



Spring 2024 Afternoon Classes

Dates: February 12-May 9 (no classes week of 2/19 and week of 4/1)

Times

- Café and Play, 12:15-1 PM
- Afternoon Enrichment Classes, 1-2:15 PM

Cost

- Café and Play, \$100 per day per semester
- Afternoon Enrichment class, \$150 per class per semester
- \$25 discount applied for each Café and Play + Afternoon Class pairing

Classes Offered

Day	Age Range*	Course
Mondays	4-7	Charlotte Mason Hour
	5-9	Famous Artists
	8-12	Intermediate Coding
	10 and up	Beginning Band (M/W)
	11 and up	Self-Portraits and Beyond
Wednesdays	5-8	Storybook Adventure Drama
	5-14	Sing, Sign, and Dance
	7-12	Intro to Coding
	10 and up	Deerstream Theatrical Society
	10 and up	Exploring Watercolors
	10 and up	Beginning Band (M/W)
Thursdays	5-8	Storybook Adventure Drama
	5-9	Famous Artists
	5-10	Intro to Sign Language
	8-12	Intermediate Coding
	9 and up	Running Club
	10 and up	Beginning Band (Thursday only)

**If your student is interested in a class outside the age range listed and you believe it could be a good fit, reach out to Mrs. Kirk.*

Monday Course Descriptions

A Charlotte Mason Hour, ages 4-7, Mrs. Harris

Spend an hour with friends in a Charlotte Mason way. Afternoons will contain good stories, art studies, handicrafts, old-fashioned games, and free play.

Famous Artists, ages 5-9, Ms. Peck

The students will discover some art history, learn some techniques and perspectives from Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, and Pablo Picasso. Drawing basics, acrylic painting, and other mixed media will be used as we uncover how the famous artists created landscapes, still life, and portraits with their own unique style and creativity.

Intermediate Coding with Scratch, ages 8-12, Mr. Arnold with Engineering for Kids

For those who are more familiar with Scratch or who have already been through the intro course and feel like they're ready for the next step, this class will introduce some more complex ideas such as cloud based high scoring systems and more advanced levels and game design while retaining the fun and easy pace of the introduction class. A laptop or iPad with keyboard is recommended for this class, but laptops will be provided for those who need them.

Self-portraits and Beyond, ages 11 and up, Mrs. Mayes

Come join us as we explore the art of self-portraits on Monday afternoon. We will begin with a reverse painting self-portrait (a portrait painted on acetate with an interchangeable background) and move on to our own version of a self-portrait print in the style of Andy Warhol. A bit of art history will be part of our class as well as color theory and, of course, fun! See you there!

Beginning Band, 2 day option (Mondays AND Wednesdays), ages 10 and up, Mrs. Catron

This course is designed for students with little or no instrumental experience. Instrumentalists will focus on note reading, introductory music theory, fundamental music terminology, sound production, instrument care and maintenance, and individual/group rehearsal strategies. A public performance following the 11-week course will serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. This course requires students to obtain a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) from an outside source. Students will also need to have a wire music stand and purchase the assigned band book. **Note: This class is a two-day option, and students will attend both Mondays and Wednesdays. The tuition for the two-day option is \$300 for the semester.*

Wednesday Course Descriptions

Storybook Adventure Drama, ages 5-8, Mrs. Benoit

In this class, students will adventure to mysterious and amazing lands. Through the use of theatre games and activities, students will re-enact classic books and fairy tales using props, acting and other tools to tell the story. This class places an emphasis on imagination, creative thinking, problem-solving, and story sequencing. Hop on board the Pigeon's bus or Make Way for Ducklings as we enjoy reading and drama together!

Sing, Sign, Dance, ages 5-14, Mrs. Bortone

We will learn Psalms with melodies and ASL, warm up with ballet barre exercises, then add dance to the Psalms. Supplies needed: ballet shoes or old socks. Please pull long hair back into a ponytail or bun. *I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, I know that full well!* Psalm 139:14

Intro to Coding with Scratch, ages 7-12, Mr. Arnold with Engineering for Kids

Learn the basics of coding through fun, game building exercises using the Scratch platform. Children will make their own colorful, fun games and animations that can be played anywhere all while learning the basics of computer logic and coding. A laptop or iPad with keyboard is recommended for this class, but laptops will be provided for those who need them. If your child took this course in the fall, we will be trying some new things this time around, including animations and some new games, so if they enjoyed it in the fall, they will find more to enjoy this spring!

