Primary Group Class Description



At Teach2Learn, our PreK through K 1 classrooms are contained classrooms with a 12:2 student-teacher ratio. As the youngest learners at Teach2Learn, we strive to create a warm, supportive, and inclusive community where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to explore the world around them. Join us as we embark on this exciting journey of growth and discovery!

Playful Pandas (Preschool 3-year-olds):

Description:

Welcome to Teach2Learn's littlest learners, where every moment is filled with wonder and discovery! Our three-year-old classroom is a vibrant and nurturing environment designed to ignite curiosity, encourage exploration, and promote early development in all areas.

- 1. Exploratory Play: We believe that play is the cornerstone of learning at this age. Our curriculum is centered around hands-on, exploratory play experiences that stimulate curiosity, imagination, and creativity.
- 2. Social Development: Through interactive games, group activities, and cooperative play, children learn valuable social skills such as sharing, taking turns, and communicating with peers. We foster a supportive environment where friendships blossom and social confidence grows.
- 3. Early Learning Foundations: Our program introduces fundamental concepts in literacy, numeracy, and cognitive development through engaging activities like storytime, sensory exploration, simple math games, and problem-solving challenges.
- 4. Fine and Gross Motor Skills: We provide opportunities for children to develop their fine motor skills through activities such as drawing, painting, cutting, and threading. Gross motor skills are enhanced through active play, outdoor adventures, and obstacle courses.
- 5. Creative Expression: Art, music, and movement are celebrated in our classroom. Children have the freedom to express themselves through various art mediums, music exploration, dance, and dramatic play.
- 6. Nature and Science: We foster a love for the natural world and promote scientific inquiry through nature walks, gardening projects, observing the environment, and simple science experiments tailored to young minds.
- 7. Cultural Awareness: We embrace diversity and introduce children to different cultures, traditions, and celebrations through stories, music, food tasting, and multicultural activities.
- 8. Parent Partnership: We value open communication and collaboration with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress and offer resources and suggestions for extending learning experiences at home.
 - Student aged 3 by September 1st AND fully potty-trained
 - Contained classrooms with a 30-minute gym class for each class
 - 1 teacher and 1 assistant

• Maximum of 12 students per class

Bouncing Bears (PreK 4-year-olds):

Description:

Play-Based Learning: We believe that play is the primary vehicle for learning at this age. Our curriculum integrates play-based activities that encourage exploration, problem-solving, and imaginative thinking.

Key Features:

- Social Development: Through interactive games and collaborative activities, children learn important social skills such as sharing, taking turns, and cooperating with peers.
- Early Literacy and Numeracy: Our program introduces basic literacy and numeracy concepts through age-appropriate activities like storytelling, rhyming games, counting exercises, and hands-on math manipulatives.
- Creative Expression: Art, music, and movement are integral parts of our curriculum. Children have the opportunity to express themselves through various art mediums, music exploration, and dance.
- Outdoor Exploration: We recognize the importance of outdoor play for physical health and overall development. Weather permitting, we incorporate outdoor activities into our daily schedule to allow children to connect with nature and engage in gross motor play.
- Cultural Awareness: We celebrate diversity and expose children to different cultures, traditions, and perspectives through stories, music, food, and themed activities.
- Parent Engagement: We believe in open communication and partnership with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress.
 - Student aged 4 by December 31st AND fully potty-trained
 - Contained classrooms with a 30-minute gym class
 - 1 teacher and 1 assistant
 - Maximum of 12 students per class

Dynamic Dolphins (Kindergarten):

Description:

Welcome to Teach2Learn's Kindergarten Adventures, where every Tuesday is a new opportunity for exploration, discovery, and growth! Our kindergarten program is designed to provide a rich and stimulating learning environment that fosters academic readiness, social-emotional development, and a lifelong love of learning.

Key Features:

1. Academic Readiness: Our curriculum is carefully crafted to build a strong foundation in literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking skills. Through interactive lessons, hands-on activities, and guided practice, children develop the necessary skills and confidence to succeed academically.

