



Dear Family,

Thank you for your interest in the Orange County Learning Studio for the 22-23 school year. As a newly enrolled family, or possible enrolling family, I'd like to provide you with a little information about the Learning Studio.

We are a two-day a week classroom environment for learners in grades TK-8 who are enrolled with iLEAD Exploration. Classes take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-2:00 in Costa Mesa. Social studies and science/STEAM is taught for all learners and lessons are focused around a theme for the year. For the 22-23 school year, the theme is Wonders of World History: Ancient civilizations to Medieval times. Attending both days of instruction in grades TK-2 fulfills the learning expectations for each week in social studies and science. Learners in grades 3-8 will have some work to complete at home, but attending both days accounts for the majority of the expected learning each week for social studies and science. All classes are taught by a credentialed iLEAD Exploration Educational Facilitator. Class size is capped at 20 in grades TK-2 and at 25 in grades 3-8. All classrooms are multi-grade and are grouped based upon registration. This past year's class breakdowns were TK/K, 1/2, 3-5 and 6-8.

We are offering some new options for the upcoming year, which include writing class opportunities as well as a shorter day option for TK/K/1 learners. Regardless of grade level, there will be a one time \$25 materials fee for each registered learner. The cost of classes are as follows:

**Grades TK/K:**

Social Studies and Science classes from 9:00-1:00:

\$700/semester or \$1325/year

(\$75 discount if you sign up for the whole year prior to the learner's first day of classes.

Class cost per day = ~\$30)

Writing Development Class from 1:00-2:00:  
\$100/semester or \$200/year (Class cost per day = ~\$4)

**Grades 1/2:**

Social Studies and Science classes from 9:00-2:00:  
\$900/semester or \$1725/year  
(\$75 discount if you sign up for the whole year prior to the learner's first day of classes.  
Class cost per day = ~\$30)

**Grades 3-8:**

Social Studies and Science classes from 9:00-2:00:  
\$900/semester or \$1725/year  
(\$75 discount if you sign up for the whole year prior to the learner's first day of classes.  
Class cost per day = ~\$30)  
Writing Class from 2:15-3:15:  
\$150/semester or \$300/year (There will be an additional one time \$35 materials fee.  
We will use this to purchase the IEW learner materials. Class cost per day = ~\$7)

At the Learning Studio, we establish a caring and supportive environment where all children are provided the opportunity to become creative problem solvers, compassionate servant-leaders, conscientious collaborators, and responsible citizens who develop a lifelong love of learning. We set a priority on recognizing and respecting each learner's special abilities and guiding them to their own personal success. Through our caring environment, learners' own intrinsic motivation and curiosity is focused into EF-led, student-guided learning experiences.

*Highlights of the learning studio's structure:*

\*Social emotional skills - We use studio time as an opportunity to support our learners with social skills during our activities.

\*Recreation time - We offer a 1-hour lunch/recess time each day. Learners will eat lunch and then have the remaining time to play with peers.

\*Partners and groups - Most activities and lessons will be completed using partners or groups.

\*Hands-on - We want our learners to see the fun in learning, which means lots of building and creating.

\*Project-Based learning - Learners develop time management and presentation skills through long-term projects such as the Cardboard Carnival and Science Fair. Other theme-centered projects included designing an invention, creating a community, researching authors, and more!

\*Cross-curricular lessons - Not a day goes by that our science and social studies lessons don't incorporate reading, writing, and math.

\*Multi-age experiences - We learn through experiences with all ages. Whether it be the middle schoolers providing help for first and second graders on their invention or younger learners asking the older ones poignant questions at the science fair, we support and encourage our learners to interact with one another.

As you can see, we love what we do and are excited to share the love of learning with your child!

Thank you again for your interest in the OC Learning Studio. If you have any further questions, are interested in touring the Learning Studio, or are ready to register for the classes, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Warmly,  
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