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Welcome To Denver Options

We are excited to spend time with you and your family. The basic information below will help you get started and avoid surprises.

Our school day is from **8:40 to 3:30**. Please drop children off in the gym between 8:30 and 8:40 and pick them up on time. Being late is a problem for teachers, can be a safety issue, and makes kids uncomfortable.

PLEASE READ, PRINT AND SAVE THIS DOCUMENT

("But I want to skip to the Class Descriptions!!!!" That is the fun part, but let's make sure you don't run into any surprises first. Please read page 1 and 2 before reading class choices)

- ❖ Our website is: <http://denveroptions.aurorak12.org/>
- ❖ Email is homeschooldenver@gmail.com.
- ❖ Lanae's contact phone number is: 303-349-5947 text is fine too.
- ❖ The address where we meet is: 1091 S Parker Rd Denver, CO 80231. Park and enter through the blue doors, around the back by the playground – lower level.
- ❖ Our funding is based on student attendance during the count period. This year that is September 12 to October 13 or so. If you know you will be unable to attend during this time, we need to know in writing. If an unexpected absence occurs, contact us in writing ASAP (email is fine) so we can complete the necessary paperwork. There are several proof sheets and signatures from teachers that have to be turned in if your child is not here.
- ❖ Our number one form of communication after Orientation will be on an app / website called Bloomz. You choose how many notifications you get, what device to use, and what groups you are a part of. Teachers, and all site communication will be sent via Bloomz. You will be invited to join, so stay tuned for those details. We piloted this in the 1516 year and learned a lot about streamlining the approval process. Bloomz is a wonderful way to find out what your kids are doing while at Options. It is easy for the staff, and will continue to replace group email lists at Options. Ask for tech help if you need it. Don't lose your password. :) (I say this from experience. It is a VERY secure app, so they won't hesitate to lock you out.)
- ❖ The bookroom email is: optionsbookroom@gmail.com
- ❖ The book website is: www.optionsbooks.info

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❖ The book pick up site is 11351 E Montview Blvd. 80010. It is just west of Montview and Moline. Park

behind the blond brick building and buzz to get in. The books are downstairs.

❖ After your child is fully enrolled in Denver Options, you can sign up for a time at the book room by

going to:

➤ <http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>

then enter:

optionsbookroom@gmail.com

Come with an idea of what you are looking for by going to optionsbooks.info to see what

we carry. Bring a checkbook if you plan to purchase consumables.

❖ We have a Facebook page – look for Denver Enrichment Options on Facebook and request to join.

❖ Your family will be asked to do 2 lunch duty times, and help with one special event each semester.

You may or may not be helping with your own child's group. This is not a time to 'come have lunch

with munchkin.' We need your help to supervise all of the students. Bringing preschoolers is fine.

Just keep them with you.

❖ We do have an option to "pay out" your time instead. Talk to Lanae for details. If you would like to

be paid to do extra duty, tell us that as well. Dads and grandparents are welcome to do the family

duty time if you so choose.

❖ We have some field trips during the year. Watch your email, Bloomz and Facebook for

opportunities, or use Bloomz to make your own events. The field trip committee usually uses a website like

signup genius to reserve field trip places.

❖ Our rules apply to students and adults. We will agree to be:

➤ Positive

➤ Productive

➤ Pleasant

➤ Respectful

➤ Kind

If a student is not supporting the learning environment in the classroom, he or she will spend the

remainder of the hour with another adult, and either a note or a phone call will be sent to the child's

parents. If this happens 3 times in a day, the child and parents will meet with Mr. Burton to

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brainstorm solutions to help this be a good learning environment for everyone. This is a "3 strikes and you're out" system.

- We avoid discussions about anything controversial at Options, and instead focus on what we have in common. Statements and questions relating to religion, politics, online activity, evolution, or other 'hot' topics will be referred back to you at home to discuss your family's viewpoints with your own children.

- Options is not a good place for 'boyfriend /girlfriend, who likes whom discussions and games. No one 'belongs' to anyone. We value the innocence of childhood and work each week to preserve that precious time. Even into young adulthood.

- Your family choices about online activity and texting is up to you. We assume you monitor your own children's technology and will send any related questions home for you to work out away from school. Phones, tablets, and other technology can be used with teacher permission in class. You send these items of value at your own risk. At lunch and class changes they should be off and put away. If your child needs to call you, have them tell an adult. We will always let them contact you. So please leave your phone on and with you!! Getting voicemail when a kiddo needs mom is really yucky.