- 2. Language and Literacy: We immerse children in a language-rich environment where they engage in storytelling, reading comprehension activities, phonics instruction, and writing exercises. Our goal is to cultivate a love for reading and communication while building essential literacy skills.
- 3. Mathematics: Our math curriculum focuses on developing mathematical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and number sense. Children explore concepts such as counting, addition, subtraction, shapes, patterns, and measurement through games, manipulatives, and real-world applications.
- 4. Science and Discovery: Kindergarteners are natural scientists, eager to explore the world around them. We encourage inquiry-based learning through hands-on experiments, nature walks, observation activities, and investigations that foster curiosity and critical thinking skills.
- 5. Social-Emotional Development: We prioritize the social and emotional well-being of our students. Our program emphasizes skills such as empathy, cooperation, self-regulation, and conflict resolution through group discussions, role-playing, and mindfulness activities.
- 6. Art and Creativity: Creative expression is an integral part of our curriculum. Children have the opportunity to explore various art mediums, music, drama, and movement, fostering self-expression, imagination, and fine motor skills.
- 7. Physical Development: We promote physical fitness and gross motor development through outdoor play, games, sports, and movement activities. Our goal is to support healthy habits and active lifestyles while building coordination and strength.
- 8. Parent Engagement: We believe in open communication and partnership with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress.
 - Students aged 5 with the ability to engage for a 15-minute period of time
 - Contained classrooms with a 30-minute gym class for each class
 - 1 teacher and 1 assistant
 - Maximum of 12 students per class

Curious Cats (Kindergarten-1st grade):

Description:

Welcome to Teach2Learn's K-1 classroom, where young minds embark on an educational journey filled with wonder, curiosity, and endless possibilities! Our combined kindergarten-first grade classroom offers a unique learning environment that caters to the diverse needs and abilities of children transitioning from early childhood to elementary school

- 1. Differentiated Instruction: We understand that children progress at their own pace. Our curriculum is designed to accommodate a wide range of learning styles, interests, and developmental levels, providing opportunities for both kindergarten and first-grade students to thrive academically.
- 2. Integrated Curriculum: Our interdisciplinary approach seamlessly blends content areas such as language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts. Through thematic units, hands-on projects, and cross-curricular connections, children make meaningful connections and deepen their understanding of concepts.

- 3. Literacy Development: We foster a love for reading and language through immersive literacy experiences. Students engage in guided reading groups, phonics instruction, writing workshops, storytelling, and language-rich activities that promote fluency, comprehension, and communication skills.
- 4. Mathematics Mastery: Our math curriculum emphasizes conceptual understanding, problem-solving strategies, and mathematical reasoning. Students explore number sense, operations, geometry, measurement, and data analysis through manipulatives, games, and real-world applications.
- 5. Scientific Inquiry: We inspire young scientists through hands-on investigations, experiments, and explorations of the natural world. Students develop inquiry skills, critical thinking abilities, and a sense of wonder as they observe, question, and investigate scientific phenomena.
- 6. Social Studies and Citizenship: We cultivate global citizens who are curious about the world around them. Through discussions, projects, and cultural explorations, students learn about diverse communities, traditions, and historical events, fostering empathy, respect, and appreciation for diversity.
- 7. Creative Expression: Art, music, drama, and movement are integrated into our curriculum to nurture creativity, self-expression, and aesthetic appreciation. Students have the opportunity to explore various artistic mediums, perform in plays, compose music, and express themselves through movement.
- 8. Social-Emotional Learning: We prioritize the social and emotional well-being of our students. Through mindfulness practices, cooperative games, role-playing, and community-building activities, students develop empathy, self-awareness, and interpersonal skills essential for success in school and life.
- 9. Parent Partnership: We believe in open communication and partnership with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress.
 - Ages 5 to 6-year-olds
 - Contained classrooms with a 55-minute gym class
 - 1 teacher and 1 assistant.
 - Maximum of 12 students per class

Pioneers, Sailors, Voyagers, and Explorers

At Teach2Learn, we foster a supportive and inclusive learning community where every child is valued, challenged, and empowered to explore, discover, and achieve their dreams. Join us as we embark on an exciting educational journey of growth, discovery, and adventure!

