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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

K5 GVL

Parents must choose to enroll their K5 student in either the One Day or Two Day model.

Elementary classes meet for 12 weeks in the Fall and 12 weeks in the Spring for a total of 24 weeks. Each class day starts at 9:10am and finishes at 2:30pm.

In K5 classes, the children are with the same teacher the entire day and stay together as a group, with the exception of a music or art class where they go to the respective teacher for that time. The students enjoy recess twice a day at either the playground or the gym. Parents must pack snack and lunch for their student. Children in K5 will not be assigned homework, except for an occasional oral presentation requirement. Formal grades are not given in K5 but teachers do send home progress reports twice a year. On the last day of co-op, we have a K5 Graduation ceremony that all graduates and their family and friends are invited to attend. A non-refundable \$5 graduation fee is applied for those enrolled in K5.

Grades: K5

Fees: One Day Model Tuition: \$400 for the year

Two Day Model Tuition: \$800 for the year

Plus the following fees:

-\$5 K5 Graduation Fee

-\$140 enrollment fee per child

-\$70 security fee per family

-\$10 per student portrait/bag tag fee

Prerequisites:

Must be 5 years old by September 1st

Sections Offered: [K5 Green Cedar- 1 Day Model \(Mondays only\)](#), [K5 Red Oak- 1 Day Model \(Wednesdays only\)](#), [K5 Yellow Birch- 2 Day Model \(Mondays & Wednesdays\)](#), [K5 Blue Spruce- 2 Day Model \(Mondays & Wednesdays\)](#), [K3 - 2nd Music - 1 & 2 Day Models](#), [K4 - 2nd Art - 2 Day Model](#)

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Textbook:

None required.

Other Materials:

Each class has a supply list of required materials parents must purchase and send to class with their student. [Find Supply Lists here.](#)

Course Description

ONE DAY MODEL:

In this model, the K5 class is made up of different class themes each week. Examples of weekly themes are All About Me, My Family, Five Senses, several weeks of fall themes such as Apples, Pumpkins, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter, Fairy Tales, Farm, Community Helpers, etc... Each week literacy, math, social studies, and science skills and concepts are included in large group activities and in small group learning centers. The children gain social skills, practice problem-solving, and learn

about themselves, their environment, and others through active play. They are encouraged to love learning, develop early literacy skills, and interact with others in a classroom setting.

Both science and social studies content will be covered at co-op, along with age appropriate calendar skills and various reading and math skills will be practiced weekly. On the four days per week that students are home, parents should focus on Math and English Language Arts content areas using whatever curriculum you have chosen to work through with your K5 student.

Music Class: Students attend music class each class day. 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.

TWO DAY MODEL:

In this model, the K5 class is made up of different class themes each week. Examples of weekly themes are All About Me, My Family, Five Senses, several weeks of fall themes such as Apples, Pumpkins, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter, Fairy Tales, Farm, Community Helpers, etc... Each week literacy, math, social studies, and science skills and concepts are included in large group activities and in small group learning centers. The children gain social skills, practice problem-solving, and learn about themselves, their environment, and others through active play. They are encouraged to love learning, develop early literacy skills, and interact with others in a classroom setting.

Students who attend the two day model will learn about the same theme for both Monday and Wednesday each week and will be able to do more activities and dive deeper into their weekly themes since they will have two full class days together. Both science and social studies content will be covered at co-op, along with age appropriate calendar skills, math facts and sight words will also be practiced weekly. On the three days per week that students are home, parents should focus on Math and English Language Arts content areas using whatever curriculum you have chosen to work through with your K5 student.

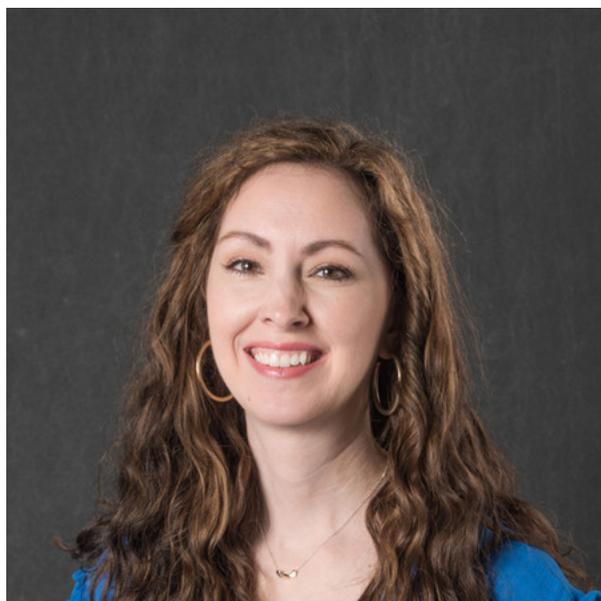
Students also enjoy Music and Art class once weekly as part of their class day.

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- **Art Class:** Students will attend art class once a week. K4-2nd grade students' study of art will encourage them to better see and appreciate God's own artistic brilliance in His lavish creation. Quality children's literature will be used to teach various art elements such as shape, line, texture, color, value, form and space. Students will put their learning in action by completing an art project each class day using a variety of media and hands-on learning.

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.

