since 1999. She received a Bachelor of Sciences with a double major in Bible Humanities and Communications/Print Journalism from Grace University in Omaha, NE. She participated in her junior high, high school and college newspapers and yearbooks, holding the title of co-Managing Editor at Horizon High School and Editor-in-Chief at Grace University. Writing has been her passion since she was introduced to poetry in junior high, and she has had several poems published in anthologies. Since beginning homeschooling in 2009, she has believed that kids learn best through hands-on activities.

## Erica Madrid



Erica Madrid is the Executive Founder and Co-Owner of Edge Movement Parkour & Adaptability Training, which opened on November 1, 2019. She developed Edge Movement's premier curriculum for all ages, focusing on strength, flexibility, agility, balance, spatial awareness, goal setting, and self-discipline, all essential for safe parkour. Erica also created a Leadership Development program rewarding members for achievements in parkour, academics and respectful conduct.

As a teenager, Erica won State and Regional USGA All-Around Championships. Since 2010, she has been honing her skills in social marketing, coaching, and was a parkour Pro Team member and practitioner, competing in various national parkour events with notable wins, as well as being one of the first international female parkour competitive athletes, representing the USA for three years at the Red Bull Art of Motion competitions in Santorini, Greece. Most notable of many completed contracts include ESPN, Ted Talks, two Summer Performances with AllWheelsSports and dual Creation/Performance roles in Cirque Du Soleil's Parkour VOLTA show in Canada. Recently, she stepped down from the USPK Executive Board to focus on Edge Movement but remains the USPK US Regional Representative and coordinated the 2022 Colorado Parkour Speed Qualifier and State Competitions. Erica also received her NASM certification for personal training.

## Monica Gonzalez



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Born and raised in Ecuador, she attended catholic school from kindergarten through the 12th grade. English as a second language was one of her favorite classes, yet her language skills needed to improve when she moved to the States. People spoke too fast. Fortunately, as a stay-at-home mom, her everyday duties included sitting down with her son to watch children's shows such as Barney, Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, and Sesame Street. The TV's closed caption feature helped her practice listening, understanding, and reading skills.

She has been teaching Spanish as a second language for over ten years. She has worked with age groups, including children, teenagers, and adults. As a Spanish teacher, she has become a firm believer there are four key areas second language students must practice, practice, and practice: listening, speaking, reading, and understanding –while having fun and enjoying the learning process.

## Brooke Graves



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Brooke Graves, a native of Thornton, Colorado, now shares her life there with her husband and two beautiful children. Brooke finds joy in spending time with her family, reading, and igniting young minds through the art of teaching. Brooke attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she earned her degree in Elementary and Special Education in 2018 and holds a Colorado and Nebraska Teaching License. Throughout her career, Brooke has dedicated herself to empowering students across various educational settings, including public schools, online platforms, tutoring, and homeschool enrichment programs. With a diverse background spanning English language development, elementary curriculum, special education (K-6), and reading and math intervention, Brooke brings a wealth of expertise to her role. At the heart of Brooke's teaching philosophy lies a commitment to fostering a nurturing and inclusive learning environment where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed. She believes in equipping her students with the essential skills and strategies needed to thrive both academically and personally. Beyond academics, Brooke is dedicated to serving as a guiding light, inspiring her students on their journey of faith in Jesus Christ.

## Marisa Lebsock



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Marisa has been teaching dance for almost 10 years, both recreationally and competitively. She grew up dancing both in a studio and for her school. Marisa has always had a passion for dancing which then grew into a passion for teaching dance. She teaches all different styles of dance including ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop. Marisa is super excited to continue spreading her passion for dance at Lighthouse and can't wait to teach her students the fundamentals of dance and show them all what dance has to offer!



## Ann Mill

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Ann is returning for her third-year teaching kindergarten at Lighthouse. She has been in the field of Early Childhood Education (0 – 8 years old) all her adult life. At 17, “Miss Ann” began as a preschool assistant teacher while working toward a degree in ECE. She taught for many years including 15 years in the Community College of Denver’s Early Childhood Lab School, where she worked with college students and teen parents. Ann taught ECE 101 and 102 as well as a Positive Parenting class. She is now semi-retired as a Program Development Specialist for the National Child Development Associate Credentialing Program and a Friday Kindergarten Teacher for Lighthouse Christian Academy. Ann’s kindergarten class curriculum is based on *The Storybook Journey* (Sue McCord) with many class activities related to children’s book(s). She especially loves the *Give a Mouse a Cookie* series, and authors Eric Carle, Julia Donaldson, and Jan Brett to name a few. Ann’s kindergarten classes will be using the *How Full is your Bucket* books, and books on space, bugs, sea life, and more.