For the 2025-2026 school year, the Pioneers through Explorers will study the following:

- For history: Ancient Civilizations
- For science: Apologia Young Explorers Exploring Anatomy & Physiology
- Students will receive weekly spelling words from the SuperTeacher Worksheet Website
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in an end of year spelling bee
- All students are expected to be in a math curriculum outside of T2L classes
- All students are expected to be in a reading curriculum outside of T2L classes

Pioneers through Explorers will be set up as follows:

- Community-style learning environment
- Half of the day will be spent learning History, Geography, and English
- Half of the day will be spent learning Science, Math, and Art
- Students will travel with their class to different classrooms
- All students will have a 55-minute gym class
- All students will have a 45-minute lunch period
- 1 teacher and 1 assistant for each half day class
- Maximum of 12 students per class

Pioneers (Grades 1 and 2; Ages 6-8):

Description:

Welcome to the Pioneers class, where young learners embark on a journey of discovery, growth, and academic achievement! Our combined first and second-grade classroom offers an enriching educational experience that caters to the unique developmental needs and learning styles of children transitioning from early to middle childhood.

- 1. Differentiated Instruction: Recognizing that students progress at their own pace, our curriculum is designed to meet the diverse needs and abilities of first and second-grade learners. Through flexible grouping and varied learning experiences, we support every child in reaching their full potential.
- 2. Integrated Curriculum: Through thematic units, project-based learning, and hands-on activities, students make connections across disciplines and deepen their understanding of concepts.
- 3. Literacy Enrichment: We cultivate a lifelong love for reading and language through a balanced literacy approach. Students engage in vocabulary development, writing workshops, and comprehension strategies that foster literacy skills and a passion for literature.
- 4. Mathematics Supplement: Our math curriculum focuses on supplementing the strong foundation in mathematical concepts and problem-solving skills students are learning at home. Students explore number sense, operations, geometry, measurement, and data analysis through manipulatives, games, and real-world applications.
- 5. Scientific Inquiry: We inspire young scientists through inquiry-based investigations and hands-on explorations of the natural world. Students develop scientific thinking skills, conduct experiments, make observations, and ask questions that deepen their understanding of scientific concepts and processes.
- 6. History & Geography: We foster curiosity about the world and appreciation for diverse cultures, communities, and historical events. Through interactive lessons, projects, and discussions, students learn about geography, history, civics, and current events, cultivating empathy, respect, and cultural competence.

- 7. Creative Expression: Art, music, drama, and movement are integrated into our curriculum to nurture creativity, self-expression, and aesthetic appreciation. Students have the opportunity to explore various artistic mediums, perform in plays, compose music, and express themselves through movement.
- 8. Social-Emotional Learning: We prioritize the social and emotional well-being of our students. Through mindfulness practices, cooperative games, role-playing, and community-building activities, students develop empathy, self-awareness, resilience, and interpersonal skills essential for success in home and community.
- 9. Parent Partnership: We believe in open communication and partnership with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress.

English, history, and geography will be taught as a unit study based on historical fiction. History and geography will cycle over four years. The cycled studies will include Ancient Civilizations (2025-2026), Early American History (2026-2027), United States Western Expansion (2027-2028), and United States Government & NYS History (2028-2029). Spelling will be highlighted in weekly spelling lists as well as a year-end spelling bee!

If you would like to add to this study outside of Teach2Learn classes, I would recommend literature from your local library, History In the Woods Time Traveler's Series, Beautiful Feet, Sonlight, and My Father's World.

We are using the framework provided within the Easy Grammar workbooks during class time. Therefore, students are encouraged to purchase and complete the Easy Grammar workbook outside of Teach2Learn group class.

Science/Art/Math (2.5 hours)

Science and art will be integrated and taught as a unit study. The Apologia Young Explorer Series will be the framework for science classes. We will study Apologia Young Explorers Exploring Anatomy & Physiology for the 2025-2026 year. Students will be utilizing the sketchbook during class time. We strongly encourage families to read the text together prior to class time. Arts will be integrated into all science lessons. Math will be enriched through practical, hands-on, real-life settings.

Gym Class

Gym classes will be 55-min in length. Students will be given the opportunity to learn and play among their peers.

Curriculum Suggestions/Requirements:

- Items Teach2Learn will purchase and charge to your account: A sketchbook that will be filled with classroom activities
- Items you must purchase before the first day of classes: Not applicable

It is expected that students in first and second grade will be using a math and reading curriculum at home!