- ❖ Please contact us if your child will be absent or tardy.

- ❖ Consistently tardy families will give up their space at Options. Please be in the gym, ready for attendance by 8:40 . Tardy marks are new this year, but have been put in place by necessity to allow for kids who will be here on time and consistently to enjoy the classes. We only have your kids 1 day a week. Each class only gets 1 hour. We must maximize that time without disruptions.

- ❖ Denver Options does not have the training or staffing to enroll children with special needs.

- ❖ We are unable to walk your tardy student to class, or pick them up for you if you need to leave early.

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Please get a name tag from the main entrance, and drop your child off in the hallway OUTSIDE of the classroom so you don't disturb class. Pick them up with as little disruption as possible. They must be walked to class, not just sent on their own. Please do not go into the room with them. Class changes are a good time to pick up or drop off your children. Please sign them out if you leave early. Inconsistent attendance makes success and building relationships here difficult.

- ❖ Student activity fees are paid at orientation. \$20 per child covers the yearbook and parties, rewards, recognition and special events. Please let us know if this causes a problem for your family. We certainly don't want you to pay if it is a hardship.
- ❖ We don't have snacks to offer here. If you don't pack snack in your child's backpack in addition to food in a lunchbox, they won't have snack. Send 2 per week.

This is the year of REinvention.

We will REcycle, REkindle, REdiscover, REceive and REawaken our friendships and learning. We will learn to REtry if something doesn't work the first time, and REexplore our own ability to try something new. We will REnew our courage and REflect on our new experiences. We will REkindle old friendships and REstart the year by making new friends. Come join us for a whole new year of REinvention and new discoveries!

So there you go. Now you know what the boundaries are. Let's get onto the FUN Stuff. What are we going to DO at Denver Options? Hold onto your hat, we are going to be BUSY, MESSY, learning and laughing!!

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The classes at Denver Options are unit study based, hands on and messy. The subject areas below are a starting point but the classes may include any and all of the subject areas in the activities.

Class title: Kindergarten

Teacher's name: Michelle Lee

Grade: Kindergarten

Homework: No

Kindergarten is all about making friends, being creative, exploring in a hands on way. We will keep busy learning letters, and letter sounds, hands on messy art, science experiments, cooking, math games and lots of center time building peer relationship. I love incorporating music into the day as well as games. We will also have show and tell each day. The day ends with music and PE.

Class Title: First Grade Contained Classroom

Teacher's Name: Robin Bodin

Grades appropriate: K-1

Homework: Send show and tell and 2 snacks in a backpack every week in addition to a lunch box!

New Content? Some

Mrs. Bodin provides an exciting and safe environment for making new friends and hands on learning. Each student will have an opportunity to be the Leader of the day which includes being the line leader, writing on the large wipe board and being first for Show and Tell. We will be very busy creating art projects, conducting science experiments, singing Spanish vocabulary, playing math games, reading, writing and more! At the end of the day students will go to music and P.E. and be dismissed at 3:30pm.

Art /Tech art Classes

Class Title: Art - using literature

Teacher's Name: Clea Edelblute

Grades: 2-5

Homework - no

New Content: Yes

Let's make lots of art using picture books as inspiration! We will study and practice different techniques using paint, chalk, collage, 3-D art, printmaking, and more based on each week's book. Sometimes our art will recreate the illustration style in the book, and sometimes we will use book themes such as creativity, patience, and innovation. Let's refine our art skills while we discover - or rediscover - some fabulous books!

Class Title: Drama Games and Improv

Teacher's Name: Robin Bodin

Grades appropriate: 2-4

Homework: No

New Content? Yes

Explore your creative side by stepping out of reality into a safe and playful environment. We will have fun and get a glimpse of what it's like to be someone else. Acting games are a unique opportunity to work on listening skills, public speaking and empathizing with people in different situations. This class will be full of fun and laughter.

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Class Title: Elements of Art

Teacher's Name: Liz Allen

Grades: 4-5

Homework - no

New Content: yes

This class will explore the elements of art by looking at different artists throughout history, then putting what we learned to use through hands-on art projects! We will be experimenting with various mediums and techniques. The goal here is to allow students to explore as many types of art as we can, and hopefully have some pieces to hang up at home! This class is great for anyone who has the desire to exercise their creativity, and for those who aren't afraid to get a little messy!

