

# **Courses Offered By**

## **The Team Morgan Instructors**

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classes held on Mondays and Wednesdays)*

**NOTE: CLASSES ARE LISTED IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST).  
FOR STUDENTS IN THE CENTRAL TIME ZONE, ADJUST THE TIME  
ONE HOUR EARLIER.**

## **Monday CLASSES - Elementary**

### **FOREST & SURVIVAL SCHOOL I**

(Suggested grade levels are 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>)

Class time: 10am, In-Person Class& Zoom

Using “Play the Forest School Way”, our young explorers will study nature through mapping, scavenger hunts, and photographic memory. Using the “Nature Connection” and the students’ own back yard, their curiosity will be allowed to flourish as they seek to understand and appreciate all our world has for us.

During our time together, we will learn basic tips on everyday situations to guide young students to avoid danger, protect themselves and

serving others. Topics will also include wildlife, tree and bird identifications, shelters, and what to eat and not eat in the wild.

Join us as we instruct students in how to prepare for time spent outdoors and in survival situations. They will practice using navigational skills in extreme weather conditions, how to administer first aid along with receiving practical instruction on a variety of plants that can be used for surviving as well as medicinal purposes.

There are no weapons used in this class but rather an opportunity to learn how to survive without them. Learning to make protective coverings against weather hazards as well as mapping skills rounds off this amazing and very popular class.

Don't miss this one!

## **PHENOMENAL FABULOUS NEW FUN FACTS**

(Suggested grade levels are 2<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>)

Class time: 11am, In-Person Class & Zoom

Want to know more about our world and how things work in it?

Learning fun facts has never been so exciting! While we enjoy memorizing our states and capitals along with our presidents through games, puzzles and maybe a song or two, we will also join together with the National Geographic Kids researching other fascinating details! Think FAR out and FUN-tastic facts with incredible information about our planets, space, animals delicious and weird food, insects, weather, ancient history and you name it! Exciting and adventurous topics galore are in store while your children are mesmerized by our great big wide world out there!

Join us as we celebrate these topics using our hands on and unique presentations as each student learns from the other. This is a wonderful

introductory class for working in teams with partners and groups to learn to speak in front of others with confidence.

Come join our adventure!

## **HANDS-ON GEOGRAPHY 101**

(Suggested grade levels are 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>)

Class time: 12:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

Our journey begins in an exciting world led by hands-on activities that will teach and include locations, places, relationships, movement and regions. Using the “National Geographic Atlas,” students will be fascinated as they learn about the unique and fascinating countries and cultures.

Students will also enjoy learning different types of mapping such as using an atlas and a compass. Basics are also covered using variations and legends and mastery begins as they use several different mediums like enlarging them, painting, colors, drawing, labeling, copying and tracing.

World cultures are also introduced through activities that include current events, food and sports. Using our latest technology the children can be led by their own curiosity and it is easy to see why they hate it when we say, “Time’s up” and class is over!

## **WRITING-LEVEL I**

(Suggested grade levels are 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)

Class time: 1:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

Calling all elementary age writers! This class is for confident and reluctant writers alike.

This will finally be the year students can be assured that they will no longer need to think up something to write about! We begin our course by learning how to make a keyword outline. This allows students to practice organizing their thoughts, take notes, and rewrite the stories in their own creative words.

They will be guided every step of the way as we slowly add decorations and embellishments in order to make their writing something to be proud of. Students will be surprised at how simple it can be to take their writing from good to GREAT!

This course is a toolbox that will stay with students for the rest of their life and adds inestimable value to their creativity, confidence and empowerment as young writers, thinkers and speakers! We will be using the Institute for Excellence in Writing Level A along with a few other resources to especially engage those reluctant learners!

Let's dive in and start creating together!

## **GRAMMAR I WITH IMAGINATIVE LITERATURE**

(Suggested grade levels 3<sup>RD</sup>- 5<sup>TH</sup>)

Class time: 2:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

There is nothing more empowering and magical as exploring classical literature!

Students will dive into several brilliant novels! All works of fiction have three basic elements, which are context, structure and style. We will focus on the details of each story and students will deconstruct conflict, plot, settings, characters, and themes. This class is going to be full of rich

discussion and enjoyable projects while we master important grammatical concepts.

