



## Deerstream Fall 2024 Afternoon Enrichment Classes

**Dates:** September 11-December 5 (no classes 10/16, 10/17, or week of 11/25)

**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
<b>Mondays</b>	4-8	Charlotte Mason Hour
	5-9	Spanish
	6-10	Collage Art
	8-12	Photography
	10 and up 10 and up	Exploring Presidential Leadership Intermediate Band
<b>Wednesdays</b>	5-8	STEM in cooking
	5-12	Sing, Sign, and Dance
	5-10	Field Games
	8 and up	Beginning Scratch Programming
	10 and up	Deerstream Theatrical Society
	10 and up	Drawing
<b>Thursdays</b>	5-8	Illustrated Writing
	7-12	History and Chemistry
	8 and up	Beginning Band
	9 and up	Intermediate Scratch Programming
	9 and up	Mythology
	JD/HS	Worldviews of the Western World* (yearlong course)

*\*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 at [director@deerstream.org](mailto:director@deerstream.org).*



## Monday Fall 2024 Classes

### **Charlotte Mason, Mrs. Harris (ages 4-8)**

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

### **Spanish, Mrs. Law (ages 5-9)**

This introduction to the Spanish language requires no prior experience. Class time will be spent learning stories, songs, scripture, and poetry in Spanish. Lessons will also include nature study, Gouin series, and some basic greetings and vocabulary taught via the direct method. The course will be a fun and light-hearted experience that will motivate students intended to encourage students to continue to study Spanish in the future.

### **Collage Art, Miss Peck (ages 6-10).**

I'm looking forward to sharing my Collage Art & Painting lessons. Using images, color and words, students will discover their meanings and explore the joy of creating beautiful, colorful, expressive art. By using our creative expression mixed with Modge Podge, paint, cutting paper, & our own photos, we will share stories of creation, our own lives, dreams we have, activities we enjoy, people we love & messages to give us hope.

### **Photography (ages 8-12), Mrs. Pica**

Using the Masterbooks curriculum for Digital Photography, students will grow to understand photography as a means of personal expression, worship, and service to the kingdom of God. Through this course, appropriate for all ages who can operate a cell phone or tablet camera independently, students will learn the technical requirements of good photography such as focus, exposure, perspective, framing, and composition. *Students must provide a digital device that can take a picture.*

### **Exploring Presidential Leadership: What would you do? Mrs. Embry (Ages 10 and up)**

Journey through American history through the lens of presidential leadership. From the Founding Fathers to modern-day leaders, explore pivotal moments, decisions, and their enduring impact. Students will engage in lively debates, analyze challenges faced, and explore the complexities of leadership. They'll gain insights into the weighty responsibilities of the presidency, fostering a deeper appreciation for its enduring significance while honing debating skills in a team format.

### **Intermediate Band, Mrs. Catron** (students from Beginning Band with Mrs. Catron or with other experience).

This course is open to students who have mastered the beginning level of band. Students entering this course should be proficient in music reading, tone production, blending and balancing, dynamics and rehearsal procedures. All techniques from the Beginning Band course will be further developed in Intermediate Band. At this level there is a greater emphasis placed on performance. Students will also begin learning more scales and other rudiments. Private lessons are encouraged but not required for Intermediate Band students. This course requires students to have a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase). Students will also need to have a wire music stand and may need to purchase the Essential Elements Band Book 2.



## Wednesday Fall 2024 Courses

### **Sign, Sign, and Dance, Mrs. Bortone (ages 5-12)**

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

### **STEM in cooking, Mrs. Corpening (ages 5-8)**

Discover some of the Science, Engineering, and Math behind kid-favorite foods. We will hypothesize, observe, measure, explore chemical reactions and simple cooking techniques, and hopefully have something tasty to show for it each week. Students will have opportunities to participate in a basic Scientific Method, practice Lab Safety and Kitchen Hygiene, and expand their palates! (This class will be in accordance with Deerstream Policies regarding food allergies.)

