



How to navigate the newsletter.

- ★ Starred classes have important information for next week.
- The underlined sections highlight this week's homework and any special details for the week ahead.
- Go check out the Journey Facebook page for all the action photos of these classes!

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HOMEWORK OPTIONAL CLASSES

HOMEWORK REQUIRED CLASSES

M: Girls of Grace

Taught by Megan Buxton

All Ages 

We had a great time together today. We spent time doing our devotionals and had some great conversations. We read our chapter books in class. We had a little time to do a small bookmark craft!

7th-12th graders homework is to read chapters 29 and 30.

M: Page Turners Club Literature for Young Minds

Taught by Megan Buxton

1st - 3rd 

Today we read a book titled *Grandfathers Journey*. The kids loved the story about the man that traveled the world and had lots of adventures. We also read a book about a squirrel decorating his Christmas tree. Please continue to fill out your students reading log. Encourage students to read 10-15 minutes a day!

M: Heros of Faith

Taught by Rebecca Cherry

1st-3rd / 4th - 6th 

This week in class, we learned all about King Solomon. We talked about wisdom and proverbs. We studied some English proverbs and painted a Proverb from the Bible. Take time this week to share different common proverbs with your kiddos and even read a chapter or two of Proverbs.

M: Armour of Faith

Taught by Journey Team

7th - 12th

This week, we talked all about prayer and why it is important. We also played some awesome games!

M: Pillars of Imagination

An Introduction to Architecture

Taught by Amy Johnson

All Ages

In Architecture today we reviewed Gothic style and the rose art windows. We talked about symmetry and practiced making symmetrical designs as they created their own rose art windows. I can't wait to see them all colored in when they are finished.

M: Logic Lab

Taught by Samantha Todd

1st - 3rd

This week in Logic Lab, students enjoyed a cozy story to kick off our lesson before diving into a series of tricky paper-based puzzles. These challenges combined scissor skills with fun math and strategy tasks, encouraging careful thinking, spatial reasoning, and creative problem-solving. Students worked hard and had a blast tackling each puzzle step-by-step!

M: Little Builders

Taught by Shannon Van Beek

1st - 3rd

This week in little builders we learned about castles. We watched a couple short videos and then drew our own castles.

Junkyard Engineering

Taught by Amber Cox

All Ages

The last 2 weeks we have been learning about electrical circuits.

We went over how a basic electrical current works and created motorized cars with a DC motor, battery pack, propeller, and wheels. This was a great way to introduce the terms, energy - momentum- acceleration.

This week, we created Coloring / battling robots.

We used the same DC motors and batteries from last week to create robots that could draw for us. We covered terms like, Vibration, counter weight and unbalanced forces.

Your students create the builds that i have asked, but the best part is watching their imaginations run rampant with all of the possibilities to make it better or bigger.

All Ages

This week in Tech Titans, the 1st - 3rd grade class worked more on coding using loops. Some of the students had time to start a mini project using code to make sticker art.

The 4th - 6th grade class finished their Minecraft coding challenges, and began working on if/else logic (also called conditional logic). This brought back an old friend, the BEE. ;-)

In the 7th - 12th grade class, we continued working with more realistic coding by working in App Lab. We are building some basic functionality in a mock-up phone app using JavaScript.

M: Design Lab Studio Digital Design

Taught by Alex Lutz

4th - 6th / 7th - 12th

I (Mrs. Shannon) subbed this week in both design classes. The 4th -6th grades designed their own candy wrappers. The 7th-12th graders designed their own book or music album covers.

M: Crafting with Heart Exploring Handcrafts

Taught by Robbi Hilton

All Ages

We practiced sewing with canvas needlework. The kids really enjoyed this project. The older class was encouraged to make tiny gingerbread houses, but many chose to do different things. For the 4th-6th grade class, we were even able to read the Legend of the Candy Cane. In the 1st—3rd grade class, our hands were too busy to do any reading! What fun!!

M: Culinary Creators

Cooking & Kitchen Chemistry

Taught by Emily Cook

All Ages 

Today in cooking science we made bagel bites. We also used heavy cream and watched it separate to form butter and buttermilk. The butter was used on the bagels today and we will use the buttermilk next week for something yummy!

We used frozen pizza dough for our bagels and tried several flavors including everything bagel, salt, and cinnamon sugar.

Bagels are boiled before baking to develop their signature chewy texture and shiny, golden crust. The boiling process gelatinizes the starch on the outside of the bagel, creating a skin that prevents excessive rising during baking and results in a denser, chewier interior.

All Ages

Today in baking and decorating we made brownies from scratch.

Recipe:

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup dutch processed cocoa

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 cup flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup favorite add-ins (we used chocolate chips)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease or line an 8x8 pan.
2. In a large, microwave safe bowl, add the butter and microwave for 1 minute or until completely melted. Add the sugar and cocoa powder and whisk vigorously for one minute, until the sugar is dissolved.
3. Add eggs one at a time, then the vanilla and whisk until batter is shiny.
4. Stir in flour and salt until the flour is fully combined. Be careful to not overmix.
5. Fold in optional add-ins.
6. Spread in pan and bake for 20-25 minutes.
7. Cool completely before cutting.