## Sarah Montoya



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Sarah Montoya has loved music since childhood. She started singing at the age of four and playing guitar at eight. She loves harmony and being creative with the talents God has given her. She has been married since 1988 to a husband who shares her passion in music. She homeschooled her two girls and is now enjoying her grandkids. Sarah has been a praise and worship leader in church, and women's groups. She has taught choir, drama and guitar, starting and running a drama club for four years. She went on to be a certified activity director, scheduling activities for elder care. Sarah returned to teaching with a desiring to enrich and spark creativity in young minds.

## Kacy Simper



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Kacy is energetic and loves anything to do with health. She loves God, her family, the outdoors and learning. She has a degree in Elementary Education and is a Certified Personal Trainer. Kacy's philosophy is: Knowledge is Power! You can never have too much knowledge and there's always something to be learned no matter what level you are on. She is excited to be part of the teaching team at Lighthouse, to work with the students while getting to know them and their parents.

## Rebecca Smith



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Rebecca Smith was born and raised here in Colorado. She lives on a small farm in Keenesburg with her husband and four children. Rebecca is a homeschool mom and small business owner. She loves to sew and make clothing for her children and started a business selling her creations as well. When she is not homeschooling and sewing, she is spending time outside with all their farm animals or cooking from scratch. This past year she has taught several sourdough classes and it's become something she loves to share and teach. This sparked her love for teaching others. So, when the opportunity to teach at Lighthouse presented itself, she knew it would be a perfect fit. She is over the moon excited to be teaching at lighthouse this year and can't wait to share her knowledge with the kids and have great time.

## Veronica “Dawn” Sprouse



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Dawn was born with German Measles all over her body and the doctor told her mother she could end up crippled, blind, deaf, mentally retarded or with other permanent health problems. Dawn's mother couldn't accept the doctor's prognosis but said "She's a beautiful baby" and put the negative thoughts aside. But the truth was, Dawn was born deaf. For the first five years of her life, she had no language and struggled to communicate. Her parents had put the doctor's words aside and instead thought there was something wrong with her voice. But her paternal grandmother suspected she was deaf and helped her family realize the truth. Finally, when she was five, her parents took her to a parochial school where she saw people communicate using sign for the first time. She was scared and clung to her mother but eventually learned ASL and even gained the ability to read lips.

Dawn was married on June 24, 1965. She is mother of 4 children (one with the Lord), 6 grandchildren (2 with the Lord), and 5 great grandchildren.

Dawn loves teaching American Sign Language (ASL) and has taught and tutored ASL for more years than she can remember. She has experience teaching Basic to Advance levels and students from young to old, including professional interpreters. Dawn loves chatting with people in ASL and wants people to understand the deaf world, deaf culture and the fact that the deaf and hearing worlds are different.

A pastor's wife who is also a CODA ("Child of Deaf Adults") first introduced Dawn to Jesus many years ago. It is estimated only 1 to 3% of deaf people are saved. Dawn feels it is very important for saved, hearing people to communicate with deaf people because Jesus wants signers and interpreters that the deaf will go to for communication and pathway to Christ.

## Genevieve Trowbridge



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Genevieve struggled with math in early elementary grades and understands the challenge of trying and trying again until understanding the material. Eventually she earned a degree in Chemical & Biochemical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. Genevieve wants to share the fun of solving problems to help students to be conversant in math and sciences. The study of science is a great opportunity to worship our Lord's creation. It is essential for students to be prepared to do anything they choose. Partner with Genevieve to help keep all the doors open for your students. They can do hard things. These challenges make them stronger and more resilient now and in the future. During the 2023-2024 school year she taught Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus. She also coordinated Physical Science, Biology and Chemistry labs. Genevieve is the proud mother of one boy. Her hobbies include gluten-free baking, cooking, gardening, hiking and reading.

## Justeen Walters



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Justeen has completed 2 years of child development courses, she is CPR certified and has been in the child care industry for 7 years. This will be her second year with Lighthouse and is a Lighthouse graduate herself. This also marks her third year teaching preschool, including homeschooling her own two boys for preschool. Justeen is so excited to be your child's preschool teacher. She loves preschool and all the exploring, learning, and fun they will have! This fall she will be introducing a new Life Skills class with her certification in Living on your own. Justeen has had the privilege of being married to a wonderful and sweet man, Nick, and they have been blessed with two children of their own, Dax 6 and Wes 2. And their most recent addition to the family is a dog named Jake.