



## Deerstream Spring 2025 Afternoon Enrichment Classes

**Dates: February 10- May 8**

- February 17- 20: No class, winter break
- March 31-April 3: No class, Spring Break

**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 for Deerstream Morning Students;
- \$175 per class per semester for non-Deerstream students
- \$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
	5-8	Illustrated Writing
	8-12	Spanish
	9-14	Musical Theater, day 1/2
	10 and up Returning students	Etiquette Essentials Intermediate Band
<b>Wednesdays</b>	5-10	Beatrix Potter
	7-12	History and Chemistry
	7-11	Games Galore
	9-14	Musical Theater, day 2/2
	10 and up	Painting with Acrylics
	12 and up	Python and Computer Science
<b>Thursdays</b>	5-8	LEGO Building Basics
	5-12	Sing, Sign, and Dance
	6-10	Watercolor Basics
	8-12	LEGO Robotics & Coding Adventure
	8-12	Photography
	JD/HS	Medieval history

*\*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.

### **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!

### **Spanish, Mrs. Law (ages 8-12)**

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 and picture 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. Optional vocabulary review homework available.

### **Musical Theater, Mrs. Bullard, Ms. Giffin, Mrs. Munoz (ages 9-14)**

**\*This is a 2 day class; registration for both Mondays and Wednesdays is required**

In this class, students will spend 11 weeks preparing for a May production of "The Wizard of Oz," a musical adaptation by Tom Kirkham of The School Musicals Company. Students will learn staging, blocking, vocals, accent coaching, character development, comedic timing and basic dance choreography. Students will be expected to memorize lines, but prior dance and vocal training is not a requirement of this class. This class is held on Monday (drama/acting day) and Wednesdays (voice/solos/ensemble day), and registering for both days is required for participation. Two performances showcasing all they've learned together will be held in the last week of Deerstream Afternoon Enrichment classes.

### **Etiquette Essentials: Confidence, Courtesy, and Class, Mrs. Embry (ages 10 and up)**

"Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot." – Clarence Thomas

Discover the art of etiquette and the power of respectful interactions in this semester-long enrichment course! Designed to help students build confidence, this class focuses on cultivating social grace, mastering effective conversation skills, and developing poise through engaging lessons and hands-on activities. Students will learn table manners, polite conversation, proper introductions, writing thoughtful thank-you notes, and navigating modern social and digital settings with kindness and respect. The curriculum incorporates role-playing, group discussions, and real-life scenarios to reinforce these timeless skills. The semester will conclude with a formal tea, providing students an opportunity to practice and showcase their etiquette in a real-world setting. Join us to leave a lasting impression with grace and confidence!

### **Intermediate Band, Mrs. Catron (students from Band with Mrs. Catron or with other band 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

### **Spring with Peter Rabbit and Friends (ages 5-10) Mrs. Corpening**

*"Once upon a time there were four little Rabbits, and their names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, and Peter. ..."*

Join us this Spring for adventures with Peter Rabbit and friends! In this Charlotte Masonesque course, we will enjoy a new Tale from Beatrix Potter each week. Students will meet Benjamin Bunny, Squirrel Nutkin, the Tailor of Gloucester, Two Bad Mice, Jemima Puddleduck, and many other unforgettable characters. We will celebrate our new friends with an activity each week: watercolor painting, puppet shows, sensory bins, art and poetry study, character mapping, nature study, or crafts. Throughout the Spring, we will also get to know the woman behind the bunny, Beatrix Potter, and gain a deeper appreciation for her amazing, multi-faceted life!

### **History and Chemistry, Mrs. Bortone and Mrs. Chyatte (ages 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.

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

Who wants to play a game? In this class we will play A LOT. Each week we will play different types of games including, but not limited to:

- outdoor field games (Capture the flag, tag, sharks and minnows...)
- board games
- rainy day games (4 corners, fruit basket upset, ice breakers...)
- Group games (red light, green light; Mother May I; Simon Says)

Then, at the end of the semester, students will be encouraged to create and share a game they design! There will be lots of variety in this class, but mainly there will be lots of FUN!

### **Musical Theater, see Monday Description, (ages 9-14)**

**\* This is a 2 day class; registration for both days is required**

### **Painting with Acrylics, Miss Peck (ages 10 and up)**

Join me for an exploration with Acrylic Painting. We'll cover color theory, perspective, color mixing, brush stroke and technique, abstract, expressionism, and uncover some fun facts on a few different famous artists. Experience the joy and peace that comes from painting expressively after learning the techniques of painting.

### **Entry Level Python and Computer Science, ages 12 and up, Mr. Beggs**

This course is designed for students with little or no Python experience. The course will assume a pace set by the students; we will not rush through the work or concepts. We will start with a very basic Python program and learn as individuals. Then students will collaborate in small groups; with programs that highlight additional Computer Science and Python concepts. Entry level example programs are Number Guessing, finding Prime Numbers, etc. Chat GPT will be lightly used as a starting point for some of the examples. The course will introduce Entrepreneurial concepts using basic group projects and potentially a speaker from the community. A stretch goal will be to present the group projects in the final class. Learning a new Language for Computers should be fun and requires some patience and determination to solve problems.

