

For the Love of Learning

Class Descriptions and Schedule: 2023-2024

****Note:** - The ages/grades mentioned for classes are general suggestions. YOU know your child and their needs. If, after a few weeks, the teacher feels like the class is not a good fit for some reason, alternatives will be discussed. If you have any questions about which class would be the best fit for your child, please email us and we will help you find the right spot for them. If you are a returning student, your child's teacher has an idea what class they would best fit into for the next year. We have taken that, as well as sibling groups, into consideration when making the schedule. If you are unsure and would like to discuss where we feel your child is best placed, please reach out.

Classes are 45 minutes of instruction, but are scheduled for 50 minutes. This allows us the first 5 minutes to make sure everyone has arrived and is settled.

Please also note that we have done our best to match Spanish and Reading class levels. We did this to allow kids to have a 2 hour drop off in which they can take 2 back-to-back classes. If you choose to do this, you qualify for the \$5/off the second class discount.

Spanish

Mrs. Stacey's Classes: Exploratory, comprehension-based Spanish classes that are fun and very interactive. Since language is acquired not from practicing drills and purely memorization, but from consistent and constant exposure to input, each class is strategically structured by providing engaging, understandable input-rich activities (stories, Total Physical Response, games, music and more). These classes will help students see the Spanish language as a means of communication and also introduce them to the Spanish culture which will be taught in context and in the target language. Please inquire for more information/specific learning goals. Levels are based on age ranges, not proficiency, prior experience/knowledge of Spanish is currently not necessary, (but welcomed) in any of the classes.

Spanish Level A: is best suited for PreK-Kinder students (roughly 3-7 years old). This age group will not rely on reading or writing personally, but will still have a fun, input-rich class through previously mentioned comprehensible input methods.

Spanish Level B: is best suited for 1st - 4th grades (roughly 7-10 years old), we will utilize reading and writing skills in this class to engage the students at their level.

Spanish 1: is best suited for 5th - 12th grades. Culture, stories, games, novel studies and more will be infused into the class using comprehension-based strategies mentioned above, that encourages natural output and helps students to progress on the path to proficiency while having fun at the same time.

Reading

Mrs. Mandy's Classes: *Reading classes based on the Science of Reading with added age appropriate games, songs, and/or other child-centered activities to encourage learning reading in a fun atmosphere.*

Pre-K Readiness: A class aimed at teaching the littlest learners (generally ages 3-4) in a way that gets them ready to start school the following year, or prepares them for a more formal learning atmosphere. Great for kiddos who will be starting formal education, full time daycare, or other classes next school year. This class is a gentle approach at getting kids used to a learning environment. We will play games, sing songs, do circle time, read and craft all while also learning beginning school skills. Kids will get the opportunity to use scissors and glue, begin learning letters, do basic counting, and so much more!

Alphabet Awareness: (Previously reading 1) For the younger learners (generally ages 4-6). This fundamental class slowly introduces letters and sounds in sets. We then use these small sets (about 4-6 letters at a time) to create words. By introducing the sounds this way, it sets kids up for success in reading and gives them the fundamentals in developing phonics skills. Students will have a total of 30 sight words introduced to them to learn over the course of the year, but the majority of work will be phonics based. In this class students will master putting CVC words together. (This class is a continuation from the fall. If your child joins this class, a list of previously learned letters will be provided to go over at home. These letters are reviewed each week, but will not be retaught.)

Phonics Focus: (*Previously split into reading 2&3*) This class (generally ages 5-8) aims to meet students on an individual level regarding phonics knowledge. Class will be done in both an individual/small group setting and whole group setting. This class hits multiple phonics skills beginning with blends, digraphs, long vowels, and vowel teams/combinations and continues to long versus short vowels, r-controlled vowels, and dives into vowel diphthongs, hard and soft letter sounds, vowel patterns and more based on individual need. Students in this class will also add on to their sight word knowledge.

Book Study A & Book Study B: These classes combine reading, social skills, writing, reasoning, and ELA topics within the context of a chapter book study. Students will be required to read as well as complete minor writing, comprehension and ELA based tasks both in class and at home. They will be expected to partake in conversation in class and contribute their thoughts and ideas within a safe and guided setting. Both classes are mixed ages with Book Study A generally being geared toward ages 7-9 and Book Study B generally being geared toward ages 10-13 with the understanding that you know your child's skill level and interests and can make the determination for the right class for them. Please note that the books for these will be provided AT COST (typically \$5-\$9), the price of which will be added to the tuition fee.

Class Schedule

MONDAY

11:00-11:50	Spanish Level B (4 openings)	Pre-K Readiness (3 openings)
12:00-12:40	Break	Break
12:45-1:35	Spanish Level A (1 opening)	Phonics Focus (1 opening)
1:45-2:35	Spanish 1 (4 openings)	Alphabet Awareness (1 opening)

THURSDAY

10:00-10:50	Spanish 1 (4 openings)	Phonics Focus (2 openings)
11:00-11:50	Spanish Level B (2 openings)	Book Study B (4 openings)
12:00-12:40	Break	Break
12:45-1:35	Closed	Alphabet Awareness (3 openings)
1:45-2:35	Closed	Closed