Class Title: Photography and Design

Teacher's Name: Liz Allen

Grades: 4-12

Homework - no

New Content: yes

Photography and Graphic Design

In this class, we will learn about different photography techniques and spend time taking pictures of people, places, and things. We will learn how to upload pictures to a computer, and practice photo editing. We will also be using our computers to create images, advertisements, and design. There will be a unit on Scratch during second semester where students can learn how to make an animation using blocks of code, and we will be creating and importing our own images for the backgrounds and/or sprites. **This is a photography, graphic design, and tech art class all in one!**

Home Economics Classes

Class title: Home Economics /Cooking

Teacher's name: Michelle Lee

Grade: 2-3

Homework: no

Do you love to cook? Does the idea of learning traditional skills appeal to you? If so, this is the class for you! This year we will be exploring a variety of basic cooking skills, mastering the art of hospitality, taking care of self and exploring healthy living. We will end the year by learning how to plant and care for a garden. It's going to be fun and purposeful! This is not a good class for people with food allergies/ sensitivities because we will be eating our cooking each week. Thanks!

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Class Title: Sewing 1 and 2

Teacher's Name: Ashley McCollum

Grades: 4-6

Homework - occasionally, see class description

New Content: Yes

Let's get stitching! Whether you are just starting out or you are continuing to learn, there are plenty of projects awaiting! We will learn different types of stitches and then incorporate these skills into hand sewn projects such as pillows or small quilts. As the year progresses and our skills improve, there will be plenty of room for student input on projects they would like to undertake. Let's get creative! Materials will be provided, or students will be welcome to bring items from home if they have favorites they'd like to include in their projects. Please sign up for the appropriate skill level and come to class with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn! Some projects will require time spent at home to make progress (hand stitching is fun, but time consuming!).

Skill Levels:

Sewing 1: No experience necessary

Sewing 2 : Either you took Sewing with me last year or have prior experience at home. Must be able to knot and thread a needle independently and know some basic stitches.

Class Title: Young Ameritowne/ Finance

Teacher's Name: Angelle Frilot

Grades appropriate: 4 - 5

Homework?: None

New Content? Some

We will be using the Young Ameritowne curriculum to bring activities and lessons into the classroom designed to teach about the free enterprise system. We will cover seven main concepts, including basic economics, banking, money management, government, communications, philanthropy, and business preparation. This is a "hands-on" lesson in free enterprise. Students will culminate the class with a field trip on March 14 to the Young Americans Bank in Denver. Students are required to attend the field trip. Class cost \$25 for the field trip fee and materials.

Language Arts Classes

Lego Writing and Beyond

Class Title: Lego Story Starter & Beyond

Teacher's Name: Danielle Corriveau

Grades appropriate: 2-5

Homework?: Casual conversations with parents to prep for writing is encouraged but not required

New Content? Yes

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Get ready to “build” a story! Working solo and in small groups, students will “construct” the character, setting, timeframe and details for their tales using the Lego Story Starter and Lego Expansion Project kits. Following builds, students will practice presentation skills and read their writing or speak about their story. This is another year of exploration! Last year we went flying to space. This time students will write stories about exploring the oceans in their own individually designed submarine! Students will craft their stories in hardcover books. We also will engage in other artful, creative writing projects. Students will learn about the job of a writer, journalism, poetry and the elements of story. It’s great fun and growth in writing, storytelling and presentation.

Class Title: Fabulous Phonics

Teacher’s Name: Danielle Corriveau

Grades appropriate: 1-3

Homework?: no --practicing what’s learned at home while reading & writing with child is encouraged

New Content? Yes

This class is an invitation for your child to jump into meaningful play with letters, sounds and words! In this joyfully interactive class, your child will learn the entire alphabet in cursive, sounds and keywords for all the vowel teams, how to spot syllables, age-appropriate Sight Words, and key spelling rules all through the use of big muscle movement, games, story, songs and art. This class is ideal for any student seeking fun ways to work with spelling rules and letter sounds.

Class Title: 21st Century Language Arts: Revisited

Teacher’s Name: Alex Stewart

Grades appropriate: 6-12

Homework?: Can range from zero to one hour of homework per week.

New Content? Yes

Get ready to learn principles of Language Arts in a way you have never experienced before. This fully immersive class will transport students to new worlds and scenarios to teach them writing, reading, and communications skills. Whether it is trying to solve the Mystery At Mystic Manor, or investigating famous tall tales and urban legends, 21st Century Language Arts is sure to offer students a fun, interactive, and engaging approach to learning!

