



2022-2023 UHC Spartanburg Elementary Course Descriptions

UHC elementary students meet for a full school year, with 12 co-op weeks in the fall and 12 weeks in the spring. The elementary classes meet both Tuesday and Thursday each week from 9:10 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. K3, K4, K5, 1st, and 2nd grade classes are self-contained and enrichment based with an integration of academic subjects. Children in those grades are with the same teacher the entire day and stay together as a group, with the exception of a music class. Children in those grades will not be assigned homework, except for an occasional oral presentation requirement. Parents are responsible for teaching the other required subjects at home if they are not taught at UHC. The 3rd-5th grade classes are academic in nature and students rotate through four classes during the day, with a lunch and recess break after the first two classes. These four classes are a 3rd-5th grade “package” and cannot be separated. The homeschooling parent will need to assist their child with the coursework required by their UHC classes. Parents are responsible for teaching the other required subjects at home if they are not taken at UHC in 3rd-5th grade. The [UHC Spartanburg- Elementary Class Schedule](#) shows the Elementary classes that are offered.

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K3

Prerequisite: Must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2022

Fees: \$750 for the year

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday- K3- Section A \(Espinal\)](#)

Course description: In K3, learning with each other through play helps support children's social and emotional development, language and literacy, cognition, and even physical development. The class begins with a group time learning calendar, sharing time, and reading a bible story which includes listening skills, conversational skills, interacting with the teacher, and reading a story. Concentration is placed on learning and practicing classroom etiquette: listening, raising hands, lining up, being kind to others, obeying the teacher, using inside voices, and keeping hands to oneself. The class focuses on one letter of the alphabet, number, shape, and color per week and does thematic activities based on all five of these emphases each class day. We feel children learn more and will retain more when they are enjoying what they are doing, so our curriculum involves activities that get the children to move and explore. Hands-on learning allows the children to experience and develop the senses that God has given them.

Throughout the school year, students will develop skills such as:

- identifying colors, shapes, numbers, and letters
- recognizing patterns
- sharing, compromising, and following directions

To be successful in this class: Learn and practice classroom etiquette, including listening, raising hands, lining up, being kind to others, obeying the teacher, using inside voices, and keeping hands to oneself.

Teacher: Tiffany Espinal

- Education: Homeschool, attended SCC for ASL certification

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- Teaching experience: substitute for 6 yrs. In public school District five, Spartanburg, SC
- 1 year ESOL Byrnes Freshman/Beech Springs
- Homeschooling 3 of my children
- Certifications: received certification for ASL

UHC courses taught:

- 3k
- Elementary sub

Began teaching at UHC in 2022

K4

Prerequisite: Must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2022

Fees: \$750 for the year

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday K4-Section A \(Brown\)](#)
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Course description: The K4 class is a series of thematic units incorporating both fiction and nonfiction literature, science, music, gross- and fine-motor skills, language arts, math, social studies, and Bible. Class begins with group time, which includes listening skills, conversational skills, interacting with the teacher, and reading a story. Concentration is placed on learning and practicing classroom etiquette: listening, raising hands, lining up, being kind to others, obeying the teacher, using inside voices, and keeping hands to oneself. The class focuses on one letter of the alphabet per week and does thematic activities based on the letter of emphasis. As well, students will learn calendar skills.

To be successful in this class: Learn and practice classroom etiquette, including listening, raising hands, lining up, being kind to others, obeying the teacher, using inside voices, and keeping hands to oneself.

Teacher K4- Section A: Lauren Brown

- Education: BA Interdisciplinary Studies (Elementary Ed/Psychology) NGU
- Teaching Experience: 7 years as an after school tutor Mountain View Elementary School, 2 years YMCA sets summer camp team coordinator, 2 years K2 teacher Mt Lebanon Preschool, 1 year morning tutor program coordinator Mountain View Elementary, 1 year K5 teachers aide Mountain View Elementary, 1 year Grace Church children's director, 2 years UHC Coop music teacher

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- UHC courses taught: K4-2nd Music, K5
- Began teaching at UHC in: 2019

