

Thrive Homeschool Program, Class Descriptions, Session 1 (9/5 to 10/13/17)

Class Title	Grades	Instructor	Day/ Time	Description	Materials Needed:	How likely will class repeat?
Adventure Time in Nature	TK- 6th	Dr. Dragon	W, PM	Ready for an ADVENTURE? Join Dr. D for Adventure Time in the park! We will spend class finding new trails, exploring new places, and learning about the plants and critters we come across. It's Adventure Time! Students will walk from campus (from their main block class or after being dropped off at the campus) with Dr. Dragon at 3:10pm and should be picked up at the park at 4:30. Please pick up promptly as the class will only be at the pick up point within a 10 minute window. Pick up point is on Vallombrossa at the park entrance across from Bryant.	NA	Very Likely
Battle Class/LARP	4th- 8th	Dr. Dragon	Th, PM	Sometimes kids whack each other (or lamps or trees) with things. Usually that's not a good thing. But in this class, Dr. D will be teaching some lucky children a way to battle it out safely and respectfully! LARP (Live Action Role Play) is a fun and creative way for kids to play at being knights, rangers, warriors, and rogues. This will be a three-part class series. For Part I, we'll be learning about honor and respect for our fellow combatants while we create soft, safe "boffer" weapons and shields. We will then get instruction on the proper use of these weapons and shields, and begin sparring. Part II will start into building a fantasy character for each student, complete with background story, personality, and costume. The end of each day of Part II will be spent at weapons practice. For Part III, we will break into two groups, and each group will create a Quest for the other, with clues, riddles, maps; whatever the kids come up with! Following the clues will lead each group to special Quest items. During Part III, weapons practice will continue at the end of each day until our big Quest days at the end of the series. Come join us for fantasy fun and adventure with Battle/LARP Class!!	Optional: Various LARP weapon creating supplies	Likely
Between the Folds	5th- 8th	Baker-Beale	Th, PM	Did you know that even engineers use origami? Come learn more about real world applications of origami as well as folding some cool things of your own.	NA	Likely
Chico Creek with Papa Z	TK- 6th	Papa Z	T, PM	It's still nice and warm. Let's get our feet wet, splash around and learn about the critters that live in and around the creek. In this hands-on exploration of Big Chico Creek students will learn about the riparian and aquatic habitats of Bidwell Park. Students will explore and discuss the life cycles and adaptations of aquatic insects, amphibians and fish, their places in the food web, and the impact of pollution on the creek. Students will get to catch and identify creek critters and look at them under magnifying glasses and microscopes. Students will walk from campus (from their main block class or after being dropped off at the campus) with Papa Z and should be picked up at the park at 4:30. Please pick up promptly as the class will only be at the pick up point within a 10 minute window. Pick up point is on Vallombrossa at the park entrance across from Bryant.	All students must bring and wear closed toe water shoes (or a second pair of tennis shoes that can get wet). An extra outfit or swim attire is also highly recommended.	This class will only be offered Session 1 and Session 5.

Choir	3rd- 8th	Rogers	T, PM	This is a wonderful class to build community while also building your voice! Children will learn two songs and will be able to perform at the end of the 6-week session. Time allowing, children will also learn basic music theory and be able to apply it to the songs they learn. Students will be provided with their own 1" flexible black binder to bring their music, pencils and eraser back and forth between class and home. This is a great class to repeat!	NA	Very Likely
Creatures of Bidwell Park	TK- 6th	Cricket	Th, PM	The vast beauty of Bidwell Park is home to a diverse range of animals, many of whom very few people have seen in the wild. Some of the animals students will learn about are the Ringtail Cat, Kangaroo Rat, Peregrine Falcon, and the Pacific Chorus Frog. Students will walk from campus (from their main block class or after being dropped off at the campus) with Cricket at 3:10pm and should be picked up at the park at 4:30. Please pick up promptly as the class will only be at the pick up point within a 10 minute window. Pick up point is on Vallombrossa at the park entrance across from Bryant.	NA	Very Likely
Den of the Dinosaurs	TK- 3rd	Dr. Dragon	M, PM	Ever wonder what the proper names are for "long necks," "duck bills," and "sharp teeth?" In Dinosaur Class, Dr. D will tell you all of this and so much more!! Students will learn about the time periods in which dinosaurs lived, the different families/types of dinosaurs, and their characteristics, behaviors, and the creatures with which they shared their world. We'll also learn about evolution and some of the exciting dinosaur discoveries that have been made through history. When we've taught dinosaur lessons before, the kiddos have always been fascinated. Who doesn't love dinosaurs?	NA	Unsure
Dragon Tales	1st-4th	Dr. Dragon	W, AM	It's Story Time!! Join Dr. D and experience the exhilarating fun, adventure, and inspiration that comes of reading! We will be delving into such classics as Robin Hood, Treasure Island, Swiss Family Robinson, and The Hobbit. Dr. D brings these stories and characters to life with voices, accents, and even the occasional costume!	NA	Unsure
Fantastic Fractals	5th- 8th	Baker-Beale	T, AM	Fractals are SMART: Science, Math & Art. A fractal is a never ending pattern that repeats itself at different scales. Although fractals are very complex, they are made by repeating a simple process. Come learn where we find fractals as well as how to make one yourself.	NA	Unsure
Free Choice	TK- 8th	various	various	This Self Directed time allows students to not only work on their projects and activities longer, it also gives them the opportunity to try out classes that are being offered during the time frame of their Free Choice class. If they aren't sure they will like a class for all six weeks they can sign up for Free Choice and then try it out for one day with the freedom to make another choice the following week.	NA	Very Likely

Gnome and Fairy Homes	TK- 4th	Fort	W, PM	We will have plenty of wonderful recycled materials, art materials and nature objects to create little houses, little furniture, little food, little decorations, little people, little everything! We will also have time to play with and imagine excellent stories about the little people or creatures who live and work and play in these little houses. We may even end up with a whole little neighborhood or town. The possibilities are endless!	NA	Unsure
Growing Gardens	3rd- 8th	Fort	Th, PM	We will plan and start a winter garden of vegetables and flowers. We will learn about soil, pollination and pollinators, flower and plant parts, plant needs, and what grows locally during each season. We will get to play in the soil and learn about planting and caring for plants. We may also be able to plant some bulbs to beautify the campus.	All students should bring a set of usable gardening tools. Each student should have 1 pair of gloves, 1 knee pad (or towel that can get dirty), 1 hand shovel or trowel, and 1 hand rake. Ask your homeschool teacher as you may be able to purchase these items with your charter funds.	Likely
Hand Drumming with Papa Z!	2nd- 8th	Papa Z	Th, AM	Here we learn about how to make music on hand drums and other percussion instruments. We'll draw inspiration from folkloric and contemporary rhythms to get the groove going!	Papa Z asks that the students bring their own conga or djembe for this class. We have a limited amount of drums available for student use.	Likely
Hoopdance	2nd- 8th	SunRise	T, AM	This fun, movement based class welcomes children to use hula hoops as a tool to explore their bodies and personalities in creative and playful ways. Together we will learn the basics of hula hooping, skills and techniques to challenge the brain and how to connect and express authentically with ourselves and each other through collaborations and performance. We practice gratitude and speaking positively about ourselves and others as we play and explore this unique practice of dancing with hoops.	NA	Very Likely
Lego STEM, Jurassic Brick Land	1st- 6th	Bricks 4 Kidz	M, AM	Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Put on your hiking boots and camouflage...you're about to enter Jurassic Brick Land! Students will build a world that comes to life with gentle Brontosaurus, ferocious Velociraptor, terrifying T. Rex, and more. We'll learn about amazing dinosaurs that lived during the Jurassic period, and other extinct, prehistoric animals that roamed the earth and swam the seas during that era and millions of years later. Show us your building skills using our specialized project kits! Come learn, build and play at Jurassic Brick Land class! This class will be lead by Bricks 4 Kids from 9:30 to 10:30am. From 10:30 to 11 students will join the Free Choice group or they may be picked up early.	NA	Very Likely- with different themes each session
Life Cycles	TK- 6th	Cricket	W, PM	Students will learn about the life cycles of different living organisms such as a Redwood, a butterfly, a salmon, and an anemone. Each class students will make a craft or do an activity that coincides with the life cycle for that class.	NA	Likely 2 or 3 sessions this year

Magic or Science?	TK- 6th	Cricket	Th, AM	Students will do fun science experiments like move a can without touching it, make beads jump out of a glass, and make water travel up a paper towel and answer the question; is it magic or science?	NA	Likely
Martial Arts with Azad's	varies	Miss Miranda from Azad's Martial Arts Studio	various	Your child will enjoy an exciting and fun martial arts curriculum that teaches a wide variety of martial arts techniques and key life lessons that are important to child's safety and success. Azad's kids martial arts classes help children enter society with a confident and enthusiastic outlook. Your child will become a better student in school, a better listener at home and feel more ambitious towards his/her future goals regardless of their young age!	Students wishing to progress in belt levels will be asked to purchase their belts. \$10 belt fee payable directly to Azad's Martial Arts.	Very Likely
Math Games	TK- 6th	Cricket	W, AM	Students will have fun playing games while developing their math skills.	NA	Likely 2 or 3 sessions this year
Movin' and Groovin'	1st- 4th	Fort	M, AM	We will learn and practice different forms of movement including simple gymnastics, stretching, Brain Gym® exercises, and mindful movement practices. We will have plenty of free dance time with lively positive music. We will explore moving to different types of music to see how it makes us want to move. All abilities welcome. These movement practices will help us to connect with our bodies, support our right and left brain connection, improve our balance and body awareness, and provide us with tools to calm our bodies and emotions and release extra energy.	NA	Unsure
Mythology	TK- 6th	Dr. Dragon	M, AM	In our Mythology Class, Dr. D will introduce students to myths and legends from around the world. This course will expose children to a myriad of different cultures and different ways of thinking about the natural world, human origins, and the role of humanity in relationship to this planet and its fellow inhabitants. Class will consist mostly of stories and pictures from various mythologies representing cultures from all corners of the globe.	NA	Unsure
Nature Exploration	TK- 6th	varies	various	Hop, skip, jump and build forts in the park. This is open exploration time in nature (within safe boundaries) with hands on, fun projects and games to add to their love for nature knowledge. Students taking this as a morning class should be dropped off at the park and students taking this as an afternoon class should be picked up at the park. Please drop off and pick up promptly as the class will only be at the pick up and drop off point within a 10 minute window. Morning students will walk back to campus for pick up or their next class. Afternoon students will walk from campus (from their main block class) with the instructor to the park. Drop off and pick up point is on Vallombrossa at the park entrance across from Bryant.	NA	Very Likely
Our Solar System	TK- 6th	Cricket	T, PM	Students will learn about the eight planets in our solar system. They will also learn about the sun, the Milky Way, and why Pluto is no longer considered a planet. During each class students will make a part of a solar system mobile that they will take home at the end of the session.	NA	Unsure

Papa Z's Jammer's Club	TK- 6th	Papa Z	M, PM	Every child brings an instrument with Papa Z facilitating a jam session. Singers can come too. We'll bring everyone together and find our common beat. If you don't have an instrument, don't worry, we have some extras.	Optional: Various instruments	Unsure
Pirate's Ahoy!	TK- 4th	Dr. Dragon	T, PM	Ahoy and avast, ye scurvy bilgerats! Set sail wi' Captain Bloodbeard (Dr. D) an' learn all ye ever wanted tae know about Caribbean pirates! We will be learning about pirate history, and in particular famous pirates from the Golden Age of Piracy, which will serve as a backdrop for a less gruesome, more romanticized (and more fun!) view of pirates, complete with parrots, eye patches, dreadful pirate speak, and buried treasure! Prepare tae board, all hands, an' set a course fer fun an' adventure!	NA	Likely
Sing it Out!	3rd- 8th	Rogers	Th, PM	Each child in this class will take on their own song(s) and performance! Students will be given the opportunity to choose 1-2 songs to learn in a partially self-guided class with one one one instructor support and assistance each session. The instructor will assist and encourage growth in performance technique and musicality. This is a great supplemental class for any other music class. Basic music theory will be introduced to further expand their knowledge! Student's will be provided with their own 1" flexible black binder to bring their music, pencils and eraser back and forth between class and home.	Each student should bring a phone, tablet, laptop, etc to do research on their song(s). Students will be using devices to watch and practice with videos of the song they are working to perform. Devices will not be permitted for use on games or other non class purposes.	Likely
Sizzors, Glue and You!	4th- 8th	Fort	M, PM	Let's do collage with magazines and rip and cut paper, fabric, photos, and more. No previous art experience needed. We will play with combining contrasting and similar images and colors and patterns with one another to create new forms and scenes and abstract expressions. We will examine collage art, both contemporary and historical and look at some children's book illustrators who use collage as part of their illustrations.	NA	Likely
Spanish Stories and Songs	TK-3rd	Papa Z	W, AM	This bilingual class is a fun way to learn about Spanish speaking cultures through traditional and contemporary songs and children's stories. The children can play along with our musical toys as well.	NA	Very Likely
Terrific Tessellations	3rd- 8th	Baker-Beale	Th, AM	Tessellations can be both big pictures made from small square tiles or using a single repeating tile to fill a space with no gaps or overlaps. In this class, we will be making our own tessellation art and learning about the history of tessellations.	NA	Unsure
The Art of Story Telling	TK- 2nd	Price	W, PM	We will explore writting and story telling with a kinesthetic and haptic approach to: the alphabet, art work and the oral tradition of story telling. A fun way to work on language arts skills.	NA	Unsure

Yoga with Papa Z!	3rd-8th	Papa Z	T, AM	In this class we will be stretching, toning and breathing using the healthy postures of Hatha yoga to keep in shape.	Each child should have their own yoga mat and bring it with them to every class. Clothing needs to be non-restrictive to allow for movement. Parents will be asked to read over information about the content of this class and asked to complete an agreement regarding consent to the curriculum.	Likely
You Can Do it!	TK- 6th	Price	T, PM	This is a class for any student of any age struggling with learning difficulties, diagnosed or otherwise. Forty years of experience and a master in special education provides for a patient and fun environment to overcome and progress regardless of the academic and/or behavior difficulty. Each student will learn how he/she learns best and how to embrace techniques designed to expose abilities, talents and the joy that gives each person the confidence and self-esteem required to succeed.	NA	Unsure