Class Title: Film Appreciation

Teacher’s Name: Alex Stewart

Grades appropriate: 7-9

Homework?: Can range from zero to one hour of homework per week.

New Content? Yes

In this course we will be delving into the artistic and academic nature of film. During this course we will learn to analyze the literary elements of masterpieces in film history, analyze and evaluate film techniques used, and gain a deeper

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understanding of the filmic medium. This course is designed to engage students with no prior film knowledge or those who are lifelong movie fans.

Class Title: Advanced Film

Teacher's Name: Alex Stewart

Grades appropriate: 9-12

Homework?: Can range from zero to one hour of homework per week.

New Content? Yes

This class is designed to aid students who have a desire to dive deeper into their journey into the visual arts of filmmaking. In this class we will first explore the techniques and styles of the masters of film to better understand how to become greater filmmakers as well. Once we have explored the masters' works, we will then start to apply all that we have learned to our own short films. This class is different than my others in that we will only work on one to two films over the second semester, editing and changing as necessary. By the end of the year each student should have a very professional and well-polished set of films to add to a potential reel.

Math and Logic Classes

Class Title: Critical Thinking

Teacher's Name: Ashley McCollum

Grades: 2-5

Homework - no

New Content: Yes

Are you ready to put on your thinking caps? Join us on a critical thinking adventure! We will work together to solve logic puzzles, play games, and ponder deep thoughts. We will learn and practice problem solving skills and have fun while doing so. We will practice deduction skills with Logic Links and Perplexors to "build logic skills, one story at a time, one clue at a time." We will start small and work our way up to more complex problems throughout the year. We will also work together on puzzles, play strategy-based board games, and even create our own games. Some reading and writing is required.

Class Title: Fun with Geometry

Teacher's Name: Beckie Graham (Dague)

Grades appropriate: 6-9

Homework?: Occasionally - they might need to work on a project at home

New Content? Yes

In this class we will learn about the basics of geometry such as angles, shapes and measurement. We will then use that base knowledge to do some projects. Examples of projects will be learning what angle to shoot the cue ball at a pool ball to make it in the pocket, designing a house and designing a park. We have done

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some basic house and park designs before but in this class it will be much more detailed! You will be sketching a house, transferring that to graph paper then enlarging that to a poster board. This will require a lot of math and knowledge of geometry. The final projects will be amazing! We will also be learning about different trades that use a lot of geometry such as carpentry, surveying, carpet installers and a drafts person. We will also be making and playing different games. This class will be done with a lot of hands on activities but we will also be using worksheets at times to help us learn.

Class Title: Logic

Teacher's Name: Beckie Graham (Dague)

Grades appropriate: 6-9

Homework?: No

New Content? Yes

This class will really test your brain! We will be playing many different logic and strategy board games. We will work with pattern puzzles, different math logic skills and activities, and different math puzzles. Some of the logic problems and activities might be pretty straight forward, some will require much more thinking. Every week will be different with a lot of thinking. But most of all it will be a lot of fun!

Class Title: Personal Finance

Teacher's Name: Beckie Graham (Dague)

Grades appropriate: 9-12

Homework?: Yes

New Content? Yes

This class will follow Dave Ramsey's personal finance course. We will watch videos and work through a workbook. There are several activities involved as well as tests on each chapter. You will learn how to balance a checkbook, how to be financially responsible, how to save money, how to make a budget and why it is better to save up and pay cash for things you want rather than go into debt to buy those things. This is a class I wish I would have had as a high school student! (This class was offered 2015-2016)

Music

Class Title: Adventures in Music

Teacher's Name: Sarah Adams

Grades appropriate: K-3

Homework? No

New Content? Yes! 100% new

I consider it a privilege to welcome students to the music program at Options... students will be introduced to music foundation blocks such as tapping the steady beat, reading simple rhythms and identifying if the sounds in simple melodies are moving up, down or remaining on the same tone.... we will use a variety of

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instruments such as tone bells, handbells, orff instruments and percussion instruments to sharpen our music reading skills..

Familiar American Folk Songs such as "Frog went a Courting" will then be sung and performed on instruments...

In addition to music reading skills, students will be introduced to creating their own unique melodies...

Since we learn by doing, students will participate in a variety of movement activities such as folk dancing and music games...

