

## Adventurers Course Descriptions Winter/Spring 2022

Preschool  
Early Learners

### 1st hour

American History  
Cooperative Games  
Realistic Drawing  
Music  
Dungeons and Dragons  
Elementary Baking  
Hand Lettering  
Drama

### 2nd hour

Piano Lessons  
Pokemon Card Battling  
Hand Sewing  
Public Speaking  
Yoga  
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Mythical Monsters  
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### 3rd hour

Science with Explosions  
Science Experiments  
JavaScript/Python  
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Acting Skills  
Flag Football  
Medieval Guilds  
Random Learning

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## All Hours

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**Course Title:** Pre-School or Nursery

**Course Code:** 1PS, 2PS (under 3), 3PS(under 3) 1NU, 2NU, 3NU (under 1)

**Instructor Name:** Roxanne Hillman

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** 0-K5yrs

**Materials Fee:** \$20 (for all 3 hours) for craft and snack supplies for preschool, Nursery is just child care: \$0 fee.

**Instructor Fee:**0

**Class Min/Max:** 1+

**Course Description:** Join us for an hour (or three) of play-doh, songs, resting and snacks. Perfect for the “under 3” crowd.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** diapers, wipes, bottle/sippy cup, any other baby care items

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** year

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Professional Moms! If you love little ones and would like to help, please ask for more information.

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**Course Title:**Study Hall

**Course Code:** 1SH,2SH,3SH

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Course Description:** This is for students who do not have a class. They should be mature enough to work quietly on their own. Students are expected to sit independently in the fellowship hall without direct supervision.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** Any school materials they need.

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**Course Title:** Early Learners

**Course Code:** 1EL, 2EL, 3EL

**Instructor Name:** Early Learners team

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** 3-K5 (must be potty trained)

**Materials Fee:** \$10 each hour attended 1EL & 2EL; \$5 3EL

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Min/Max:**

**Course Description:** Kids have a blast learning the basics, exploring ideas, crafting, playing and making friends. Be prepared to go outside every week. We do have a snack time, so make sure we know about any special dietary needs your little one has. This class is offered 1st-3rd hours, but it only appears on the description once.

**Supplies to be provided by family:**

**Homework:** None

**Duration of class:** year

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Professional Moms! If you love little ones and would like to help, please ask Laura Cachia for more information.

## 1st Hour

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**Course Title:** American History

**Course Code:** 1AH

**Instructor Name:** Autumn Barnier

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** elem

**Materials Fee:** 7

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Mini/Maximum # of students:**3-6

**Course Description:** We will learn about early American history in a fun way with reading and activities.

**Homework:**

**Duration of class:** One semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Autumn is a homeschooling mom to four boys and has been a part of Adventurers for four years.

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**Course Title:** Cooperative Games

**Course Code:** 1CG

**Instructor Name:** Vicki Ghareeb

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** elem

**Materials Fee:** \$0

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Mini/Maximum:** 4-10

**Course Description:** Students will engage in a variety of active games to use up extra energy after being cooped up all winter.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Duration of class:** One semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** My husband George and I are blessed with 8 children. We have been homeschooling since 2004. Currently we have 5 in our homeschool. This is our 1st year attending Adventures.

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**Course Title:** Drama

**Course Code:** 1DR

**Instructor Name:** Diana Toole

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** All ages

**Materials Fee:** \$10

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Mini/Maximum:** 2-10

**Course Description:** We will choose, rehearse, prepare and perform a production for the stage over the course of a year. There will be opportunities to explore costuming, props, set design and build, and stage management, in addition to acting. The show will be decided as a class once we begin. Auditions will happen early in the semester.

**Homework:** memorization of lines

**Duration of class:** Yearlong. Materials fee is for one semester. Two semester commitment

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Diana Toole has been teaching with area homeschool groups for over fifteen years. She teaches a variety of classes from biology to theatre to creative writing. She started teaching due to a request from her aunt, then rapidly discovered that teaching is her favorite thing to do! She graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Michigan University in 2004 with a degree in psychology with a biology minor.

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**Course Title:** Music

**Course Code:** 1MUS

**Instructor Name:** Sarah Wilson

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** Upper Elementary, Lower Elementary, MS, HS

**Materials Fee:** \$8

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Minimum/Maximum:** 4-10

**Course Description:** Learn the basics of music theory, rhythm, and sight singing. We will learn rhythm through use of a drum pad and drum sticks. We will learn sight singing using the solfege hand signals.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** One semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** I am a follower of Jesus, mother of 3, who loves singing and music.

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**Course Title:** Realistic Drawing

**Course Code:** 1RD

**Instructor:** Melissa Lees

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** High School, 12+, Adult

**Materials Fee:** \$25/new, \$15 continuing **for:** drawing supplies. Students will get a starter set of pencils, paper, and other supplies. Continuing students will get other drawing supplies. Continuing students will get new pencils and premium blending brushes.

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Min/Max:** 2-6 (not counting any adults who audit)

**Course Description:** This class will explore techniques used in realism with charcoal.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** None

**Homework:** Students will need to work on their projects at home, but only as desired. This is a low stress class for pleasure, not perfection.

**Duration of class:** One semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** I won several state competitions in high school and county fair entries as an adult. I have no formal training, but have been teaching drawing at Adventurers for several years with many successful students. Because of this success, I started selling commissioned work on Etsy. I believe drawing should be fun, not stressful. I encourage my students to give it a try and be proud of their progress without comparing it to other students.

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**Course Title:** Dungeons and Dragons

**Course Code:** 1DD

**Instructor Name:** Jacob Zaugg

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** HS, MS

**Materials Fee:** \$3

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Mini/Maximum:** 2-6

**Course Description:** In this class, we are going to be playing the rpbg D&D.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** board, dice, book

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** I taught a class before, and I play D&D quite a bit.

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**Course Title:** Elementary Baking

**Course Code:** 1EB

**Instructor Name:** Suzette Petty

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** U/L elem, MS

**Materials Fee:** \$30

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Mini/Maximum:** 2-8

**Course Description:** To bake means to cook in an oven or a heated, enclosed space. Come join us as we bake a variety of tasty treats, from savory treats, like cheese crackers and mini pizzas, to sweet treats like cookies and pies.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Suzette Petty has been an adventures teacher for 7 years, and loves to bake. However, she's not big on using boxed mixes, so all of the recipes will be made from individual ingredients.

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**Course Title:** Hand Lettering

**Course Code:** 1HL

**Instructor Name:** Brandy Adams

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** 6-13

**Materials Fee:** \$20

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Mini/Maximum:** 4-10

**Course Description:** Let's explore the art of drawing letters! Students will create letters with pictures and words, create their own greeting cards with their own illustrations, while learning the basic strokes of hand lettering.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Brandy Adams is a classically trained singer, wife, and mom who thrives in creativity of all kinds, including decorating, cooking, and singing. She has performed with the Michigan Opera Theatre, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and in theatres and churches all around Michigan. Brandy is excited to explore hand lettering with our brilliant students.

## 2nd Hour

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**Course Title:** Piano Lessons

**Course Code:**2PL

**Instructor Name:** Christina Ban

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** High School, Middle School, Upper Elementary

**Materials Fee:** \$10

**Instructor Fee:**\$0

**Class Min/Max:**4-10

**Course Description:** Come and learn the basics of piano playing! In this 12 week course, you will learn how to read music both in the bass and treble clef, interval reading that will lead to chord playing, and you'll learn the wonderful world of style markings. After 12 weeks, you'll have basic knowledge of piano playing to either continue on your own or through private lessons.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** piano or basic keyboard

**Homework:** weekly practice of songs

**Duration of class:** One Semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** I have been teaching children to tickle the ivory keys of the piano for over 25 years! Nothing brings me more joy than to pass on my love of music! For more on my piano instruction please see my website at: [www.pianowithmrschristina.com](http://www.pianowithmrschristina.com)

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**Course Title:** Octoball

**Course Code:**2OCT

**Instructor Name:** Melissa Lees

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** 6+

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Min/Max:** 4+

**Class Fee:** \$2

**Course Description:** Octoball is a game played in an octagonal rink with short walls and a foursquare or other rubbery ball. Kids bend down and hit the ball with their hands and try to tag other students on the legs (from the knee down) to get them out. It is sort of like dodgeball, but with only one ball, less force, and only the lower legs can get a person out. Hitting someone on the body with the ball does not count, and hitting someone on the head gets a player sidelined.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** Close toed shoes are recommended since children will be running and jumping in close quarters. *We will be outside so dress warmly as the days get colder.*

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** This was the first class I taught at Adventurers many years ago. It was a lot of fun!

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**Course Title:** Pokemon Card Battles

**Course Code:** 2PCB

**Instructor Name:** Laura Cachia

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** elem, MS

**Materials Fee:** \$20

**Instructor Fee:** \$0

**Class Min/Max:** 3-10

**Course Description:** Gotta catch em all!! Come have fun discussing cards, trading if the kids desire, and most of all BATTLING! I will supply kids with some new cards and goodies related to Pokemon.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** pokemon cards

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Laura has been part of Adventurers for over 2 years and is also a class coordinator. She has taught multiple classes for elementary kids and we always have a blast!

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**Course Title:** Hand Sewing

**Course Code:** 2HS

**Instructor Name:** Diana Toole

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** elem, MS, HS

**Materials Fee:** \$15

**Instructor fee:** 0

**Class min/max:** 2-10

**Course Description:** I believe that learning hand sewing is an important skill to possess. This class has been set up with activities, in a specific order, to help ease into the craft. The projects are set up so that the most basic beginner can complete them, and move forward gently to more and more complex projects. And the first two projects help with all the rest. Each student will be able to move through the projects at their own pace. They may also linger at a project and create more than one. All materials will be provided to the students.

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Diana Toole has been teaching with area homeschool groups for over fifteen years. She teaches a variety of classes from biology to theatre to creative writing. She started teaching due to a request from her aunt, then rapidly discovered that teaching is her favorite thing to do! She graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Michigan University in 2004 with a degree in psychology with a biology minor. She remains a perpetual student by researching topics to design classes around. She currently lives in Belleville Michigan with her husband, Gary, eleven year old son, Roland, and a variety of wonderful pets.

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**Course Title:** Public Speaking

**Course Code:** 2PB

**Instructor Name:** Vicki Ghareeb

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** lower and upper elementary

**Materials Fee:** 0

**Instructor Fee:** 0

**Class Min/Max:** 4-10

**Course Description:** Using strategies from Toastmasters, the students will learn leadership skills as well as public speaking skills. The students will take on each role of running the class as a meeting.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** prepare short speeches

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** My husband George and I are blessed with 8 children. We have been homeschooling since 2004. Currently we have 5 in our homeschool. This is our 1st year attending Adventures.

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**Course Title:** Yoga

**Course Code:** 2YO

**Instructor Name:** Sarah Wilson

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** elem, MS, HS

**Materials Fee:** 0

**Instructor Fee:**0

**Class Min/Max:**3-10

**Course Description:** In this basic yoga class, postures will be practiced to align, strengthen, and promote flexibility in the body. Breathing techniques and meditation will also be integrated.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** towel or yoga mat

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** One semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** I am a follower of Jesus and a mother of 3 that loves singing and music.

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**Course Title:** Mythical Monsters

**Course Code:** 2MM

**Instructor Name:** Melissa Lawrence

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** High School, Middle School, Upper Elementary

**Materials Fee:** TBD

**Instructor Fee:** \$0

**Class Min/Max:** 4-10

**Course Description:** Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Wait! No, this class is about mythical creatures like dragons, chimeras, and other fanciful creatures that only exist in the imagination of men. Does that include unicorns, leviathans, and behemoths? Sign up for this class to find out!

**Supplies to be provided by family:**

**Homework:** TBD

**Duration of class:** One Semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** My name is Melissa Lawrence, and this is our family's second semester at Adventurers. I've been fascinated by the middle ages since I could read, and I began participating in medieval reenactments through the Society

for Creative Anachronism when I was in high school. My bachelor's degree (after many twists and turns) is in history, with an emphasis in medieval history. Our family attends medieval events throughout the year, including week long camping events. I hope you'll enjoy learning more about the arts and sciences of the middle ages with me!

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**Course Title:** Fiber Arts

**Course Code:** 2FA

**Instructor Name:** Breanna Broderick

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** High School, Middle School, Upper Elementary

**Materials Fee:** \$20

**Instructor Fee:** \$0

**Class Min/Max:** 3-10

**Course Description:** Learn about felting, spinning yarn, dyeing, crochet, knitting, weaving, and more!

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** One Semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Brenna is a mom of 5, and a true homesteader. Come learn about fiber arts from the best!

## 3rd Hour

**Course Title:** Medieval Guilds: Hands on History

**Course Code:** 2MG

**Instructor Name:** Melissa Lawrence

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** High School, Middle School, Upper Elementary

**Materials Fee:** \$40 **for:** Fabric for tunics and trim, leather for pouches, shield blanks for heraldry, materials to make padded swords, calligraphy and painting supplies, mini catapults and trebuchets, embroidery materials and fabric, and food ingredients for our end of semester class feast.

**Instructor Fee:** \$0

**Class Min/Max:** 4-12

**Course Description:** Welcome to hands-on medieval history as we learn about the arts and sciences of the medieval guilds of western Europe!

Projects planned include:

- designing your heraldic coat of arms and painting it on a shield
  - making a leather pouch
  - sewing a simple tabard to wear
  - making and using boffer swords
  - learning to use calligraphy pens and different hands (scripts) while designing a scroll of your favorite verse or poem
  - learning embroidery stitches to embellish your tabard
  - building small models of siege weapons
  - viewing examples of stained glass and designing your own rose window
  - bake bread and learn about food and feasts
  - learning about manners and chivalry, with a visit from "modern" real life knights who will demonstrate sword fighting
- \*The semester will culminate with a class feast!\*

Topics and projects will be guided by student interest and course time available. We won't be able to do all planned projects, but we'll do as many as possible!

High school students are welcome to take on leadership roles as guild masters, working with me to help facilitate the class. (I will email/call/meet with guild masters in order to prepare them for the week's projects. This will be according to their interests and won't be every week!)

**Supplies to be provided by family:** notebook and pencil

**Homework:** Less than an hour a week of handouts or recommended reading to prepare for the next week's class. It's possible students may want to bring projects home to work on during the week, depending on the level of detail they want to do. (There should be plenty of time in class, and there will be free time/project time built into the schedule.)

**Duration of class:** One Semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** My name is Melissa Lawrence, and this is our family's second semester at Adventurers. I've been fascinated by the middle ages since I could read, and I began participating in medieval reenactments through the Society for Creative Anachronism when I was in high school. My bachelor's degree (after many twists and turns) is in history, with an emphasis in medieval history. Our family attends medieval events throughout the year, including week long camping events. I hope you'll enjoy learning more about the arts and sciences of the middle ages with me!

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**Course Title:** Acting Skills

**Course Code:** 3AS

**Instructor Name:** Autumn Barnier

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** ms/hs/adults

**Materials Fee:** \$7

**Instructor Fee:** \$0

**Class Min/Max:** 3-8

**Course Description:** In this class, we will focus on a few key acting principles and focus a little more on ones we couldn't get to this past semester, including but not limited to voice acting, public speaking, and using emotions on demand to get into character.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** paper and pencil.

**Homework:** suggestion on study or group assignments

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Autumn has four theatre loving sons and in the past has taught a voice acting class and also a film making class with the help of her oldest son.

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**Course Title:** Science with Explosions

**Course Code:**3EX

**Instructor Name:** Christina Ban

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** elem

**Materials Fee:** \$10

**Instructor Fee:** \$0

**Class Min/Max:** 3-10

**Course Description:** Throughout the 12 week course, we will be doing science experiments that create chemical reactions that result in explosions... Both little, medium, and probably a few big ones! Worry not, these experiments have been tested as safe. After the experiment, we will return to class and talk about the science behind the explosion. Fun way to dive into the science behind chemical reactions.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** as a music teacher at heart, part of my brain loves science, especially chemical reactions. I'm a teacher who believes that children learn more by experiencing what they are learning.

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**Course Title:** Science Experiments

**Course Code:** 3SE

**Instructor Name:** Suzette Petty

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** MS/HS

**Materials Fee:** \$30

**Instructor Fee:**0

**Class Min/Max:**2-8

**Course Description:** Learn about science through experimentation. We will cover a different scientific principle each week with an experiment to go along with it.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** clothes that can get messy!

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** One semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Suzette has been a teacher at Adventurers for 7 years, has taught a variety of classes and loves to learn new things!

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**Course Title:** Java/Python

**Course Code:** 3JP

**Instructor Name:** Tom Zaugg

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** MS, HS

**Materials Fee:** \$0

**Instructor Fee:**0

**Class Min/Max:**5-10

**Course Description:** Introduction to the Java programming language (not JavaScript). Students will learn to program in Java. To get an idea of what you can do in Java note that Minecraft is written in Java. programming is easy once you know the basics. This course will provide those basics.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** access to laptop

**Homework:** programming assignment each week

**Duration of class:** One semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Dr Zaugg is a research scientist at Maxar. He learned Java by writing custom plugins for his son's minecraft server a few years back.

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**Course Title:** Russian 2

**Course Code:** 3RU

**Instructor Name:** John Broderick

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** all ages

**Materials Fee:** \$0

**Instructor Fee:**\$0

**Class Min/Max:** 2+

**Course Description:** Continue learning the basics of the Russian language.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Mr Broderick is a father of 5 who is an engineer outside of homeschooling!

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**Course Title:** Flag Football

**Course Code:** 3FF

**Instructor Name:** TBD

**Class Coordinator:** Cachia

**Age Level:** Elem/MS/HS

**Materials Fee:** TBD

**Instructor Fee:**0

**Class Min/Max:**2-10

**Course Description:** have fun playing flag football together!

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** TBD

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**Course Title:** Random Learning

**Course Code:** 3RL

**Instructor Name:** Diana Toole

**Class Coordinator:** Barnier

**Age Level:** all ages

**Materials Fee:** \$5

**Instructor Fee:**

**Class Min/Max:** 2-10

**Course Description:** Come have fun with Mrs Toole by learning about something new every week! Let's keep things fresh and fun by discovering a new topic through various methods of learning and playing.

**Supplies to be provided by family:** none

**Homework:** none

**Duration of class:** one semester

**Brief Instructor Bio:** Diana Toole has been teaching with area homeschool groups for over fifteen years. She teaches a variety of classes from biology to theatre to creative writing. She started teaching due to a request from her aunt, then rapidly discovered that teaching is her favorite thing to do! She graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Michigan University in 2004 with a degree in psychology with a biology minor.

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**Course Title:**

**Course Code:**

**Instructor Name:**

**Class Coordinator:**

**Age Level:**

**Materials Fee:**

**Instructor Fee:**

**Class Min/Max:**

**Course Description:**

**Supplies to be provided by family:**

**Homework:**

**Duration of class:**

**Brief Instructor Bio:**