As a class, we will not simply be learning factual information, but instead we will be deconstructing a novel's inherent message. Each author has his or her own worldview and is offering that perspective to us as we enter into their fictional world. Students will discover how to comprehend each author's personal worldview.

As a group, we will see how it affects our belief systems and students will then be able to view their world through the lens of seasoned authors. We will be using Fix It Grammar this year, which allows students to learn to be their own editors! The game-like challenge of discovering grammar mistakes becomes a classroom favorite!

# **Monday Classes - Middle & High School**

## **EXTRAORDINARY ENGLISH 101 FOR HIGH SCHOOL –WITH CREATIVE WRITING**

(Suggested grade levels are 8-12)

Class time: 10am, In-Person Class & Zoom

This one-of-a-kind course combines the best of creative writing techniques while still mastering literary devices, grammar, comprehension and we can't forget poetry! Using passages that date back as far as 1923, we will enhance reading and comprehension skills.

There will also be a weekly entrance into the fascinating world of Creative Writing where we will process a series of unique and interesting writing styles through several practicums. Our class will grow and expand our techniques by observing and practicing a variety of skill sets to include the short essay on the fantastical as well as real life stories. They will enjoy a front row seat into this creative world that will have students excited and looking forward to a challenging, inspiring and a downright fun class.

## **GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS**

(Suggested grades levels are 8-12)

Class time: 11am, In-Person Class & Zoom

myMGM Academy will be changing it up this year by involving students more in the practical application of the ever-changing government.

There needs to be something provoked in our children that will inspire them not to only be knowledgeable but to desire to participate whenever possible. Using the book series “You Decide,” students will look at real life Supreme Court cases. Through a variety of activities using the Constitution and Bill of Rights, they will defend each case on their own, with partners and even teams. While each student’s personal expression will be encouraged, they will also get a firsthand look at what the American legal system uses in determining important decisions.

They will also investigate the Branches, articles, amendments, and the birth of our Constitutional rights. To bring education off the page, we will also be using games and activities for both government and economics. Our Economics class is a fast-paced learning experience starting with “Whatever Happened to Penny Candy?” and ending with a mock money market game that gives them a chance to “buy” their own stocks and watch what happens!

## **WORLDS COLLIDING IN LITERATURE-A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE**

(Suggested for grades 8-12)

Class time: 12:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

How we all look at literature can make the difference between life changing experiences and nonchalant boredom. Join us on this amazing journey that encourages students to be uplifted even when they disagree with the author’s intent. Sometimes classes can “spur us to greatness” even when the reflection of them reveals the fallen state of mankind. Based on a Christian perspective, we will analyze strong classics like: The War of the Worlds, A Tale of Two Cities, Screwtape Letters, Fahrenheit 451.

The conflicts in nature will be studied as we look at some stories over 100 years old to compare how authors themselves have been challenged to describe, be lyrical, poetic and vibrant. Leaving us with a life changing moment or a thought that makes us as C.S. Lewis states, "Their whole consciousness is changed. They have become what they were not before."

Hope you can join us!

## **TRUE AMERICAN HISTORY- BOOKS TO INSPIRE**

(Suggested grade levels are 8-12)

Class time: 1:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

Never has there been a better time to study our American History where we will cover "Everything you Need to Know about American History but Never Learned." As we go through important and relevant parts of TRUE historical events that took place so long ago, our emphasis will be on valuable discussions as to the changes happening to alter these facts. Detailed timelines will also be made and used throughout the academic year.

We will also read David McCullough where we will discuss and seek to model the amazing "Brave Companions" of American History. Studying these often-forgotten men and using hands-on and group activities should strengthen all our students to a solid historical foundation of what our country was principled on.

Join us as we re-discover America the Beautiful!



## **MASTERING: AN INTRO TO LOGIC**

(Suggested grade levels are 8-12)

**Class time: 2:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom**

While there may be no one single class more important for parents to consider for their children-Logic Critical Thinking often gets overlooked.

This year we will be changing up our approach to learn more about a Practical way in the study of all things logical.

While we dive into the analyzing arguments and basic concepts for creative problem solving, this year we will also look at some specific everyday language. What happens to us when we are repetitively exposed to certain words. We start with advertising and work our way up to an understanding of seeing is not always believing and neither is hearing. Using their own eyewitness testimony and memory, they will each learn to stand confident in sharing why they believe what they believe and why some things are just flat not true-no matter how many different ways it is said to us.