Also students will listen to famous classical music pieces and identify the sounds of different instruments of the orchestra.

This is the kind of class that will leave you humming and loving music of all kinds. We sing, play, dance, pretend, and learn together. Come join me for a whole new musical adventure.

Class Title: Introduction to Instruments and Choir

Teacher's Name: Sarah Adams

Grades appropriate: 4-8

Homework? No

New Content? Yes! 100% new

Join me for a General Music Course designed for older students! We will start with simple chords and work our way up to complex chord combinations. This class includes playing many instruments, and will incorporate choir! No experience is necessary but previous music knowledge is fine.

At this level, students are now ready for 2 part music selections in which 1/2 of the class performs the melody while 1/2 of the class performs the harmony.

Students will learn to read and perform more complex melodies and performing basic chord progressions on handbells, keyboards, orff instruments and a variety of other instruments..

Students will also identify basic music form in famous Classical pieces of music.

Prior knowledge of music is fine. We will all dive in, tap our toes, and play and sing together each week. .

We will study a unit called The Science of Sound in music.. learning about sound waves and tone frequencies... using a set of tuning forks with the 7 pitches of the music alphabet.

After students understand what a melody is in music, we will begin to sing and perform 2 part songs...

The simplest example of a 2 part song is singing in rounds.

From here students will move into learning about basic chord progressions such as the I chord the IV chord and the V chord...

Many country music, pop song and sacred music such as Amazing Grace all have 3 chords.

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Students will have the opportunity to suggest appropriate music pieces and even begin to write some. Join me to sing, laugh, learn and create.

Physical Education

Class Title: P.E.

Teacher's Name: Mary Ann Bess

Grades: K-7

Homework - Exercise and move on your own

New Content: no

Denver Options Physical Education class focuses on several wonderful things like.....skills, games, stretching, exercising and plain ole FUN! In our activities we will also reinforce character, honesty, and good sportsmanship (just to list a few). Most of our activities are non-traditional games so that everyone is involved and moving. We will make sure that everyone is included in all aspects possible in every game/activity we do. We will have the pleasure throughout the year to play with a 48" cageball, colorful connecting scooters, pretend to be mice after cheese or sharks in the ocean, and use teamwork to make a 24' parachute tent. We are looking forward to another fabulous year. See you in the gym!

Science

Class Title: Ecology: Habitats Around the World

Teacher's Name: Clea Edelblute

Grades: 4-6

Homework - some optional to explore ideas further

New Content: Yes

In ecology we will explore nature's habitats and what plants and animals are perfectly adapted to live in each habitat. We begin at Options, exploring the habitat around the school, and expand our way out, till by the end of the year we will have gone on a great expedition around the world. Our keywords are habitat, adaptation, and interdependence. Through games, literature, art, and other hands-on activities, we will delve into habitats, animals, plants, and how it all works together to create our amazing Earth.

Class Title: Hands on Science

Teacher's Name: Mrs. Frilot

Grades: 2-3

Homework: none

New content: Yes

Hands on Science is filled with lessons that encourage critical-thinking and science skills through group activities. Hands on Science uses a multi sensory approach. Visual setting performed by the teacher. Auditory setting in which students

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participate in group discussions with team members. Kinesthetic setting in which students use tactile interaction with activity materials. Hands on Science will present opportunities for students to collaborate in fun ways to understand science concepts.

Test Tubes Adventures
States Of Matter
Dissection: snake, frog, and worm
Boats Afloat
After Dinner Science
The Case for Space
Rock'n Science
Engineering Challenges

Class Title: Engineering Challenges

Teacher's Name: Mrs. Frilot

Grades: 4-5

Homework: None

New Content: Yes

We will focus on the design loop which encourages critical thinking and problem solving. Our engineering challenges will be broken into seasonal themes. Also we will take the Physics Quest Challenge which is a comic book adventure that exposes students to science experiments. We will design hot wheel tracks and an electrical game board.

Get ready to brainstorm solutions, pick a solution, create the solution and test the solution. This class involves working in groups and partners so we can work together to create, solve and discover new things in science.

Class Title: Wedo Robotics

Teacher's Name: Julie Klennert

Grades appropriate: 2 - 3

Homework?: None

New Content? Some

Description: Students will use Lego WeDo plus Simple Machine sets along with the Snap Circuits kits. They will learn to build models, attach sensors and motors that are plugged into a computer, configure robot behavior using a simple programming tool, design simple machines and understand how they work, plus learn the basics of electronic circuits. Robotics units through the year will include four themes: Amazing Mechanisms, Wild Animals, Play Soccer and Adventure Stories.