### **Field Games, Mrs. Winslow (ages 5-10)**

Who's ready to play? This class is for any kid interested in fun, active, playful field games. We will run, jump, freeze, spin, throw, hop, and get our wiggles out while enjoying the great outdoors. These cooperative field games will keep your child moving, encourage fair play, cooperation, and accepting defeat graciously, and work on improving skills, with a side of silly fun in a friendly environment.

### **Beginning Scratch, Mr. Arnold (8 and up)**

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.*

### **Deerstream Theatrical Society, Mrs. Harris (ages 10 and up)**

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.

**Drawing, Miss Peck (ages 10 and up)** This Art Course offers instruction and practice using various mediums for sketching and drawing using lead pencil, black ink, charcoal, and some color, too. The students will have the opportunity to practice realism with the focus being Still Life. We'll also have some time for our creative expression to play on the pages telling "our stories" through art. Looking forward to another semester with your Deerstream students.



## Thursday Fall 2024 Classes

### **Illustrated Writing, Mrs. Pica (ages 5-8)**

Illustrated Writing: Using Draw Write Now curriculum along with Fix It Grammar, beginner writers will learn the basics of writing disguised in the fun of drawing! This class will be enjoyable for early elementary level as well as slightly older writers who need extra writing practice. It's a unique combination of art, fine motor skills, interesting topics, writing, and fun!

### **History and Chemistry, Mrs. Bortone (7-12)**

Soap, clothing dyes, oxidation and carbonation all involve chemistry. We will learn about the chemists behind these discoveries and more (Galen, Joseph Priestly, Antoine Lavoisier, Dimitri Mendeleev) as we change states of matter and make models of chemical structures.

### **Beginning Band, Mrs. Catron (ages 8 and up).**

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). Students will also need to have a wire music stand and purchase the assigned band book. Families should watch [this recording](#) to get more information signing up: Passcode: 83QCg@.H

### **Intermediate Scratch, Mr. Arnold (ages 9 and up)**

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.*

### **Mythology, Mrs. Eriksen (ages 9 and up, willingness to read necessary)**

Do you love reading stories, myths, and legends? Do you love studying ancient history? Do you love creative writing? Then this course is the perfect mix for you! We will focus on exploring the myths and folk-lore of different ancient cultures from around the world - Greek, Roman, Norse, Mayan, Aztec, Egyptian, African, Chinese and Japanese. We will study stories of the gods and heroes and analyze the values and beliefs those stories convey. Students will have a chance to read and hear new and familiar myths, create their own using similar styles, and explore the myths through art - making mosaics, frescoes, and dioramas. There will be brief homework assignments given - never more than 20-30 minutes a week, which will allow us to cover as many cultures as possible!

### **Worldviews of the Western World-The Bible and Ancient Thought, Mrs. McCall (JD/HS)**

This course uses the work of theologian and philosopher, Francis Schaeffer as a scaffolding to compare a biblical worldview with non-Christian ways of seeing the world. Through in-depth study of the Bible, ancient Greek and Roman literature and philosophy, the work of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, and Schaeffer's writing, students will be guided to see the

rational support for the truth of the Bible and the difficulty of understanding the world apart from God. Students will be asked to complete about 3 hours of reading and study outside of class each week, and four essays over the course of the year. The reward for all the hard work will be a foundational understanding of how Christian truth influences the wider world of thought and life.

This year-long afternoon class is the first year of a three-year series that progresses to study the thought of the Renaissance and Reformation, the Revolutionary age, and the Modern Age through the 21st century. However, each year can stand alone as a history/theology/philosophy/literature 3 credit class. You can read more about the curriculum [here](#).