Sailors (Grades 2 and 3; Ages 7-8):

Description:

Welcome to the Sailor's class, where young adventurers set sail on a voyage of discovery, curiosity, and academic achievement! Our combined second and third-grade classroom offers an engaging and dynamic learning environment designed to meet the evolving needs and abilities of children transitioning from early to middle elementary grades.

Key Features:

- 1. Differentiated Instruction: Recognizing the unique developmental stages and learning styles of students, our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to provide differentiated instruction that meets the diverse needs of second and third-grade learners. Through flexible grouping, personalized learning pathways, and varied instructional strategies, we support every child in reaching their full potential.
- 2. Integrated Curriculum: Our interdisciplinary approach integrates core subject areas such as language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts. Through thematic units, project-based learning, and cross-curricular connections, students make meaningful connections across disciplines and develop a deeper understanding of concepts.
- 3. Literacy Enrichment: We foster a love for reading, writing, and communication through a balanced literacy approach. Students engage in vocabulary development, comprehension strategies, writing workshops, and literature exploration that promote literacy skills and critical thinking.
- 4. Mathematics Supplement: Our math curriculum emphasizes conceptual understanding, problem-solving skills, and mathematical reasoning. Students explore number sense, operations, geometry, measurement, data analysis, and algebraic thinking through hands-on activities, games, and real-world applications.
- 5. Scientific Inquiry: We inspire young scientists through inquiry-based investigations and hands-on explorations of the natural world. Students develop scientific thinking skills, conduct experiments, make observations, and ask questions that deepen their understanding of scientific concepts and processes.
- 6. History & Geography: We foster curiosity about the world and promote cultural understanding and appreciation. Through interactive lessons, projects, and discussions, students learn about geography, history, civics, and global issues, developing empathy, respect, and awareness of diverse perspectives.
- 7. Creative Expression: Art, music, drama, and movement are integrated into our curriculum to nurture creativity, self-expression, and aesthetic appreciation. Students have the opportunity to explore various artistic mediums, perform in plays, compose music, and express themselves through movement.
- 8. Social-Emotional Learning: We prioritize the social and emotional well-being of our students. Through mindfulness practices, cooperative games, role-playing, and community-building activities, students develop empathy, self-awareness, resilience, and interpersonal skills essential for success in school and life.
- 9. Parent Partnership: We believe in open communication and partnership with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress.

English/History/Geography (2.5 hours)

English, history, and geography will be taught as a unit study based on historical fiction. History and geography will cycle over four years. The cycled studies will include Ancient Civilizations (2025-2026), Early American History (2026-2027), United States Western Expansion (2027-2028), and United States Government & NYS History (2028-2029). Spelling will be highlighted in weekly spelling lists as well as a year-end spelling bee!

If you would like to add to this study outside of Teach2Learn classes, I would recommend literature from your local library, History In the Woods Time Traveler's Series, Beautiful Feet, Sonlight, and My Father's World.

We are using the framework provided within the Easy Grammar workbooks during class time. Therefore, students are encouraged to purchase and complete the Easy Grammar workbook outside of Teach2Learn group class.

Science/Art/Math (2.5 hours)

Science and art will be integrated and taught as a unit study. The Apologia Young Explorer Series will be the framework for science classes. We will study Apologia Young Explorers Exploring Anatomy & Physiology for the 2025-2026 year. Students will be utilizing the sketchbook during class time. We strongly encourage families to read the text together prior to class time. Arts will be integrated into all science lessons. Math will be enriched through practical, hands-on, real-life settings.

Gym Class

Gym classes will be 55-min in length. Students will be given the opportunity to learn and play among their peers.

Curriculum Suggestions/Requirements:

- Items purchased by Teach2Learn and charged to your account
 - o a sketchbook that will be filled with classroom activities
- Items you must purchase before the start of classes:
 - o Easy Grammar by Dr. Wanda Phillips <u>Grade 2</u> or <u>Grade 3</u> (suggested for at-home use)

It is expected that students in second and third grade will be using a math and reading curriculum at home!

