



# Class Descriptions

## 2025 Winter+Spring Semester

**Please note: all age cutoffs are teacher recommendations for these classes. Use your best judgment based on your child's level of maturity for the subject matter and your child's ability to interact appropriately with students of the specified age. Thank you and feel free to reach out if you have questions to [sparrowshomeed@gmail.com](mailto:sparrowshomeed@gmail.com).**

**Volunteer Facilitator (with prepared curriculum)**  
**PreK-Kindergarten | ages 4-5**

Your prek/kindergarten aged students will enjoy a literature and hands on approach to learning and will be outside for part of class as long as weather permits.

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**Kelly Caliguri**  
**Science**

*About Kelly:*

Hi, I'm Kelly Caliguri. I've been homeschooling my daughters for 4 years and started teaching Math at Sparrows in the spring of 2024. I have a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State University. I spent 25 years working in various industries including HVAC, aerospace and, for the past 20 years, in implantable medical devices at Medtronic. I'll be expanding my teaching at homeschool coops to include science classes. I really enjoyed teaching at Sparrows and am excited for the new year!!

*Class Description:*

This will be a general science class that includes elements of life science, physical science, biology, chemistry and physics. Each week, we will explore a different scientific topic. Students will be sent home with materials related to the week's topic to return in the next class. Some classes will include an experiment or lab element.

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*Fee to be paid directly to instructor:*

- \$60 per student

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**Annalea Deems**  
**Beginner's Spanish**

*About Annalea:*

Hola! My name is Annalea Deems. I will be teaching the Beginners Spanish class. I am in my senior year of high school and enjoy learning the Spanish language. I have taken three years of high school level Spanish class from the La Clase Divertida® Spanish Program. Last year I had the opportunity to be a teacher's assistant (and substitute) for half of a semester. I have found through other experiences as well, that I love teaching. I have been able to teach some children's Sunday school classes and also some athletic academics. The goal of the Beginners Spanish class will be to have taught your student conversational Spanish and different phrases. The age that your student is at now is the best age to begin learning a new language! My hope is to instruct students in a way that they will remember these useful phrases and words for years to come.

*Class Description:*

Beginner's Spanish Class is an interactive class for students who are new to the Spanish language. Using teacher instruction, games, activities, and practice we will walk through 12 weeks of class with the end goal of learning beginner level phrases and conversational Spanish. A class tuition fee will be charged of \$25 per student for the semester. There will be two classes; one will be for students ages 6-8 and a second class for students ages 9-11. The material will be the same for both classes, but still tailored to your student's age range. No grades will be given; however, worksheets will be sent out for the students to complete at home. These assignments will not be required, but highly recommended. They will keep the material more fresh in the student's mind, as we are only meeting once a week. It can also help make the classes more fruitful for your student. I am so very excited for this semester to learn and have fun alongside your student!

Dios les bendiga.

- Annalea Deems

*Supply fee to be paid directly to instructor: \$25 per student*

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**Mike Deems**  
**Strong Sparrows**

*About Mike:*

My name is Mike Deems and I teach Strong Sparrows (Physical Education). I'm a husband to Laura, father of four, and a 26 year retired veteran of the US Military. I hold a bachelor's and master's degree and I'm passionate about sharing my love of physical training. Our family enjoys spending time serving in our church, homeschooling, and doing overseas missions.

*Class Description:*

Strong Sparrows is a weekly physical training evolution that will focus on a combination of:

1. Sports, sportsmanship, and healthy competition and
2. Aerobic and anaerobic physical exercises that will improve upper body, lower body, and core strength as well as mobility, agility, and balance

...all in a fun learning and challenging environment.

Required supplies:

Water bottle and appropriate footwear

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**Jo Kiel**

**Citizenship & World Missions**

*About Jo:*

Jo and her husband, Jeff served as missionaries to Brazil for over 20 years. She has a heart and a passion to share the love of missions with the next generation. Jo's testimony is a moving story that she enjoys using as an object lesson for kids. Your child will be enraptured by her storytelling and gain so much insight to the world as she shares miracle after miracle of God's work around the globe.

*Class Description:*

Discover the world through the eyes of long-time-missionary and world traveler, Jo Kiel. Experience stories of miracles and testimony - meeting our Omnipotent God in a fresh and exciting way!

