

# What's New at HomeLink?

An expanded and remodeled "classical" framework with an emphasis on:

- Classical Literature
- Research using primary sources
- Logic Studies
- The arts (including Art History)
- Greek and Latin roots

Note: Classes with a special emphasis on classical elements are noted as "CE" in the course descriptions.

## HOMELINK CLASSES FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

### LANGUAGE ARTS

#### Basic & Advanced Steps Composition

Diane Hanks, MS/HS

This composition course teaches the simple "recipe" for organizing thoughts and writing clear, basic essays. Explanatory, contrast, problem solving, literature analysis, research, and exam essays are covered. The procedure is so well laid out that it takes the hard work out of writing. In the advanced class, students will work through the same essays, but develop detail and style. **CE**

#### Ancient History w/Literature

April Thome, MS

Students in this class will learn about the story of mankind starting at the Cradle of Civilization and extending to the Age of Discovery in the 1400's. The first third of the year, students will read Marco Polo and will conclude with the class writing a play script about Marco Polo's adventures. From December to March, students will prepare projects for the HomeLink history EXPO. The focus for the rest of the school year will be on literature and geography. **CE**

#### Dystopian Literature

Janene Cardon, HS

Students will travel through fictional societies of dysfunction, study how characters respond to make changes in their situations, and learn how this can relate to us today. Suitable for grades 9 & up. **CE**

#### Excellent Writing

Janene Cardon, HS

(prerequisite: Basic Steps)

Using Andrew Pudewa's classic Structure and Style writing method, we will perfect grammar, learn how to set up a variety of essays, use MLA formatting, and systematically practice adding stylistic techniques which will take your writing to the next level. Recommended for Sophomores and up. **CE**

#### Intro to Structured & Creative Writing

Debbie Sandlin, MS/HS

(prerequisite: Basic Steps)

This course will set a foundation for excellent writing with an emphasis first on sentence variation, grammar skills as they apply to writing, and then MLA structuring. The patterns of organizational styles will be featured and practiced. Creative writing will be introduced through short stories, legends / myths and poetry. The importance of characterization development using best word choices will be a part of the students' writing development. Toward the end of the course, persuasive writing will be introduced through creative projects that will be quite motivating. **CE**

#### Speech/Debate

Steve Bernard, HS

Students in this class will move from fear to confidence in the basics of public speaking and take those skills into the arena of effective debate. Elements of dialog, group discussion, speech preparation and presentation will be explored along with effective listening and evaluation of the speeches of their classmates. **CE**

#### Logic

Tom Morris, HS

Using the Christian worldview, this class teaches students to draw reasonable conclusions from information they are given. High school credit can be earned from students in grades 9 & up. **CE**

### MATH

#### Algebra I

Jon Fassett, HS

This class will meet twice a week and will use Teaching Textbooks. New concepts will be introduced on both Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dr. Fassett will help students with areas needing extra instruction and will pace students so that the text will be completed by the end of the school year.

#### Geometry

Jon Fassett, HS

This class will meet twice a week and will be using Teaching Textbooks. See also description for Algebra I.

#### Prealgebra

Shannan Golladay, MS/HS

This course uses the Teaching Textbooks Pre-Algebra text. This class is recommended for more advanced middle schoolers and high schoolers who are not ready for Algebra 1. This class only meets once a week for one hour.

#### Math Lab

Shannan Golladay, MS

The purpose of Math Lab is to provide support for families to keep their students on track with their math assignments each week. Students have a dedicated hour to work on math and get help as needed. Families choose/provide the math curriculum, at an appropriate level for their student's ability.



## MORE CLASSES

### SCIENCE

#### Middle School Science: Earth Science

Shannan Golladay, MS

This class is divided into three parts, using three separate texts. The first quarter will cover Astronomy, the next 1 ½ quarter will cover Earth Science, and the final 1 ½ quarter will be Introduction to Chemistry. Class time will be spent reviewing the main concepts and completing lab activities.