**\*Notes:**

- **This class is a year-long course, so the tuition of \$300 reflects two semesters. The class will follow Deerstream's afternoon enrichment schedule, so classes will not meet in January or early February and will resume when spring enrichment classes start.**
- **Materials Required: This course requires the purchase of a student workbook at a cost of \$125 for the year. Some other books will be used, but these should be able to be acquired through the library and/or Deerstream purchase.**



## 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.

**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 kids' ministry in San Diego, California. She and her husband, Dante, have three children. In her free time she likes to garden and take walks with her toy poodle, Ahvi.

**Jessica Corpening** teaches Junior Division Prep Language Arts on Mondays. Deerstream has been a tremendous gift to her family as they homeschool and she is so happy to serve this community alongside such a wonderful staff. Jessica studied Elementary Education at Elon University and Theological Studies and Christian Education at Duke Divinity School. She taught in Wake County before homeschooling her own kids. Jessica loves to garden, bake, read, go on adventures with her family, and hang out with her dog, Oliver Twist.

**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.

**Jessica Embry** holds a B.A. from Salem College, with a major in English and Chemistry, complemented by a minor in Math. Since then, she has been dedicated to providing private tutoring and teaching homeschool classes, supporting numerous individuals in their homeschooling endeavors. In 2018, she furthered her education by earning a Master's in Education from Regent University. With twenty-five years of homeschooling experience, her passion for learning remains strong, and she now also offers educational consulting services. Mrs. Embry is committed to providing a nurturing and faith-based educational environment that fosters both academic growth and character development.

**Kathryn Eriksen** received her BA in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Master's in Education from Wake Forest University. She taught in the Chapel Hill public school system for 7 years as a high school history teacher and was awarded the district Teacher of the Year in 2010. She then served as the Children's Ministry Director at Christ Community Church for 7 years. As an experienced teacher and leader, she loves helping students more completely understand the world around them by exploring the past. Watching students grow in their ability to think critically and express their own opinions about world events brings her great joy. She is married to the wonderful Rusty Eriksen and they have four fantastic kids. She loves reading, coffee with friends, and walks on the beach.

**Michelle Harris** will be teaching her fourth year at Deerstream. Her teaching career includes a year in Uzbekistan teaching English to middle and high school students, teaching 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, and teaching English as a second language. Sixteen years ago, she became a homeschooling mom to her 4 children: Sarah (age 21 living in St. Louis), Nathan (at App State), Micah (in public school) and Ellie (at home). She has enjoyed teaching in the home as well as several different co-ops.

**Sarah Law** is a mother to two small children and is excited to share her passion for language and literature with the Deerstream community. She holds a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Spanish Literature and has a special interest in Latin American folklore. In addition to her interest in literature, Sarah is also an outdoor enthusiast, a student of Charlotte Mason, and a pharmacist.

**Emily McCall** loves wondering at the beauty of creation with her 6/7 year old scientists for her fourth year at Deerstream. This year, after finishing her MA in philosophy from Biola University, she is excited to bring her passion for philosophy to Deerstream while exploring worldviews with upper-level students. She is a mom of three daughters who recently spent three years living with her family in Prague, Czech Republic, for her husband Paul's job. She has worked as a neuro nurse, run a coffee shop for parents with kids, served as a children's ministry director, and, of course, homeschooled her daughters! She loves to read, learn, garden and explore the world.

**Sarah Peck** (aka: Miss Sarah) 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.

**Cathy Pica** is excited to join Deerstream this year. She has a little over 20 years in teaching children, PreK to Middle School. In 2019 she began homeschooling her two boys and has enjoyed all that homeschooling brings. She has 3 years' experience in co-op teaching and loves finding fun ways for students to love learning. She is a full-time baseball mom, and she loves to garden, camp, cook and be involved at church.

**Emily Winslow** will be returning to Deerstream for her seventh year teaching both 9-11 Year Old Social Studies and 5/6 Year Old Science. Her background is in education, including homeschooling her, now college age, daughters for 10 busy and wonderful years. When she is not teaching, she enjoys running with her dogs, reading, and traveling with her family.