**ePre-reqs:** Laptop with Wifi connection; internet access will include downloading and installing Python, ChatGPT, and Google Drive for sharing projects.



## Thursday Fall 2024 Classes

### **LEGO Building Basics: Engineering for Kids! (ages 5-8)**

In this fun, hands-on class, kids ages 5-8 will explore the basics of engineering through creative LEGO building. They'll learn about balance, stability, and simple machines like levers and pulleys, all while building awesome LEGO models. Each week, kids will tackle new challenges and design projects that encourage problem-solving and teamwork. This beginner-friendly class is perfect for young builders excited to learn how things work and build their own creations!

### **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

### **Watercolor Basics, Mrs. Peck (ages 6-10)**

Students will learn the basics of watercolor painting using various techniques and tools, such as waxing, watercolor pencils, brushes and watercolor tubes. We will put into practice our learned skills each lesson and embrace the joy of being made in God's image, our Creator.

### **LEGO Robotics & Coding Adventure: Engineering for Kids! (ages 8-12)**

In this exciting class for kids ages 8-12, students will dive into the world of engineering, coding, and robotics using LEGO! They'll learn to build and program robots, exploring concepts like motors, sensors, and coding logic to bring their creations to life. Each session will include fun challenges where kids collaborate, problem-solve, and refine their skills, creating robots that can move, sense, and react. Perfect for young tech enthusiasts eager to learn how to code and create their own robotic inventions!

### **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.*

### **Medieval History, Mrs. McCall (Junior Division and High School)**

This course will offer 6-8 graders a fascinating survey of medieval history from 500-1500 CE. Class time will be full of fun and engaging group activities which will bring these past cultures, events, and ideas to life. Games, skits, and group challenges will spark questions for large group discussions. Each week, class sessions will be supplemented with an hour of combined reading and writing homework to give the necessary background. Students will also work on creating a timeline notebook to help them sense the flow of history. In the final week of class, students will present a short 3-5 minute presentation on an area of special interest which they have done a small amount of extra research on and would like to share with the class.



## Teacher Bios

**Barry Beggs** has computing experience ranging from start-ups to large companies with a wide variety of development and management roles. He has a B.S. and M.S. in Computer Engineering. He has experience group teaching a variety of Merit Badges while his sons were in Boy Scouts Troop 820. He has recently retired from IBM, has two sons, and lives in Chapel Hill. His older son has been in several computing programs since before middle school, holds a degree in Computer Science from NC State, and is providing his insight to organize the content of this course.

**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.

**Bobbie Bullard** is a co-founder of Feather in a Cap Productions, a theater company located in Durham offering children unforgettable summer camp experiences. She began performing at age seven and discovered theater at 12. She spent her childhood competing in dance and attending drama camps, and continued pursuing her love of the arts in college, where she joined drama club. She has planned and led youth art programs at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. Bobbie holds a BA in Fine Arts and Dance from Western Carolina University. As a mother of two young girls, she is passionate about guiding young people to find their artistic voice. Bobbie continues to participate in community drama with Clearview Theater where she played Hannah Mullet in *Little Women* (2023) and this year is playing Sarah in *A Christmas Carol*.

**Mary Chyatte** has been teaching or tutoring math and science in some capacity for about 20 years. This is Mary's first year at Deerstream, and she is thrilled to be joining this community teaching Physical Science on Wednesdays, and History and Chemistry during Enrichment. She is a homeschooling mother of four, three of whom attend classes at Deerstream. When she is not busy chasing or bussing around her children, Mary enjoys spending time outdoors, live music, comedy, cooking, and traveling.

**Jessica Corpening** teaches Junior Division Prep Language Arts on Mondays. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Elon University and a Masters of Theological Studies from Duke Divinity School. Jessica taught 3rd Grade for many years at a wonderful elementary school in Wake County Public School System. She loves to garden, read, and bake!

**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.

**Alexa Giffin** is a co-founder of Feather in a Cap Productions, where she leads accent coaching, comedic timing and dance choreography, sound and lighting. She has been performing in both theater and dance from an early age through college and continued her training in public speaking and advanced drama. She is a hair and makeup artist and continues to participate in community drama with Clearview Theater. Last year, Alexa played Meg in a production of Little Women and this year is playing "The Ghost of Christmas Past" in A Christmas Carol.

**Michelle Harris** is 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.

**Danielle Skalsky Munoz** is a professional vocalist and coach who resides in Durham, NC where she runs (alongside her husband) One Music Stand Voice & Production. She has worked as a production singer on board Princess Cruise Lines and as the music director for a middle school afternoon program in California. Danielle holds a B.M. in Vocal Performance from Thornton School of Music (USC). She has a background in both opera and musical theater but teaches in all styles, including pop! She believes everyone can sing!

**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** is in her seventh year at Deerstream, 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.