Deerstream Theatrical Society, ages 10 and up, Mrs. Harris

Learn about Shakespeare and delve into one of his works! After some teacher-led instruction about a play by the Bard, students will take the lead in preparing a performance of an adapted script. Students will design costumes, create props, practice their roles, and present their Shakespeare production to an adoring audience.

Exploring Watercolors, ages 10 and up, Ms. Peck

Studying art is a lifelong practice. There's always room to learn and grow, so the students will be given some freedom to explore and try new techniques. This course will cover color theory and different brush techniques with watercolor paint washes, layering, and detail. We'll also be using pencil, black ink pen, and watercolor pencils. I'm looking forward to spending some time encouraging the students to see themselves as God sees and loves them. We are all uniquely and wonderfully made.

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See Monday course description. This is the second day of the 2-day band option.

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Introduction to American Sign Language, ages 5-10, Mrs. Trivette

Learn the alphabet, colors, animals, seasons, opposites, family names, food/drinks, emergency responders, and other vocabulary! Discussions will cover some tips to signing with the Deaf community; the parameters of ASL like hand shape, palm orientation, location, movement, and non manual signals; and how to continue to practice and use this language in everyday life situations.

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Running Club, ages 9 and up, Coach Williamson

Join friends to run for fun and exercise! Our cross-country coach, Coach Williamson, will provide opportunities for running and running games. You don't have to have any experience at all to join the running club, and we think you'll find out that you will get stronger and faster before you know it! You'll also have a lot of fun.

Beginning Band, 1 day option, ages 10 and up, Mrs. Catron

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Teacher Bios

Isaac Arnold has taught coding and engineering to students all over the Triangle since 2021, first with The Coder School and then as the Director of Engineering for Kids of the Triangle.

Jen Benoit is beginning her third year at Deerstream. Her goal is to nourish students in their creativity, personal spiritual and academic growth by encouraging never-ending excitement in learning! Her son is in high school at Deerstream and on any day you might find her enjoying walks with her husband, doing puzzles, or seeing what fun thing she can volunteer to take part of in church and community!

Angela Bortone teaches the 7/8 science class on Wednesdays. She is a North Carolina native and taught in Wake County Public Schools for five years. She also served as the director of a children's ministry in San Diego, California. She and her husband, Dante, have three children, ages 13, 8 and 6. In her free time she likes to garden and play the piano.

Miriam Catron set out on her music education journey at 16, teaching private flute and saxophone lessons. A Jazz Studies graduate from UNC-Chapel Hill, she later founded and led a successful music and arts school in Durham from 2002 to 2015. In recent years, Miriam served as the band director and worship coordinator for grades 5-12 at a prominent Christian school in San Diego, where her expertise covered a spectrum of skill levels, from beginners to advanced groups. Now based in Raleigh with her husband and three children, Miriam's diverse experiences in music education and leadership reflect her unwavering commitment to nurturing musical talent and enriching the lives of her students.

Michelle Harris graduated from Covenant College with a degree in Elementary Education. Her teaching career includes a year in Uzbekistan teaching English to middle and high school students, teaching 3rd and 4th grades, and teaching English as a second language. Thirteen years ago, she became a homeschooling mom to her 4 children: Sarah (at UNC), Nathan (heading to App State), Micah (in public school) and Ellie (at home). She has enjoyed teaching in the home as well as several different co-ops.

Penny Mayes is a professional art teacher, a professional educator, and a veteran homeschool mom of 20 years. Her passion is integrating hands-on art projects with history and art history unit studies. She is a teacher with more years of education experience than she would like to admit on paper. She is also a wife, a mother, and a grandmother and holds a master's degree in education. And she is the creator of Take Time for Art, an online art education program designed with homeschoolers in mind. And finally, after several years of detour, she is very happy to be back teaching at Deerstream!

Sarah Peck has found it a joy & honor to share various mediums of art with children and adults for the past 10+ years. Her approach is to value and affirm every student by encouraging confidence, using creative expression and implementing art skills and techniques.

Hillary Trivette is new to Deerstream but has been teaching children since a teenager -- everything from art to Scripture memory to English grammar and American Sign Language! As a homeschooling mom she's implemented sign language into everyday life with her own kids since they were infants. She began learning sign language as an 8 year old homeschooler herself, and took multiple classes both outside of and at college over the years. She loves opportunities to help the friends and family of deaf or hard of

hearing individuals learn how to communicate better with their loved ones, as well as introducing students to a new language they can enjoy visually.

Coach Tim Williamson *is the senior pastor at Faith Alliance Church in Durham and has 20 years of experience working with teens. He has been running since middle school and has 8 years of experience coaching cross country. He has led teams to District Championships and taken several runners to the state level.*