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Class Title: NXT Robotics & Simple Machines**Teacher's Name: Julie Klennert****Grades appropriate: 4 - 5****Homework?: None****New Content? Some**

Description: This class will explore the electronic and computing aspects of scientific technology by building and programming robots using Lego Mindstorms and Electronic Snap Circuits. Topics covered programming, and computers and basic computing skills. Students will learn to work together to complete challenges with the robots they build and program, design simple machines and understand how they work, learn the basics of programming robots using a unique programming language created by Lego, and just plain have fun!

Class Title: Secondary Science**Including STEAM- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.****Teacher's Name: Nicole Scott****Grades: 6-9****Homework: NO****New content: Yes**

Science: The study of the natural world.

Technology: A product created to solve a problem.

Engineering: The design process used to solve a problem.

Math: The numbers, shapes, and quantities used to solve a problem.

STEM education emphasizes a new way of teaching and learning that focuses on hands on inquiry and open-ended exploration. This class will provide fun and meaningful integrated activities designed to cultivate an interest in the topics in the STEM fields. Each activity will ask students to solve a problem with focus on creativity, teamwork, communication, critical thinking, and self- evaluation. All while having fun. Bring your creativity, we'll throw some Art in there too. This is a lab based, hands on, class full of discovery and experiments.

Class Title: Forensic Science & Anatomy and Physiology**Teacher's Name: Nicole Scott****Grades: 6-9****Homework: NO****New Content: No**

This class will be divided into semesters.

Semester 1 Forensics: Forensic science is the application of science to criminal and civil laws that are enforced and investigated by agencies in the justice system. A forensic scientist must be skilled in applying the principles and techniques of the

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physical and natural sciences to analyze evidence that may be recovered during an investigation. We will explore the history of forensic science, some basic chemistry, evidence collection and types, and some true crime stories. We will do all this and more without the gore of real life. Shhhhh, don't tell the kids about the last part.

Semester 2 Anatomy & Physiology: Understanding the Human Body.

The human body is the most complex and fascinating organisms in existence, and having a basic understanding of how it functions is valuable knowledge. This unit will cover cells, tissues, organs, and major body systems (Skeletal, muscular, circulatory, respiratory, lymphatic, digestive, excretory, nervous, and endocrine). This class will include short lectures, activities, experiments and hands on learning.

Class Title: High School Zoology

Teacher's Name: Nicole Scott

Grades: 9-12

Homework: Minimal homework or home research required each week.

New Content: Yes

If you love and are fascinated by animals, you might decide to become a zoologist. In this class, we will become explorers and scientists and take a detailed look into the Animal Kingdom, from sponges to polar bears. All this will be done in a fun and hands on manner. I will incorporate short lectures, video clips, dissections, and hands on activities to explore the different Phyla of animals. This class is a lesson in biology, and I'm looking forward to it. I love animals!!!!

Social Studies and Languages

Class Title: European History

Teacher's Name: LeeAnn Egli

Grades: 6-12

Homework - yes, occasional

New Content: yes

This will be another exciting year of diving into history! We'll explore Europe from pre-Rome to medieval times to the Renaissance and see how far we get into the modern era! We have many discussions in this class. Plan to participate. You will be responsible for projects to create and share. History and Geography go hand in hand with culture and imagination as we explore life in another time, on another continent.

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Class Title: Spanish

Teacher's Name: LeeAnn Egli

Grades: 6-8

Homework - YES! 30-60 minutes per week

New Content: yes

We will build vocabulary and get into verbs as we focus on conversation. We will use some games, projects, and songs to get Spanish into the memory. We will have fun and practice lots! Because we are together only an hour a week it is imperative that students spend some time studying or doing homework practice! This is a good preparation for High School Spanish classes and beyond. If you have taken Spanish in elementary school at Options, this class covers basic material but moves much faster and assumes you do your homework. Plan to learn basic conversations in Spanish including some writing and grammar.

Introduction to France and All Things French

Homework: Occasionally

Grades: 2-3

New Content? Yes

Come with me on an exploration of the French language and all things French! We will explore the French language while learning about French culture, food and customs. We'll take a "virtual field trip" to the Eiffel Tower and explore the museums of Paris. Oui! Oui! C'est magnifique!