#### Physical Science

Shannan Golladay, HS

This year-long Apologia course covers the topics of earth science, weather, basic physics, basic electronics and nuclear forces. Class time is spent covering main concepts and completing labs. This is a one hour class. **CE**

#### Biology

Shannan Golladay, HS

This honors level Apologia course covers organism taxonomy, cellular biology, ecosystem cycles, botany and introductory organic chemistry. Class time is spent covering main concepts and completing labs. This is a 1 ½ hour class. **CE**

#### Chemistry

Shirley Lynch, HS (prerequisite: algebra 1)

This honors level 1.5 credit chemistry course uses Jay Wile's "Discovering Design with Chemistry." This class covers all the basic concepts & calculations with 40 labs done in class. Labs will be written up and graded. **CE**



*The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### SOCIAL STUDIES

#### World History

Tom Morris, HS

This course will cover world history from creation to the present day from a Christian perspective. Special emphasis will be placed on key events, ideas, and people that continue to influence the present day world. As part of this study, students will delve into important original historical documents, writings, and speeches. **CE**

#### Art History

Pia Morris, HS

This class presents a godly perspective to the history of art, including well known artists and their work. Understanding that art is a form of communication and a historical record, the student will learn what important events and societal beliefs influenced the notable artists and their recognized work. The student has the opportunity to recreate these famous paintings in class and at home.

### WORLD LANGUAGES

#### Intro to Spanish

Alyssa Hodson, MS

This class is an introduction to Spanish designed to develop basic communication skills. Students will learn greetings, alphabet, numbers, dates, time, weather, descriptive adjectives, likes and dislikes, and more. The many cultures encompassed by Spanish speakers will also be introduced throughout the year. **CE**

#### Spanish I

Alyssa Hodson, HS

In this level one course students will begin to learn the Spanish language and culture through comprehension based methods of language learning. High frequency vocabulary and input rich curriculum combined with traditional grammar lessons will provide students the ability to begin communicating early on.

*Thursday lab is required. CE*

#### Spanish 2 (prerequisite: Spanish 1)

Alyssa Hodson, HS

In this level two course students will continue to learn the Spanish language and culture through comprehension based methods of language learning, expanding their vocabulary and grammar knowledge as well. Students will speak, read, and/or write in the target language daily.

*Thursday lab is required. CE*

### COMPUTER

#### Computer Concepts

Steve Bernard, grades 7-12

Designed for multiple grade levels, this class will start with the very basics of computers and progress at a leisurely pace to include applications in Microsoft Office. During the 32 weeks of the school year the class will cover 18 Chapters of GO! All in One Computer Concepts. Students will need to have their own laptop.

## MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES

#### Beginning Photography

Miranda Reimer, HS

In this class, students will learn to understand and use a digital camera, lenses, and other basic photography equipment. Composition, lighting, posing, and color are all part of this process. Without an understanding of the subject what good is a camera?! Along with editing, some business knowledge, and the opportunity to photograph HomeLink activities. Students will also be designing and putting together the yearbook.

#### Theatre Arts

Stephanie Hart, MS/HS

Students will begin the school year working on "A Charlie Brown Christmas" for the HomeLink Christmas program. They will begin the new year practicing for a full length play to be performed in the Spring.

#### Middle School Art

Sarah Morris, MS

In this class, students will explore visual art through the Elements of art and Principals of design. Students will develop skills and techniques with various mediums such as drawing, chalk pastel, clay, print making, and acrylic painting. **CE**

Middle and high school students can choose to take one or more classes. Another option is to choose a block of classes that fulfill the basic subjects for that year in school.

## TUESDAY BLOCK CLASSES



### Middle School Block

This block includes:

Prealgebra  
Intro to Spanish  
Logic  
Basic/Adv Steps Comp.  
or Intro to Structured &  
Creative Writing  
Art  
Computer

Cost \$2000/Year or  
\$200/month, Sept-June

### 9th Grade

This block includes:

Spanish 1  
Algebra 1  
Literature  
Computer  
Physical Science

Cost \$2500/Year or  
\$250/month, Sept-June

### 10th Grade

This block includes:

Spanish 2  
Geometry  
Biology  
Excellent Writing  
World History

Cost \$2500/Year or  
\$250/month, Sept-June

*"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives." Clay P. Bedford*

## WEDNESDAY BLOCK CLASSES

Two different levels of classes meet - grades 2-5, and grades 6-8. Both programs are theater-based featuring plays that enrich the history studies. For 23-24, ancient history is the focus. Elementary classes include music, history, science and theater. Middle school classes include introductory to logic, history, grammar, literature, math and science.