Required supplies:

Pencil

Unlined notebook/journal

Optional:

Colored pencils

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**Julia Mederich**

**Tales and Traits | ages 6-8**

*About Julia:*

Hello, my name is Julia! I am married to my best friend, Jordan, and we have been blessed with four amazing children (Jett, Jamey, Jack, and Journey). We have been homeschooling since the beginning, drawing inspiration from a Charlotte Mason philosophy. My joy as my children's educator is to create a home that encourages curiosity and wonder, with Christ in the center of it all. Our family loves being outdoors, no matter the weather, and if we could be anywhere in the world it would be in California - either exploring the tide pools or hiking in the sequoia mountains.

*Class Description:*

In this class, we will read living books to highlight character traits and virtues. Each class will include a discussion on the weekly trait and a hands on activity or craft related to the story. The goal with this class is to encourage the students to reflect on the story's lesson and apply them to their own lives.

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**Larry Mederich**  
**Apologetics**

*About Larry:*

Larry Mederich is the husband of Kelli, dad to 5 awesome kids and granddad to 8 even more awesome grandkids. He has planted and pastored 3 churches over a period of 40 years, and is recently retired. He holds a Masters of Theology from Wheaton College and enjoys teaching God's Word to young and old alike. He can be reached at 715-417-1589.

*Class Description:*

The goal of this class is to, in a fun and engaging way, teach the core truths of God's Word so convincingly that the students will know them and believe them. Additionally, age-appropriate skills will be discussed to help the students defend their faith.

[See syllabus here.](#)

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**Alicia Nelson**  
**Portrait Drawing | ages 10+**

*About Alicia:*

Alicia has over 15 years experience in commissioning portrait artwork using a variety of mediums such as graphite, oils, and pastels.

*Class Description:*

In this course, we will learn the basics to drawing the human head. We will explore a variety of techniques using basic shapes, lines and shading, as well as study facial composition and rhythms to the face. Our final project will be creating a realistic self portrait in graphite and charcoal.

*Supply fee to be paid directly to instructor: \$15 per student*

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**Anna Ochoa**

## **Sparrows Improv | ages 10+**

### *About Anna:*

My name is Anna Ochoa. I am a lover of Jesus! I am a wife to Carlos Ochoa of 25 years! I am a mom of 6 boys! I have homeschooled for the last 13 years. Before children, I served in Guatemala where I oversaw an orphanage. Upon returning, I received a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice and close to a minor in Spanish. I spent most of my working years training instructors to coach persons with mental disabilities and as an on call interper. I love Jesus. I love children. There is no greater love of mine then leading people to grow closer to Jesus!

### *Class Description:*

Ready for some laughs and a whole lot of fun....then this is the right class. This class will teach students to think, and to feel in the moment. It will help them to make creative decisions on the spot and to brainstorm on their feet. Students will grow in their public speaking skills while they participate in fun group games, exercises and spontaneous speeches and debates. Students will learn and practice the basic skills and rules to perform the highly comically improv. Students will have the opportunity to perform in the morning assembly and at the spring showcase.

What is improv?

Improv (also known as impro) is short for improvisation. It's spontaneous ensemble theater. It is an art form where the performers make up the theater, usually comedy on the spot.

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## **Jayna Olson**

### **Worship Team | ages 10+**

### *About Jayna:*

Hello! My husband and I live in Amery with our three kids. I enjoy running and exercise, cooking, lake activities, and spending time with family. I also work part time as a nurse. Playing piano is one of my favorite things! My husband and I organize our church's worship team, and we often lead music for the Sunday morning service. The joy of serving and connecting with God through worship has been a great blessing on my life, and I would love to help students experience this blessing as well!

### *Class Description:*

Connect with God through music and corporate worship! Student musicians will practice their skills and learn to play/sing together in a band equipped to lead others in worship songs. **Class participants should have prior training or experience** singing or playing instruments such as piano, acoustic, electric, or bass guitar, or drums/percussion. **Instruments other than those listed need to be approved by the instructor prior to registration.** Students playing instruments should know basic chords and be able to play from chord sheets (words with chord

symbols). Specifics for instrument needs will be arranged once students are enrolled. Please contact instructor with any questions.