Teacher K4- Section B: Brenda Hooten

- Education: Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC; Undergraduate Studies in English Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky; BS Ed; Kentucky Certification (1-12)
- Teaching Experience: Title I Resource Teacher; McCracken County Schools, Paducah, KY (6th/7th), Donelson Christian School, Nashville, TN (1st Grade), Waco Christian Academy, Waco, TX (Kindergarten-First Grade), Homeschooled (3rd/4th), New Covenant Schools, Lynchburg, VA (Kindergarten/1st), Rivermont Preschool, Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA, (2's/3's)
- UHC courses taught: K4
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

K5

Prerequisite: Must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2022

Fees: \$750 for the year; plus a \$5 Graduation Fee that is non-refundable

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday K5-Section A \(Ellis\)](#)
- [Tuesday & Thursday K5-Section B \(Collins\)](#)

Course description: The K5 class is a literature-based program that allows for the exploration of several topics each semester. Classic and award-winning children's literature is the basis for developing the curriculum. Literacy, math, art, social studies, and science skills and concepts are included in large group activities and in small group learning centers. Both science and social studies content will be covered at co-op each week. Through art, games, and creative construction, there are plenty of opportunities for each child to express his or her imagination while developing both gross and fine motor skills. The children gain social skills, practice problem-solving, and learn about themselves, their environment, and others through active play. Students are encouraged to love learning, become investigators, develop early literacy skills, and interact with others in a classroom setting. Age appropriate math facts and sight words will also be practiced weekly. Children in K5 will not be assigned homework, except for an occasional oral presentation requirement. We have lots of fun! On the last day of co-op, we have a K5 Graduation ceremony that all K5 graduates and their family and friends are invited to attend.

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To be successful in this class: Practice classroom etiquette including listening, raising hands, lining up, being kind to others, obeying the teacher, using inside voices, and keeping hands to oneself.

Teacher K5- Section A: Sarah Ellis

- Education: Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education
- Teaching experience: Public Elementary School (4 years) at Cherrydale Elementary in Greenville County School District; Worked at The Boys & Girls Club of America; Currently a stay home with my 1 year old!
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina grades K-3
- UHC courses taught: Third Grade Geography, K5
- Began teaching at UHC in September 2020

Teacher K5- Section B: Michala Collins

- Education: Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Teaching Experience: 4K teacher for a year in Fort Mill, SC. 4K teacher for a year and a half in Greenville, SC. Homeschooled my daughter through preschool and will be starting K5 this fall with her.
- Certifications: Certified to teach in South Carolina
- UHC courses taught: K5
- Began teaching at UHC in September 2022

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1st grade

Prerequisite: Must be 6 years old by Sept. 1, 2022

Fees: \$750 for the year

Required Materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 1st-Section A \(Hoilman\)](#)
- [Tuesday & Thursday 1st-Section A \(Smith\)](#)

Course description: In first grade, both science and social studies content will be covered at co-op each week. As part of our weekly learning, we will use quality children's literature, which compliments the curriculum as a jumping off place to explore various subject areas such as literacy, art, math, social studies, and science. Age appropriate math facts and sight words will also be practiced weekly. The children will rotate through learning stations in small groups to maximize learning time. Children in first grade will not be assigned homework, except for an occasional oral presentation requirement.

Social Studies component: In first grade, we will focus on learning about U.S. History using *Our Star-Spangled Story Part 1*. This book has 45 lessons beginning with life in America before Europeans came and continuing through the late 1800s. Students will learn about history from a Christian worldview through songs, dances, and hands-on activities.

Notgrass curriculum company recommends eight works of literature to read along with the lessons in *Our Star-Spangled Story*. Each book gives your child a richer perspective on a certain time period. The student has 3-5 weeks to read each book. The UHC teacher may choose to do one or more read alouds in class. Parents are encouraged to do the remaining read alouds at home with their student. The following literature books are recommended for Part 1, which is covered in 1st grade at UHC:

- *Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin* by Marguerite Henry (Units 1-4)
- *Toliver's Secret* by Esther Wood Brady (Units 5-9)
- *Freedom Crossing* by Margaret Goff Clark (Units 10-12)
- *Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder (Units 13-15)

Required Workbook: [My Star Spangled Student Workbook](#)

(parents must purchase the workbook but do not need to purchase the textbook)

Science component: In first grade, we will also complete *Life Science* unit studies about the human body, animals, insects, and plants based on the Magic School Bus series, enabling great flexibility as we explore a wide variety of science while integrating other subject areas. Students will participate in various hands-on activities and projects to further reinforce scientific methods of discovery.