Even if your child has had logic before, this new approach will bring life to their ideas of logic. And if your child hasn't had this subject yet-what a wonderful place to start.

# **WEDNESDAY CLASSES - Elementary**

## **MORGAN'S MATH MANIA I**

(Suggested grade levels are K-2)

Class time: 10am, In-Person Class & Zoom

Introducing math can be the most exciting thing for any child when they are encouraged in all they are practicing. Using Critical Thinking materials and word problems, concepts will begin with: time, months, temperature, counting by, addition, shapes and sides, subtraction and so much more! We will even work up to borrowing (carries over), prime numbers and yes even some multiplication!

There is a NO DRILL and KILL policy in our time together. We use the natural process of experience and stories to master Math Mania!

Join us on this journey of discovery!

## **SPELLING & READING REMEDIES**

(Suggested grade levels are K-3)

Class time: 11am, In-Person Class & Zoom

Upon entering this workshop, students will be individually assessed in order to focus on the areas that need strengthening. Students will work side by side with an instructor as well as partners to enable success and most of all build confidence in their abilities. A variety of curriculum (and games!) will be chosen based on the individual needs of your child. Identifying and targeting learning gaps will move students towards a positive outcome. We emphasize healthy self-confidence while students work through common trouble spots. This course will cover English phonetics utilizing kinetic copy work,

auditory dictation, visual comprehension skills, spelling rules, and homophones!

## **HISTORY HEROES**

(Suggested grade levels are 1-4)

Class time: 12:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

So many times our children study history times, dates, places and even some people. But they never hear of some of the amazing heroes our country has represented. This class will take students off the pages and into the lives of names like: O'Connor, Wilbanks, Eliot, Hudson, Weiser, Marshall, Harding, Parks, Thorpe, Moon and so many others! We will have several hands-on activities, projects, presentations and also work on a special timeline.

## **MORGAN'S MATH MANIA II**

(Suggested grade levels are 3-5)

Class time: 1:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

Designed to engage and encourage our students, this class uses narrative stories and critical thinking skills to enjoy the learning process. Some of the concepts we will be examining are: volumes, weight measurements, theorems, an introduction to geometry, check writing, business finance, Pie charts and equations using all math symbols. No boring drills allowed!

Instead, using the basic fundamentals of math, the students will participate using detective type reasoning to solve the mystery in the word problems. Don't look now but your child might just be enjoying math!

## **SMARTER SCIENTISTS**

(Suggested grade levels are 3-6)

Class time: 2:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

Using illustrations and step by step instruction, students will gain confidence in our Wonderful World of Earth Science. This class is chock full of safe experiments that actually work! This encourages students to pursue independent knowledge "off the pages" of any book. Space, rocks, minerals, atmosphere, earth erosion and crustal movements along with our magnificent oceans are just some of the adventures we will discover together! Beach trip anyone?

# **WEDNESDAY CLASSES - Middle/ High School**

## **DETECTIVES IN U.S. HISTORY I**

(Suggested grade levels are 6-10)

Class time: 10am, In-Person Class & Zoom

Approaching US American History, outside of using a textbook, opens an integration of critical thinking. Questions begin to acquire a deeper analysis and frequently seek supporting evidence. This in-depth study produces a much greater understanding and not just an accumulation of facts. Some of the eras covered will be Colonial, Federal, Nationalism, Reform, Expansion, Sectional Conflict, The Civil War and Reconstruction era.

As we use hands- on activities, essays, and presentations, we will separate fact from opinion, drawing conclusions as the students evaluate the evidence. Looking for supporting patterns, students will discover that history is full of questions even more than answers!

Being a Detective Historian, they will separate main sources with firsthand accounts, for example: quotes, documents and photos. Using secondary sources that are summarized conclusions based on an episode in history will be compared to those first-hand accounts.

They will also learn to interpret and draw information from geographical maps, political cartoons, and charts. This critical thinking class is one that there will never be a dull moment!

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL PERSONAL FINANCE W/ DAVE RAMSEY**

(Suggested grade levels for 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>)

Class time: 11am, In-Person Class & