

## Nature Study the Charlotte Mason Way: Winter Edition

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<b>Grades:</b>	<b>3rd-5th</b>
<b>Day of Week:</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Time of Class:</b>	<b>1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EST</b>
<b>Length of Class:</b>	<b>10 weeks</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Winter 2021</b>
<b>Tuition:</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
	<b>SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE!</b>

### Class Dates:

Week 1: January 11  
Week 2: January 18  
Week 3: January 25  
Week 4: February 1  
Week 5: February 8  
Week 6: February 15  
Week 7: February 22  
Week 8: March 1  
Week 9: March 8  
Week 10: March 15  
Make Up Week: March 22

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### **Description of Class:**

Come learn with us about the natural sciences in a fun, immersive way! In this class, we'll be exploring the natural world and learning nature identification skills (we'll learn to identify common birds, trees, reptiles, wildflowers, insects, rocks, and etc.), survival skills (we'll learn what plants are edible and medicinal, how to build shelters, how to do natural first aid, etc.), and even some art skills (with nature journaling!) by spending time outside, in our own backyards, the Charlotte Mason way.

### **Class Approach:**

We'll learn about a new topic each week with pictures, videos, and discussion and kids will be sent home with craft and activity ideas that incorporate their newfound natural knowledge.

### **Goals:**

Students will learn interesting new facts about the natural world and most importantly will learn how to better appreciate, wonder at, and connect with the life outside their windows.

### **Textbook:**

N/A

### **Supplies/Resources Needed:**

sketchbook (for nature journaling)  
sketching pencil  
set of colored pencils

### **Optional Supplies**

Binocular (highly recommended)  
Portable pencil case  
Portable watercolor set  
Water brush  
Magnifying glass  
Plastic bead organizer (for nature specimens)  
Field guides (National Audubon Society is great for nearly everything, as well as Peterson and National Geographic, Sibley is awesome for birds specifically, as well as Kaufman or Stokes; more info posted on Canvas, accessible once you sign up)  
Access to a smart phone and field guide apps (once again more info on Canvas)

### **Requirements:**

Each student is responsible for attending the weekly classes and treating fellow students (as well as the inhabitants of the outside world they'll be interacting with) with respect.

### Weekly Homework:

As this is a Charlotte Mason-style class, we will mostly stick with the “no homework” policy of Charlotte Mason. However, since this class only meets weekly, there is one exception: at least one weekly nature journal entry. There will also always be optional homework including things like ideas for outdoor activities, crafts, recipes, videos to watch, articles and such to read, websites to explore, etc.

### Grading Scale:

Pass/fail

### Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction
Week 2	Mammals: Part 1
Week 3	Mammals: Part 2
Week 4	Reptiles
Week 5	Fish & Amphibians
Week 6	Rocks & Minerals
Week 7	Birds: Part 1
Week 8	Birds: Part 2
Week 9	Trees: Part 1
Week 10	Trees: Part 2