To be successful in this class: Listen, raise your hand, line up, be kind to others, obey the teacher, use an inside voice, keep your hands to yourself, work cooperatively in a group, and

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begin to learn how to study material.

Teacher 1st- Section A: Sami Hoilman

- Education: Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Charleston Southern University
- Teaching experience: Foxbank Elementary School in Charleston, SC 2018-2021, taught first and second grades
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina
- UHC courses taught: 1st grade
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

Teacher 1st- Section B: Esther Smith

- Education: Bachelors in Elementary Education
- Teaching experience: First Grade teacher at Easley Christian school for two years, Second Grade teacher at Shannon Forest Christian school for three years, English TESOL tutor with VIPKid and Global Learning Alliance for two and a half years, Online Reading Tutor with Littera Education for six months, Homeschooling experience: Created curriculum and lessons and taught my son k-3
- Certifications: TESOL and TEFL UHC courses
- UHC courses taught: 1st grade
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

2nd grade

Prerequisite: Must be 7 years old by Sept. 1, 2022

Fees: \$750 for the year

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 2nd- Section A \(Eccles\)](#)
- [Tuesday & Thursday 2nd- Section B \(Stoudemayer\)](#)

Course description: In second grade, both science and social studies content will be covered at co-op each week. As part of our weekly learning, we will use quality children's literature, which compliments the curriculum as a jumping off place to explore various subject areas such as literacy, art, math, social studies, and science. Age appropriate math facts and sight words will also be practiced weekly. The children will rotate through learning stations in small groups to maximize learning time. Children in second grade will not be assigned homework, except for an occasional oral presentation requirement.

Social Studies component: In second grade, we will focus on learning about U.S. History using *Our Star-Spangled Story Part 2*. This book has 45 lessons beginning with life in America in the late 1800s through modern times. Students will learn about history from a Christian worldview through songs, dances, and hands-on activities.

Notgrass curriculum company recommends eight works of literature to read along with the

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lessons in *Our Star-Spangled Story*. Each book gives your child a richer perspective on a certain time period. The student has 3-5 weeks to read each book. The UHC teacher may choose to do one or more read alouds in class. Parents are encouraged to do the remaining read alouds at home with their student. The following literature books are recommended for Part 2, which is covered in 2nd grade at UHC:

- *Mountain Born* by Elizabeth Yates (Units 16-18)
- *Emily's Runaway Imagination* by Beverly Cleary (Units 19-22)
- *The Year of Miss Agnes* by Kirkpatrick Hill (Units 23-26)
- *Katy* by Mary Evelyn Notgrass (Units 27-30)

Required Workbook: [My Star Spangled Student Workbook](#) (parents must purchase the workbook but do not need to purchase the textbook)

Science component: In second grade, we will also complete **Earth Science, Space Science & Physical Science** unit studies about the earth, space, water, weather, and various physical science concepts (magnetism, gravity, electricity, etc..) based on the Magic School Bus series, enabling great flexibility as we explore a wide variety of science while integrating other subject areas. Students will participate in various hands-on activities and projects to further reinforce scientific methods of discovery. **Students will also explore the basics of physical science through a LEGO curriculum.**

To be successful in this class: Practice reading at home with parents, continue developing social skills, pay attention in class, raise hand in class, obey the teacher/follow instructions, learn to work in groups, keep hands to oneself, and continue to learn how to study material.

Teacher 2nd- Section A: Karleigh Eccles

- Education: Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education
- Teaching experience: Public School Second Grade, Woodruff, South Carolina
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina Elementary and Early Childhood grades
- UHC courses taught: 2nd Grade
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

Teacher 2nd- Section B: Jacey Stoudemayer

- Education: Bachelor's degree in Special Education; Bachelor's degree in elementary Education
- Teaching experience: Special Ed. Middle School teacher- Math and Science, Special Ed. Middle, School teacher- All Subjects, Long-term Substitute- High School Science
- Certifications: Special Education
- UHC courses taught: 2nd Grade
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

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Music

Grades K4-2nd

Fees: Included in K4-2nd tuition

Required Materials: No extra supplies needed.

Course description: The students will enjoy experiencing music in a variety of ways. We explore music through a repertoire rich in folk songs, nursery rhymes, and traditional singing games. We learn about music through imitation, movement, listening, visualization, improvisation, finger play, and rhythm instruments. Seasonal music activities are incorporated throughout the year.

To be successful in this class: Listen and follow instructions. Don't be afraid to sing!

Teacher K4-2nd A: Amber Holden

- Education: Bachelor's degree in Music; Master's degree in Music
- Teaching experience: Public Middle school orchestra 12 years-South Carolina Schools, Teach private string lessons from home studio
- Music experience: Plays viola with Upstate Church Worship team, Plays viola with the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra
- Homeschooled my daughter pre school this past year and will start my son preschool in the fall
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina
- UHC courses taught: Music
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

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Overview from Executive Director, Suzanne Brown for grades 3-5

3rd Grade Prerequisite: Must be 8 years old by Sept. 1, 2022

4th Grade Prerequisite: Must be 9 years old by Sept. 1, 2022

5th Grade Prerequisite: Must be 10 years old by Sept. 1, 2022

NOTE: The [UHC Elementary Grading Policy](#) applies to all 3rd-5th courses at UHC. Parents are expected to work closely with teachers and students during these important years as we join together to educate 3rd-5th graders. Good academic habits and work ethic developed in the upper Elementary years not only prepare young people for middle and high school course work, but prepare them for future careers and service opportunities.

In addition to the actual content of the courses offered, students in grades 3-5 also will learn valuable academic and social skills that will pertain to any of these classes, such as working in small groups, investigating topics, critical-thinking skills, time management in studying material, and planning for homework and projects.

Third grade is the first time your student will be changing classes, with a new teacher for each subject. This is exciting for some students and overwhelming for others. The important thing as a parent is to be constantly pushing your child forward. This could be in tiny baby steps, with much support, or trying to hold the reins back to make sure they don't charge too quickly ahead and miss important pieces. In a classroom situation, the teacher has to hit the middle in a variety of ways. She can give suggestions and ideas for the advanced learner and the learner who needs additional help. However, ultimately it is up to you to know your child and guide his or her individualized educational plan for the greatest benefits for your family. This is where our hybrid educational program shines with structure and individualization!

For the learner who needs extra support:

Adapt, adapt, adapt. Continue reading aloud, break the assignments into smaller components, use graphic organizers, add an online visual for difficult concepts, share in the writing with your student (write a sentence, have them write a sentence), use graph paper to help line up work, do the background set-up work and let your child put the important pieces together, answer questions orally instead of in writing, offer a different project idea to the teacher if your child is overwhelmed, communicate with the teacher if you need to choose another accommodation for the work at home. It's OK if work is difficult. Just keep moving them forward, step by step. Did I mention - adapt?

For the learner who needs to be challenged:

The key is to keep those brains engaged so they don't tune out and get bored. Extra research, compare/contrast graphic organizers, reading additional information on topic, map work, look

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for ways to incorporate data in chart formats, short writing assignments that demonstrate how they have synthesized the information, have them teach a younger sibling with the same information (this engages a different part of their brain), have them add visuals to any report they do. Sometimes just a short 10-minute additional assignment on the topic is enough to keep them challenged. Know your child. Always be looking for ways to push their thinking to the next level. Encourage their weaknesses (yes, even the gifted ones have weaknesses!) but don't cap those strengths. They often need extra guidance on how to channel their strengths because everyone doesn't see things the way they do.

Hopefully these ideas will spur your thinking on how to continue individualizing your child's educational plan in our co-op setting.

[Suzanne Brown](#), UHC Director

Art

3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades

Fees: \$850 (This is not a per-class charge. The \$850 tuition fee for grades 3-5 covers the four classes a student will take in a school year.)

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 3rd-5th-Section A \(Smith\)](#)

Course description: The study of art at UHC helps students better see and appreciate God's own artistic brilliance in His lavish creation. Studio practice is augmented by a weekly lecture, films or paintings, and group discussion. There is an intentional focus on creativity and mastery of basic understanding of the elements of design, which are taught through a variety of media and hands-on learning. The children learn to create, critique, and grow in their skills and understanding of art and how historically it has been shaped, or shapes, culture.

To be successful in this class: Listen and participate in class, complete assigned work diligently and intentionally, and follow instructions.

3rd-5th- Section A Teacher: Becky Smith

Science

3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades

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Fees: \$850 (This is not a per-class charge. The \$850 tuition fee for grades 3-5 covers the four classes a student will take in a school year.)

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 3rd-5th-Section A \(Citeno\)](#)

Textbooks

Note: If you are buying these new, please purchase the newest edition of each. If you already have the 4th edition of the older version, that is fine to use as well.

- o [God's Design for Life \(Student- MB Edition\)](#) - One per family
 - Optional: [God's Design for Life \(Teacher Guide- MB Edition\)](#)
- o [God's Design for Heaven & Earth \(Student- MB Edition\)](#) - One per family
 - Optional: [God's Design for Heaven & Earth \(Teacher Guide- MB Edition\)](#)

Optional Teacher Guides: The teacher guide books provide an introduction on how to teach the curriculum, a supply list and answer key for each lesson, a resource guide containing suggested books, videos, and field trips, etc. They also include student supplement worksheets and tests in an electronic form. If you choose to use the student assessments, UHC recommends you make sure your student reads the entire chapters of content (even if they are not all assigned by the UHC science teacher) in order to be adequately prepared for the science curriculum assessments. The UHC Science teachers will not be assigning any tests or quizzes as part of the regular weekly homework; however, tests may be assigned as a Challenge Assignment either by the teacher or the parent.

Course description: Science for third- through fifth-grade students is taught on a three-year rotation, using the Answers in Genesis series to cover a broad spectrum and prepare students for higher level science classes. See the chart below for the full rotation. Each year two categories are covered, one in the fall and one in the spring. Students will explore the steps in the scientific method as it relates to specific labs or hands-on activities in the classroom.

This is how Answers in Genesis describes the categories to be covered in 2022-2023:

- **Fall:** *The human body is an incredibly complex and created wonder. Learn about the amazing functions of each system and understand that you are made in God's image!*
- **Spring:** *Explore our solar system and the universe. Learn about the planets, Earth's special design, information about stars and comets, and the space program.*

Letter to Parents from 3rd-5th Science Teachers: [3rd-5th Science Overview Letter](#)

3rd-5th Grade 3 Year Science Rotation

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School Year:	Fall Semester:	Spring Semester:
2022-2023	<u>God's Design for Life (Student- MB Edition)</u>	<u>God's Design for Heaven and Earth (Student- MB Edition)</u>
	<p>Course Summaries: Fall: The human body is an incredibly complex and created wonder. Learn about the amazing functions of each system and understand that you are made in God's image! Spring: Explore our solar system and the universe. Learn about the planets, Earth's special design, information about stars and comets, and the space program.</p>	
2023-2024	<u>God's Design for Life (Student- MB Edition)</u>	<u>God's Design for Life (Student- MB Edition)</u>
	<p>Course Summaries: Fall: Discover the Creator's handiwork as you study the beauty and intricacy of seeds, leaves, and flowers. Explore trees, fungi, algae, unusual plants, moss, and more. Spring: Discover how each animal was designed by God to be unique, from cuddly mammals and slimy frogs to jellyfish, butterflies, and bacteria. Get ready for an exciting adventure!</p>	
2024-2025	<u>God's Design for Heaven and Earth (Student- MB Edition)</u>	<u>God's Design for Heaven and Earth (Student- MB Edition)</u>
	<p>Course Summaries: Fall: Discover God's design for our unique planet. Learn about rocks, the Genesis Flood, and the Ice Age, as you study this special place for us to live. Spring: Study the atmosphere and oceans of Earth. You will discover what weather is, God's design of the oceans, and how these oceans affect weather systems.</p>	

To be successful in this class: Listen and participate in class, complete assigned work on time, and follow instructions.

Teacher 3rd-5th- Section A: Ashlyn Citeno

- Education: Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education
- Teaching experience: Public Elementary School; Greenville SC. Taught all subjects in fourth grade for two years, doing all of the science planning.
- Beginning homeschooling with my preschooler.
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina.
- UHC courses taught:3/4/5 Grade Science
- Beginning teaching at UHC in 2022/2023 school year

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U.S. Geography

3rd Grade

Fees:

- \$850 (This is not a per-class charge. The \$850 tuition fee for grades 3-5 covers the four classes a student will take in a school year.)