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**Jenna Peterson**  
**Yearbook | 13+**

*About Jenna:*

Howdy! I'm Jenna and our family lives and works together in Osceola, WI on our family farm and meat shop. I have two cowboys and two cowgirls in training. I have always loved art and have the following qualifications to offer:

1. In kindergarten, I won an art contest out of 300 kids.
2. I love highschoolers. They're a gas!
3. I successfully ran a photography business for many years.
4. I have had a hand and led in many areas of marketing with our farm and meat shop from logos to tape to photography, packing, shipping, customer notes, and newsletter layout.

If you enjoy people and working together to make something really cool and beautiful, join yearbook class!

*Class Description:*

This class will include designing and formatting our Sparrows yearbook for the 2024-2025 schoolyear. Photography, art, layout, design, and more. So much fun.

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**April Rist**  
**Creative Writing & Cupcake Decorating**

*About April:*

Hi. My name is April Rist. I live in Clear Lake, WI with my husband (of almost 30 years) and our two daughters, Mara (16) and Anessa (12). We have lived in Wisconsin for 17 years. I have a bachelor's degree in business administration from the State University of New York. Prior to Covid, I was a licensed substitute teacher for the Clear Lake School District where my girls attended public school. During Covid, we decided to homeschool our girls. They absolutely loved it, so we decided to stay with homeschooling instead of going back to public school. This will be my third year teaching in a co-op environment. I truly enjoy helping the kids learn and reading all the wonderful ideas they write.

*Class Description for Creative Writing:*

Welcome to Creative Writing. This semester we will continue to improve our writing skills. Our primary goal will be getting students to write and have fun doing it. Each week we will focus on a

different aspect of our writing to make it better. Most weeks students will be given a writing prompt where they need to finish the thought and complete a story from there. There WILL be homework for this class- not an excessive amount, but some.

**Prerequisite:** Students must already be in Creative Writing for the fall semester.

Required supplies:

Pencils

Erasers

Colored pencils or crayons

Single subject notebook.

Pencil pouch

***Supply fee to be paid directly to instructor: \$10 per student***

*Class Description for Cupcake Decorating:*

Welcome to Cupcake Decorating. Each week we will each decorate a cupcake based on a theme. Students will learn how to use different decorating tools as well as have an opportunity to use these tools. I plan on doing a snowman cupcake, flowers, cookie monster, a Valentine's Day design, an Easter design, and several others. Students must be capable of following safety rules in the kitchen and be able to follow directions.

***Supply fee to be paid directly to instructor: \$20 per student***

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*Pay instructor directly at orientation, the first day of class, or pay via Venmo: @April\_Rist\_GS*

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**Mara Rist**

**American Sign Language**

*Class Description:*

In this class, students will learn the basics of American Sign Language. They will learn to finger-spell, introduce themselves using ASL, and uphold simple conversations. Some other topics will include simple adjectives, directions, and objects. Additionally, they will be taught hints to properly communicate with deaf people.

*Fee to be paid directly to instructor: \$20 per student*

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**Caitlin Schwanke**

**Volleyball | ages 8+**



*About Caitlin:*

My husband, Ethan, and I live with our six children on a small hobby farm near Dresser, WI. I have played and coached volleyball at a middle school, high school, and club level and genuinely love and enjoy the sport. I hope you learn to do the same!

*Class Description:*

Learn the basics of volleyball and have fun implementing them in mini games and full play.

Recommended supplies:

Athletic shoes and a water bottle

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**Ellie Schwoch**

**Watercolor Basics | ages 8-12**

*About Ellie + Class Description:*

Hi! My name is Ellie, and I'm a 14-year-old artist with a passion for watercolor painting. In this class, I'll be teaching a variety of fun and creative techniques to help you explore and improve your watercolor skills. This class is perfect for 8-12-year-olds who want to dive into the world of watercolor and express themselves through art. I'm excited to help you discover new ways to paint and make each piece uniquely yours!

*Fee to be paid directly to instructor: \$20 per student*

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**Volunteer Facilitator**

**Lego Free Play | ages 6+**

Build, create, and enjoy open ended play in a classroom full of legos.

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