



Junior Division Prep (11/12 year olds)

Life Science: Wednesdays or Thursdays, 9:15-12:15

In Junior Division Prep, 11-12 year olds will take steps to develop science skills needed in middle and high school while retaining the wonder of learning about God's amazing creation. In this course on life science, students will study the cell and its many parts, the diversity of living things on earth and their similarities and differences, and systems of the human body. Students will create physical models, examine the microscopic world, and complete a dissection. They will learn to use a text effectively, practice taking notes, be responsible for some homework each week, and study for quizzes and tests. Class sessions will involve hands-on lab work, interaction with peers, and teacher instruction. Jr. Division Prep is a special year gentle and supported growth into the next stage of students' academic lives.

Prerequisites: Students must be 11 on or before August 31 to be enrolled in Junior Division Prep.

Student Expectations: Students in this course will be expected to complete about 3-4 hours of outside homework each week including textbook work, projects, and studying for tests and quizzes. They will be asked to keep track of their assignments and turn them in on time.

Parent Expectations: Parents should expect to provide some support with organization in the beginning of the year. Parents may need to provide ongoing support, particularly for students who are reading or writing below grade level.