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 3rd-Section A \(Seay\)](#)

Textbooks:

- [Our 50 States Curriculum Package](#)

Course description: Geography for 3rd grade will focus on an in depth study of the 50 states of America. Students will learn geographic terms in relation to the topography of each state all while practicing map skills. The curriculum includes two lessons per state, which includes facts about the history, physical features, population, and hands-on activities. Notgrass literature selections will also add to the depth of this comprehensive geography curriculum.

To be successful in this class: Listen and participate in class; complete assigned work on time; and follow instructions.

Teacher 3rd- Section A: Ashlyn Seay

- Education: Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from North Greenville University
- Teaching Experience: taught in the public school system in Spartanburg District One for 5 years; one year teaching 6th grade science, one year teaching 5th grade ELA and social studies, and three years teaching 4th grade ELA and social studies
- Certified to teach in South Carolina grades 2-6
- UHC Courses taught: 3rd grade Geography, 6th grade ecology
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

3rd Grade Writing

3rd Grade

Prerequisite: Parent must attend the first day of the summer [UHC Parent/Teacher Training for IEW](#)

Fees: \$850 (This is not a per-class charge. The \$850 tuition fee for grades 3-5 covers the four

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classes a student will take in a school year.)

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 3rd- Section A \(Davis\)](#)

Textbook:

- **Parent Text:** [The Institute for Excellence in Writing: Teaching Writing: Structure and Style Seminar and Practicum Workbook, 2nd Edition](#) This workbook is required for the parent and can be purchased through Lifelong Learning Resources, School Spot, Amazon, Ebay, or directly from the IEW website, www.excellenceinwriting.com. Parents do not need to buy the DVDs.
- [Fix It!™ Grammar: Level 1 Nose Tree \[Student Book\]](#)
- [Student Workbook: All Things Fun & Fascinating- Writing Lessons in Structure and Style](#)
 - **IEW's Copyright Policy states:** Home use: The purchaser may copy this Student Book for use by multiple children within his or her immediate family. Each family must purchase its own Student Book.
 - **If you would like to re-use this student text for subsequent students, please make sure to make copies of the consumable pages your student will need to write on.**

Course description: This class will introduce some of the core writing concepts that are taught in the upper level IEW classes at co-op. A primary concept covered is key word outlines. We will go over many examples in class, and the children also will have 2-3 days of homework most weeks. For more information about the IEW curriculum, click here: [Learn to Think and Write with IEW](#).

Additionally, we will work on editing and grammar skills using the IEW Fix-It program, [Fix It!™ Grammar: Level 1 Nose Tree \[Student Book\]](#). Teachers will introduce new concepts each week, and parents will reinforce the grammar and editing assignments with their students at home each week. Parents may need guidance working through the Fix It curriculum at home, and if so will need to purchase the [teacher's manual](#). To learn more about this unique grammar and editing program please watch "[How IEW's Fix It! Grammar Program Works.](#)"

NOTE: For 22-23, both 3rd and 4th Grade UHC students will work from *All Things Fun and Fascinating*; however, 3rd grade will move at a slower pace. For the 23-24 school year and on, our future 4th graders will utilize IEW's *Fables, Myths, and Fairytales* curriculum while 3rd graders will continue to use *All Things Fun and Fascinating*.

To be successful in this class: Listen and participate in class, complete assigned work on time, and follow instructions.

Teacher 3rd- Section A: Molly Davis

- Education: B.S. in Early Childhood Education from East Tennessee State University; M.Ed. in Elementary Education from Milligan College

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- Teaching experience: Instructional Assistant & Interim 1st Grade Teacher - Theodore Roosevelt Elementary from 2012-2015; Pre-K teacher - Woodland Elementary School in 2015; Math Curriculum Writer for The Good and the Beautiful in 2020; Co-op Teacher - Middle School Literature at parent led co-op from 2021-2022
- Currently homeschooling two daughters
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina
- UHC courses taught: IEW 3rd and 4th
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

History

4th & 5th Grades

Fees: \$850 (This is not a per-class charge. The \$850 tuition fee for grades 3-5 covers the four classes a student will take in a school year.)

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 4th/5th-Section A \(Crosby\)](#)
- **Textbooks All curriculum pieces must be the 2nd Edition (2021).**
 - [America the Beautiful, Part 1](#)- one per **family** (Use for 2022-2023)
 - [Maps of America the Beautiful](#)- one per **family**. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.
 - [America the Beautiful- Lesson Review](#)- one per **student**. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.
 - [America the Beautiful, Answer Key](#)- one per **family**. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.

Not Needed:

- *Notgrass Curriculum: America the Beautiful, Part 2*- one per family (Used for 2023--2024)
- *America the Beautiful*- Timeline Book
- *America the Beautiful*- We the People Book

Course description: History for 4th and 5th grades is taught on a two year rotation, using the Notgrass *America the Beautiful* curriculum. *America the Beautiful* by Charlene Notgrass is an American history, geography, and literature course designed for students in grades 5-8. It

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combines the flexibility and richness of a unit study with the simplicity of a textbook-based approach to history. Daily lessons guide the child chronologically through American history, highlighting key events, people, and places. See the chart below for the 2 year rotation. Part 1 covers US History from 1000 through 1877 and Part 2 covers US History from 1877 to modern day. There are 15 units in each book. Each unit is broken down into 5 lessons. Each five day lesson schedule in *America the Beautiful* follows the same pattern. Lesson one focuses on Our American Story which teaches about major events during the specific time period; lesson two focuses on God’s Wonders which shares about the beautiful creations God has placed in the United States; lesson three focuses on An American Landmark which highlights an important site in American history; lesson four shares An American Biography about an individual who lived during the specific time period; and lesson five highlights the Daily Life of the people who lived during the time period. Each unit also includes a family activity which allows you to apply what is learned to our family life. Parents will be responsible for grading homework. The teacher will be responsible for grading tests and quizzes.

Literature Component: America the Beautiful Notgrass curriculum has recommended literature books to use in conjunction with the History/Geography course. Parents may choose to incorporate the literature component independently if they so desire. The literature books recommended and which units of study they partner with can be found on Notgrass’ website by clicking [HERE](#).

NOTE: Students enrolled at UHC for both 4th and 5th grades will complete the entire Notgrass *America the Beautiful*- Part 1 and Part 2 curriculum after those two years. For those who take this course for the first time in 5th grade, we recommend you do the second part of the *America the Beautiful* curriculum during your student’s 6th grade year so they complete the curriculum cycle. The Middle and High School programs at UHC continue using the Notgrass curriculums for their History and Geography classes.

Academic School Year	
Part 1- School Year: 2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Notgrass Curriculum: America the Beautiful, Part 1- one per family (Used for 2020-2021)</i> o <i>Maps of America the Beautiful- one per family. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.</i> o <i>Lesson Review- one per student. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.</i> o <i>America the Beautiful, Answer Key- one per family. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.</i>
Part 2- School Year: 2023-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Notgrass Curriculum: America the Beautiful, Part 2- one per family (Used for 2021-2022)</i> o <i>Maps of America the Beautiful- one per family. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.</i> o <i>Lesson Review- one per student. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.</i> o <i>America the Beautiful, Answer Key- one per family. Will be used for two years during the 2 year rotation.</i>

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To be successful in this class: Listen and participate in class, complete assigned work on time, and follow instructions.

Teacher 4th- Section A & 5th- Section A: Bethany Crosby

- Education: Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education
- Teaching Experience: Public School for 3 years, Private School for 1 year
- Currently homeschooling
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina
- UHC courses taught: 4th and 5th US History
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

4th Grade Writing

4th Grade

Prerequisite: Parent must attend the first day of the summer [UHC Parent/Teacher Training for IEW](#)

Fees:

- \$850 (This is not a per-class charge. The \$850 tuition fee for grades 3-5 covers the four classes a student will take in a school year.)

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 4th-Section A \(Davis\)](#)

Textbook:

- **Parent Text:** [The Institute for Excellence in Writing: Teaching Writing: Structure and Style Seminar and Practicum Workbook, 2nd Edition](#) This workbook is required for the parent and can be purchased through [Lifelong Learning Resources](#), School Spot, Amazon, Ebay, or directly from the IEW website, www.excellenceinwriting.com. Parents do not need to buy the DVDs.
- [Fix It!™ Grammar: Level 2 Town Mouse and Country Mouse \[Student Book\]](#)
- [Student Workbook: All Things Fun & Fascinating- Writing Lessons in Structure and Style](#)
 - **IEW's Copyright Policy states:** Home use: The purchaser may copy this Student Book for use by multiple children within his or her immediate family. Each family must purchase its own Student Book.
 - **If you would like to re-use this student text for subsequent students, please make sure to make copies of the consumable pages your student will need to write on.**

Course description: This class will introduce some of the core writing concepts that are taught in the upper level IEW classes at co-op. A primary concept covered is key word outlines. We will

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go over many examples in class, and the children also will have homework most weeks. Typing papers is required in fourth grade and will be a skill that is continually developing. For more information about the IEW curriculum, click here: [Learn to Think and Write with IEW](#). Additionally, we will work on grammar and editing skills using the IEW Fix-It program.

To be successful in this class: Listen and participate in class, complete assigned work on time, and follow instructions.

Teacher 4th- Section A: Molly Davis

- Education: B.S. in Early Childhood Education from East Tennessee State University; M.Ed. in Elementary Education from Milligan College
- Teaching experience: Instructional Assistant & Interim 1st Grade Teacher - Theodore Roosevelt Elementary from 2012-2015; Pre-K teacher - Woodland Elementary School in 2015; Math Curriculum Writer for The Good and the Beautiful in 2020; Co-op Teacher - Middle School Literature at parent led co-op from 2021-2022
- Currently homeschooling two daughters
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina
- UHC courses taught: IEW 3rd and 4th
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

5th Grade Writing

5th Grade

Prerequisite: IEW, Grade 5. Parents must complete the summer [UHC Parent/Teacher Training for IEW](#)

Fees:

- \$850 (This is not a per-class charge. The \$850 tuition fee for grades 3-5 covers the four classes a student will take in a school year.)

Required materials (parents must purchase):

Supply Lists: Please click on your student's class section to view the required textbooks and materials parents must purchase for their student.

- [Tuesday & Thursday 5th-Section A \(White\)](#)

Textbooks:

- [The Institute for Excellence in Writing: Teaching Writing: Structure and Style Seminar and Practicum Workbook, 2nd Edition](#) This workbook is a one time only purchase required for each family and can be purchased through Lifelong Learning Resources in Lyman, School Spot, Amazon, Ebay, or directly from the IEW website, www.excellenceinwriting.com. Parents do not need to buy the DVDs.
- [Fix It!™ Grammar: Level 3 Robin Hood \[Student Book\]](#)

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- Student Text/Workbook: [Structure and Style for Students: Year 1 Level A](#)
 - **IEW's Copyright Policy states:** Home use: The purchaser may copy this Student Book for use by multiple children within his or her immediate family. Each family must purchase its own Student Book.
 - **If you would like to re-use this student text for subsequent students, please make sure to make copies of the consumable pages your student will need to write on.**

Course description: This class will review concepts introduced in the fourth-grade IEW class and move on to incorporate more details from the IEW program. Students will begin with writing one paragraph and then branch out into three-paragraph models. Editing skills also will be addressed. This class is preparation for the continuation of IEW that UHC offers in middle school. Typing papers is required. For more information about the IEW curriculum, click here: [Learn to Think and Write with IEW](#). Additionally we will work on grammar and editing skills using the IEW Fix-It program, *Robin Hood, Book 2*.

Literature Component: [IEW Structure and Style for Students: Year 1 Level A](#) has literature book suggestions to use in conjunction with this writing course. Parents may choose to incorporate the literature component independently if they so desire. The literature books recommended and which units of study they partner with can be found in the Scope and Sequence section of the text.

Example:

Scope and Sequence

Week	Subject and Structure	Style	Literature Suggestions
Unit 1 1	The Dog and the Shadow Giant Saguaro introduction to structure		<i>The Three Little Javelinas</i> by Susan Lowell
Unit 2 2	Scorpions		

To be successful in this class: Listen and participate in class, complete assigned work on time, and follow instructions.

Teacher 5th- Section A: Molly Davis

- Education: B.S. in Early Childhood Education from East Tennessee State University; M.Ed. in Elementary Education from Milligan College
- Teaching experience: Instructional Assistant & Interim 1st Grade Teacher - Theodore Roosevelt Elementary from 2012-2015; Pre-K teacher - Woodland Elementary School in 2015; Math Curriculum Writer for The Good and the Beautiful in 2020; Co-op Teacher - Middle School Literature at parent led co-op from 2021-2022
- Currently homeschooling two daughters
- Certifications: certified to teach in South Carolina
- UHC courses taught: IEW 3rd and 4th
- Began teaching at UHC in 2022

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