### Elementary Block (Grades 2\*-5)

\*Students should be reading

#### Music and Historical Theater (Katie Meininger)

Ancient History will come alive as students prepare for plays about Greece, Persia, and Asia. Students will receive training in singing, dance, stage techniques, movement, and expression. CE

#### Ancient History (Katie Meininger)

Students will go on a journey back in time learning about ancient civilizations. They will do hands-on projects to learn geography, history, customs, art and games from these ancient cultures. The year will conclude with an "archaeological dig." CE

#### Elementary Science: Astronomy (Sarah Morris)

This year students will explore the amazing features of our universe through hands-on projects in class and in at-home reading and activities. CE

Cost \$1300/Year or \$130/month Sept-June

### Middle School Block (Grades 6-8)

#### Historical Theater (Kari Hannon / Rachel Hawkins)

During the fall season, students will work on a short Christmas play, that will be performed in December. During January through early May, students will rehearse another play that coincides with their history class. This play will be performed in May. CE

#### Math Lab (Shannan Golladay)

See description under Math

#### Ancient History w/ Literature (April Thome / Debbie Sandlin)

See description under Language Arts

#### Middle School Science: Earth Science (Shannan Golladay)

See description under Science

Cost \$1300/Year or \$130/month Sept -June

## THURSDAY CLASSES

High school theater arts, and follow-up classes in Spanish and higher level math are offered. (see schedule for info)

# Welcome to HomeLink Yakima



Dear Home Schooling Families,

HomeLink started over 25 years ago in response to a growing need in the Yakima Valley for additional services for home schooling families. In our 25 years, HomeLink Yakima's options have expanded and changed to both better serve those families and to reflect new resources and new avenues of learning in the home schooling world. HomeLink goal is to partner with parents to provide students with the best education plan possible. Our classes provide guided, independent learning for students grades 2-12. Students are able to enroll in as many or as few courses as they would like. The student body at HomeLink covers a wide range, from long-term home schoolers to students at risk. HomeLink classes are a good option for families who want additional accountability or specialized help for their student. HomeLink also offers achievement testing for students as well as curriculum advice and general consultation services for home schooling parents. Many parents have described HomeLink as a good middle ground between a traditional school setting and carrying out the entirety of home schooling on their own.

## HOW IT WORKS

**Partnership** with the homeschooling parent is key. HomeLink provides knowledgeable instructors who are considered "**advisors**" to the homeschooling **parent**.

- The HomeLink **advisor** selects or creates the curriculum to be used.
- **Families** will need to purchase the curriculum and/or provide materials fees for the instructor.
- **Students** attend in-person classes one or two days a week.
  - Class time is spent with review of previous assignments and concepts, introduction of new concepts, introduce new homework assignments, hands-on activities or projects, and peer interaction.
  - **Students** are given assignments to complete at home under the supervision of the home schooling parent.
  - Completed assignments are turned into the **advisor** the following class day. Middle school and high school assignments are generally graded by the advisor, but some assignments may need to be graded or corrected by the **parent**.
- HomeLink will issue a quarterly grade report for middle school and high school students.
- **Students** who take HomeLink high school level classes can acquire a regionally accredited transcript through North Atlantic Regional High School. (Additional registration and tuition required.)

### WHY HOMELINK?

- Flexibility to choose just one class or several classes
- Accountability for parents and for students
- Small class sizes
- Support from advisors who are knowledgeable and experienced in their subject areas
- Lots of hands-on activities, including science labs
- Achievement testing available
- Curriculum advice and consultation services
- An accredited transcript for high school

## IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

Mandatory Orientation  
September 7th  
1pm

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES  
Tuesday, September 12th  
for High School & Middle  
School Block classes

Wednesday, September 13th  
for Elementary & Middle  
School Block classes

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