

Nature Study the Charlotte Mason Way: Spring Edition

Grades:	3rd-5th
Day of Week:	Monday
Time of Class:	1:00 pm - 2:30pm EST
Length of Class:	10 weeks
Semester:	Spring 2021
Tuition:	\$250.00

Class Dates:

Week 1: April 5

Week 2: April 12

Week 3: April 19

Week 4: April 26

Week 5: May 3

Mid-Term Break May 10 - 16 (Eid Al Fitr)

Week 6: May 17

Week 7: May 24

Week 8: May 31

Week 9: June 7

Week 10: June 14

Make Up Week: June 21

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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

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

sketchbook (for nature journaling)

sketching pencil

set of colored pencils

(optional) binoculars (highly recommended)

(optional) portable pencil case

(optional) portable watercolor set

(optional) water brush

(optional) magnifying glass

(optional) plastic bead organizer (for nature specimens)

(optional) 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)

(optional) 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	Plants: Part 1 (Introduction to Plants)
Week 3	Plants: Part 2 (Edible & Medicinal Plants)
Week 4	Plants: Part 3 (Wildflowers, Garden Flowers, & Weeds)
Week 5	How to Grow a Garden
Week 6	Insects: Part 1
Week 7	Insects: Part 2
Week 8	Basic Survival Skills: Part 1
Week 9	Basic Survival Skills: Part 2
Week 10	The Seaside & Ocean Life