Voyagers (Grades 3 and 4; Ages 8-10):

Description:

Welcome to the Voyager's class, where young explorers embark on a journey of discovery, inquiry, and academic achievement! Our combined third and fourth-grade classroom offers an enriching and dynamic learning environment designed to meet the unique needs and abilities of children transitioning from early to upper elementary grades.

- 1. Differentiated Instruction: Recognizing the diverse learning styles and developmental stages of students, our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to provide differentiated instruction that meets the individual needs of third and fourth-grade learners. Through varied instructional strategies, we support every child in reaching their full potential.
- 2. Integrated Curriculum: Our interdisciplinary approach integrates core subject areas such as language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts. Through thematic units, project-based learning, and cross-curricular connections, students make meaningful connections across disciplines and develop a deeper understanding of concepts.
- 3. Literacy Enrichment: We cultivate a love for reading, writing, and communication through a balanced literacy approach. Students engage in literature circles, vocabulary development, writing workshops, and critical thinking activities that promote literacy skills and foster a lifelong love of learning.

- 4. Mathematics Supplement: Our math supplement emphasizes conceptual understanding, problem-solving skills, and mathematical reasoning. Students explore number sense, operations, geometry, measurement, data analysis, and algebraic thinking through hands-on activities, games, and real-world applications.
- 5. Scientific Inquiry: We inspire young scientists through inquiry-based investigations and hands-on explorations of the natural world. Students develop scientific thinking skills, conduct experiments, make observations, and ask questions that deepen their understanding of scientific concepts and processes.
- 6. History & Geography: We foster curiosity about the world and promote cultural understanding and appreciation. Through interactive lessons, projects, and discussions, students learn about geography, history, civics, and global issues, developing empathy, respect, and awareness of diverse perspectives.
- 7. Creative Expression: Art, music, drama, and movement are integrated into our curriculum to nurture creativity, self-expression, and aesthetic appreciation. Students have the opportunity to explore various artistic mediums, perform in plays, compose music, and express themselves through movement.
- 8. Social-Emotional Learning: We prioritize the social and emotional well-being of our students. Through mindfulness practices, cooperative games, role-playing, and community-building activities, students develop empathy, self-awareness, resilience, and interpersonal skills essential for success in school and life.
- 9. Parent Partnership: We believe in open communication and partnership with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress.

English, history, and geography will be taught as a unit study based on historical fiction. History and geography will cycle over four years. The cycled studies will include Ancient Civilizations (2025-2026), Early American History (2026-2027), United States Western Expansion (2027-2028), and United States Government & NYS History (2028-2029). Spelling will be highlighted in weekly spelling lists as well as a year-end spelling bee!

If you would like to add to this study outside of Teach2Learn classes, I would recommend literature from your local library, History In the Woods Time Traveler's Series, Beautiful Feet, Sonlight, and My Father's World.

We are using the framework provided within the Easy Grammar workbooks during class time. Therefore, students are encouraged to purchase and complete the Easy Grammar workbook outside of Teach2Learn group class.

Science/Art/Math (2.5 hours)

Science and art will be integrated and taught as a unit study. The Apologia Young Explorer Series will be the framework for science classes. We will study Apologia Young Explorers Exploring Anatomy & Physiology for the 2025-2026 year. Students will be utilizing the Notebooking Journal during class time. We strongly encourage families to read the text together prior to class time. Arts will be integrated into all science lessons. Math will be enriched through practical, hands-on, real-life settings.

Gym Class

Gym classes will be 55-min in length. Students will be given the opportunity to learn and play among their peers.

Curriculum Suggestions/Requirements:

- Items purchased by Teach2Learn and charged to your account
 - Note booking journal (to be purchased by Teach2Learn and billed to family account)

- Items you must purchase before classes begin
 - Required History Curriculum
 - o Easy Grammar by Dr. Wanda Phillips Grade 3 or Grade 4 (suggested for at-home use)
 - o Apologies Young Explorers Zoology 1: Flying Creatures of the Fifth Day
 - Please note: audiobooks will be used in class!

It is expected that students in third and fourth grade will be using math, reading, and grammar curriculum at home!

An introduction to historical literature is strongly recommended.