M: Equine Explorers

Taught by Alex Lutz

4th - 6th / 7th- 12th

I (Mrs. Courtney) had the pleasure of subbing in Equine Explorers today. In our class discussion we talked about components to operating a healthy, safe and efficient stable and property for our horses and us a caretakers.

We had great discussions of the needs and bonus features that would be helpful to the care of our equine friends and through our discussions your student was able to start building out their dream property and stable. The students were tasked with sketching a bird's eye view of their dream property and dream stable set up. Your children are so creative, logical and fun.

M: Life Skills

Taught by Samantha Todd

All Ages

1st-3rd Grade:

Our younger students explored the idea of needs vs. wants—what items are truly necessary and what things are “nice to have.” After a short discussion, they sorted pictures and completed an activity that helped them think about real-life choices and spending wisely.

4th-12th Grade:

The older group played a hands-on Skittle Budgeting Game! In teams, students were given a “monthly income” of Skittles and had to make decisions about housing, insurance, transportation, food, savings, and fun categories. They quickly discovered how fast resources disappear—and how important it is to make thoughtful financial choices. Lots of teamwork, strategy, and lively discussion!

M: Survive & Thrive 101

Taught by Silvia and Amber

1st - 3rd / Amber Cox & 4th-12th / Silvia Duthie

Today we were blessed to have a special guest, Mr. KC, from Premier Martial Arts. He taught all the different age groups different methods of self defense. He went over different commands and then taught basic punches. Some he taught kicks. He taught how to get out of being grabbed by your shirt. Then he taught some Krav Maga (Israeli fighting defense techniques) to get out of being grabbed by the arm. A lot of his focus was on not letting the kids get taken.

If you want more information about what he does, the last picture has his contact.

M: Survive & Thrive 102

Taught by Silvia Duthie

All Ages

We practiced a useful bushcrafting skill of whittling, making a wooden spoon using whittling knifes. For safety, they could wear cutting gloves to protect from getting cut on accident. Everyone handled these tools very maturely. This was not an easy task and I was impressed how far they got in one class time.

M: ASL

All Ages 

Coming Soon

Taught by Miss Heavenly

All Ages

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! It was so good to be back at it today, I absolutely love this time of year! We had a great day in music. We learned about the Russian composer, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. We listened to a piece of music from his ballet "The Nutcracker Suite" and used ribbons to activate the form of the movement. It was so much fun! We ended class with a book version of "The Nutcracker".

M: GYM

Taught by J Nimtz

All Ages 

Both Monday and Tuesday, we read through 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. I tried to encourage and teach them not just to be thankful but also to “never stop praying” and how or what that looks like.

This week and next, we will be playing basketball, focusing on learning the fundamentals and main aspects of the game.

Please make sure your child has proper footwear for gym class when we return.

M: The World's Story 2: The Middle Ages (History 6-8) Taught by Leah Sytsma

6th - 8th 

We reviewed chapter 12 on the Vikings and how they gained control of England during the Middle Ages.

Homework: read chapter 13 pages 142-151

broken up option

Day 1: pages 142-144

Day 2: 145-147

Day 3: 148-151

Complete armor diagram page

Complete stages of training for knighthood

optional dig deeper

Research more about knights. Optional website https://www.worldhistory.org/Medieval_Knight/

Learn more about the legend of King Arthur and whether or not he was a real person. Optional website <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Round-Table-Arthurian-legend>

Learn more about how castles were constructed and why they were designed the way they were.

Optional video [A Mini Guide to Medieval Castles | Animated History](#)

M: American History (History 8-12) Taught by Robbi Hilton

8th - 12th 

In American History we are learning about the time period after the civil war, the restoration. We discussed how freedoms and privileges were given and taken away. We did a little reading to review this, viewed photos of that time period and played a game.

HOMEWORK: please read chapter 17

M: My Story and the World Around Me I (History 1-2) Taught by Megan Buxton

1st - 3rd



We took a helicopter through South America in lesson 12 today! We talked about what a habitat is and what kind of habitat we would want to visit someday. Please continue lesson 12 this week at home.

Students that do homework are rewarded in class!

M&T: Exploring Creation with Anatomy (8-12) Taught by Silvia Duthie

8th - 12th 

Monday: We began Module 7 today, learning about the complex Nervous System. I attached the notes that we went over today in class. Tomorrow, we will do our lab with the microscopes. I don't think we can cover all the material to test by next Monday, so as of now, we will add next Monday to finish up the Module and test on Tuesday of next week.

Module 7 Homework: Coloring Book pages 116-123

Complete all OYO and SGQ's by test day.

Tuesday: The students completed their Mod 7 microscope experiment, studying the parts of a neuron. We then continued the lesson plan about Action Potentials at rest. Next week, we will finish off the chapter and have the test on Tuesday. Have all homework ready by then. Great job.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! It was so fun to be back together with my little friends.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On December 15 & 16 our kindergarten classes will have a short Christmas program and Christmas cookies to follow. Parents and siblings are invited to attend.

Date: December 15 & 16

Time: 9:30

Place: High Pointe Community Church Sanctuary

Here's what we did this week:

Calendar/weather

Number identification

Bible story

December Bible verse

We read a few Christmas books

Worked on spelling/writing our name

Art

Handwriting Without Tears reviewed previous letters

Wrote and decorated a Christmas Card

Bingo bag alphabet game

Gym