K5 Green Cedar- 1 Day Model (Mondays only)



Meet Lauren Garrison

Education:

- Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education, North Greenville University;
- Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Furman University

Teaching Experience:

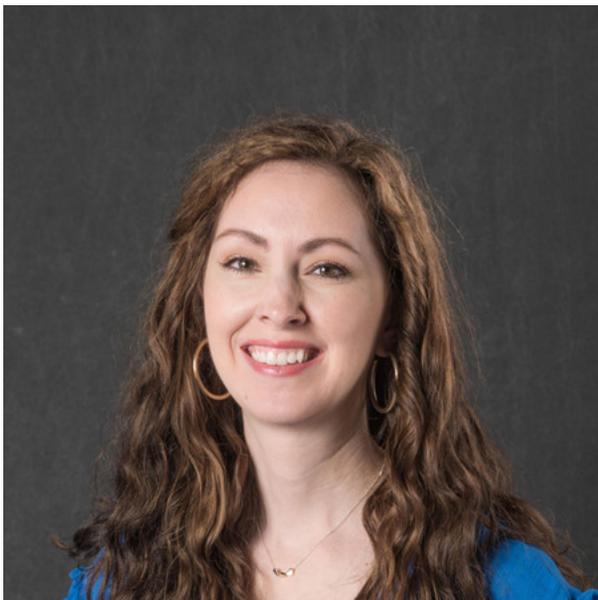
- 11 years in Pickens County public schools, 1st grade (4 years), ESOL (7 years)

Certifications:

- Early Childhood Education
- ESOL
- Gifted and Talented Endorsement

Began teaching at UHC in 2022

K5 Red Oak- 1 Day Model (Wednesdays only)



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- Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Furman University

Teaching Experience:

- 11 years in Pickens County public schools, 1st grade (4 years), ESOL (7 years)

Certifications:

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- ESOL
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Began teaching at UHC in 2022

K5 Yellow Birch- 2 Day Model (Mondays & Wednesdays)

**Meet Ashley Pruitt**

Education: Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Francis Marion University

Teaching experience:

- 1st grade reading (one year), 1st grade science (one year).
- K4 (five years in a public school in Anderson County, South Carolina.)
- Currently homeschooling elementary and middle school aged children

Certifications: Early Childhood Education

Courses taught at UHC: K5

Began teaching at UHC in 2019.

K5 Blue Spruce- 2 Day Model (Mondays & Wednesdays)



Meet Nancy Bretzmann, PhD

Education:

- **Doctorate in Language & Literacy, Ph.D. (2018)**
 - *Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI*
 - Dissertation: "Investigating Conversations about Writing Through Children's Eyes"
- **Master of Education (2007)**
 - *Carroll University, Waukesha, WI*
 - Master Thesis: "Reading Comprehension in Third Grade"
- **Colloquy (2002)**
 - *Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, WI*
- **Wisconsin Teaching Degree (1996)**

- *Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI*
- **Bachelor of Science, Retail Management (1983)**
- *University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI*
- Minor: Business Administration

Teaching Experience:

- 25 years at Divine Redeemer Lutheran School, Hartland, WI; K3 & K4 (3 years); K5 (5 years); 2nd (1 year); 3rd grade (12 years); 5th grade (4 years); includes Summer Step-Up Program (2 summers) and K3 & K4 Director (1 year)
- During the 25 years at Divine Redeemer Lutheran School: 20 years Personalized Tutoring; 11 years at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, WI as Student Teacher Supervisor; 4 years at Cardinal Stritch University, Fox Point, WI as Adjunct Instructor for Graduate and Undergraduate literacy courses & Master Instructor for the Literacy Center

Certifications:

- **Early Childhood Teacher**
 - South Carolina State Board of Education
- **Elementary Teacher**
 - South Carolina State Board of Education
- **Literacy Teacher**
 - South Carolina State Board of Education
- **Read to Succeed Literacy Teacher**
 - South Carolina State Board of Education
- **#317 Wisconsin Reading Specialist License**
 - Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI
- **#316 Wisconsin Reading Teacher License**
 - Carroll University, Waukesha, WI
- **Wisconsin Teaching Certificate (lifetime)**
 - Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI
 - Pre-Kindergarten – Primary Education (License #083)
 - Course work & field experience completed for Special Education

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Homeschool Experience:

- Spring 2023 substituting in a variety of classrooms
- Support of family members homeschooling nieces and nephews

Courses Taught at UHC: K5

Began teaching at UHC in 2023

K3 - 2nd Music - 1 & 2 Day Models



Meet Elizabeth Nugent

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Lander University

Teaching experience: UHC Elementary Music Teacher 2012-2018, Piano Teacher 1993-2000, 2011–2014, 2023-Present

Homeschool experience: Homeschooled our two sons 2005-2018, 2020-2022

Courses taught: K3-2nd Grade Elementary Music Classes

Began Teaching at UHC in 2012-2018, 2024-

K4 - 2nd Art - 2 Day Model



Meet Krista Milburn

Education: Liberty University, Elementary Education

Teaching experience:

- K5 teacher at Grace International School, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- K5-2nd grade art teacher at Masters Challenge Academy
- 1st-3rd grade teacher Crestview Christian Co -op
- K5 Teacher at UHC
- Homeschooled oldest daughter through High School and continuing to homeschool youngest daughter

UHC courses taught:

- K5
- K4-2nd Art

Began teaching at UHC:

- 2017-2020
- 2023

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