Explorers (Grades 4-5; Ages 10-11):

Description:

Welcome to the Explorers class, where young adventurers reach new heights of knowledge, inquiry, and academic achievement! Our combined fourth-fifth and fifth-sixth grade classrooms offer a dynamic and engaging learning environment designed to meet the unique needs and abilities of upper elementary students as they prepare for the challenges of middle school and beyond.

- 1. Differentiated Instruction: Recognizing the diverse learning styles and readiness levels of students, our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to provide differentiated instruction that meets the individual needs of fifth and sixth-grade learners. Through varied instructional strategies, we support every child in reaching their full potential.
- 2. Integrated Curriculum: Our interdisciplinary approach integrates core subject areas such as language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts. Through thematic units, project-based learning, and cross-curricular connections, students make meaningful connections across disciplines and develop a deeper understanding of concepts.
- 3. Literacy Enrichment: We cultivate critical thinking, communication, and literacy skills through a variety of engaging activities. Students participate in literature circles, writing workshops, research projects, and debates that foster a love of reading, writing, and inquiry.
- 4. Mathematics Supplement: Our math supplement emphasizes conceptual understanding, problem-solving skills, and mathematical reasoning. Students explore topics such as algebra, geometry, measurement, data analysis, and mathematical modeling through real-world applications and hands-on activities.
- 5. Scientific Inquiry: We inspire young scientists through inquiry-based investigations and hands-on explorations of scientific phenomena. Students engage in experimentation, data collection, analysis, and interpretation to develop scientific thinking skills and deepen their understanding of the natural world.
- 6. History & Geography: We foster curiosity about the world and promote critical thinking about historical and contemporary issues. Students explore topics such as geography, history, civics, economics, and cultural diversity through interactive lessons, research projects, and simulations.
- 7. Creative Expression: Art, music, drama, and creative writing are integrated into our curriculum to nurture creativity, self-expression, and aesthetic appreciation. Students have the opportunity to explore various artistic mediums, perform in plays, compose music, and express themselves through writing.

- 8. Social-Emotional Learning: We prioritize the social and emotional well-being of our students. Through mindfulness practices, cooperative learning experiences, community service projects, and peer mentoring, students develop empathy, self-awareness, resilience, and interpersonal skills essential for success in school and life.
- 9. Parent Partnership: We believe in open communication and partnership with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress.

English, history, and geography will be taught as a unit study based on historical fiction. History and geography will cycle over four years. The cycled studies will include Ancient Civilizations (2025-2026), Early American History (2026-2027), United States Western Expansion (2027-2028), and United States Government & NYS History (2028-2029). Spelling will be highlighted in weekly spelling lists as well as a year-end spelling bee!

If you would like to add to this study outside of Teach2Learn classes, I would recommend literature from your local library, History In the Woods Time Traveler's Series, Beautiful Feet, Sonlight, and My Father's World.

We are using the framework provided within the Easy Grammar workbooks during class time. Therefore, students are encouraged to purchase and complete the Easy Grammar workbook outside of Teach2Learn group class.

Science/Art/Math (2.5 hours)

Science and art will be integrated and taught as a unit study. The Apologia Young Explorer Series will be the framework for science classes. We will study Apologia Young Explorers Exploring Anatomy & Physiology for the 2025-2026 year. Students will be utilizing the Notebooking Journal during class time. We strongly encourage families to read the text together prior to class time. Arts will be integrated into all science lessons. Math will be enriched through practical, hands-on, real-life settings.

Gym Class

Gym classes will be 55-min in length. Students will be given the opportunity to learn and play among their peers.

Curriculum Suggestions/Requirements:

- Purchased by Teach2Learn and billed to your account
 - Note booking journal
- Items you must purchase before classes begin
 - o Easy Grammar by Dr. Wanda Phillips <u>Grade</u> 5 or <u>Grade</u> 6 (suggested for at-home use)
 - Apologies Young Explorers Zoology 1: Flying Creatures of the Fifth Day

It is expected that students in fourth and fifth grade will be using a math, reading, and grammar curriculum at home! Utilization of historical literature is strongly recommended. Students at this level should have an understanding of foundational writing skills such as what constitutes a basic paragraph as they will be moving into book reports and regular writing assignments.

Discoverers (Grades 5-6; Ages 11-12):

Description:

Welcome to the Discoverers class, where young adventurers reach new heights of knowledge, inquiry, and academic achievement! Our combined fourth-fifth and fifth-sixth grade classrooms offer a dynamic and engaging learning environment designed to meet the unique needs and abilities of upper elementary students as they prepare for the challenges of middle school and beyond.

- 10. Differentiated Instruction: Recognizing the diverse learning styles and readiness levels of students, our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to provide differentiated instruction that meets the individual needs of fifth and sixth-grade learners. Through varied instructional strategies, we support every child in reaching their full potential.
- 11. Integrated Curriculum: Our interdisciplinary approach integrates core subject areas such as language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts. Through thematic units, project-based learning, and cross-curricular connections, students make meaningful connections across disciplines and develop a deeper understanding of concepts.
- 12. Literacy Enrichment: We cultivate critical thinking, communication, and literacy skills through a variety of engaging activities. Students participate in literature circles, writing workshops, research projects, and debates that foster a love of reading, writing, and inquiry.
- 13. Mathematics Supplement: Our math supplement emphasizes conceptual understanding, problem-solving skills, and mathematical reasoning. Students explore topics such as algebra, geometry, measurement, data analysis, and mathematical modeling through real-world applications and hands-on activities.
- 14. Scientific Inquiry: We inspire young scientists through inquiry-based investigations and hands-on explorations of scientific phenomena. Students engage in experimentation, data collection, analysis, and interpretation to develop scientific thinking skills and deepen their understanding of the natural world.
- 15. History & Geography: We foster curiosity about the world and promote critical thinking about historical and contemporary issues. Students explore topics such as geography, history, civics, economics, and cultural diversity through interactive lessons, research projects, and simulations.
- 16. Creative Expression: Art, music, drama, and creative writing are integrated into our curriculum to nurture creativity, self-expression, and aesthetic appreciation. Students have the opportunity to explore various artistic mediums, perform in plays, compose music, and express themselves through writing.
- 17. Social-Emotional Learning: We prioritize the social and emotional well-being of our students. Through mindfulness practices, cooperative learning experiences, community service projects, and peer mentoring, students develop empathy, self-awareness, resilience, and interpersonal skills essential for success in school and life.
- 18. Parent Partnership: We believe in open communication and partnership with parents. Through weekly communication and quarterly reports, we provide regular updates on your child's progress.

English, history, and geography will be taught as a unit study based on historical fiction. History and geography will cycle over four years. The cycled studies will include Ancient Civilizations (2025-2026), Early American History (2026-2027), United States Western Expansion (2027-2028), and United States Government & NYS History (2028-2029). Spelling will be highlighted in weekly spelling lists as well as a year-end spelling bee!

If you would like to add to this study outside of Teach2Learn classes, I would recommend literature from your local library, History In the Woods Time Traveler's Series, Beautiful Feet, Sonlight, and My Father's World.

We are using the framework provided within the Easy Grammar workbooks during class time. Therefore, students are encouraged to purchase and complete the Easy Grammar workbook outside of Teach2Learn group class.

Science/Art/Math (2.5 hours)

Science and art will be integrated and taught as a unit study. The Apologia Young Explorer Series will be the framework for science classes. We will study Apologia Young Explorers Exploring Anatomy & Physiology for the 2025-2026 year. Students will be utilizing the Notebooking Journal during class time. We strongly encourage families to read the text together prior to class time. Arts will be integrated into all science lessons. Math will be enriched through practical, hands-on, real-life settings.

Gym Class

Gym classes will be 55-min in length. Students will be given the opportunity to learn and play among their peers.

Curriculum Suggestions/Requirements:

- Purchased by Teach2Learn and billed to your account
 - Note booking journal
- Items you must purchase before classes begin
 - Easy Grammar by Dr. Wanda Phillips <u>Grade</u> 5 or <u>Grade</u> 6 (suggested for at-home use)
 - Apologies Young Explorers Zoology 1: Flying Creatures of the Fifth Day

It is expected that students in fourth and fifth grade will be using a math, reading, and grammar curriculum at home! Utilization of historical literature is strongly recommended. Students at this level should have an understanding of foundational writing skills such as what constitutes a basic paragraph as they will be moving into book reports and regular writing assignments.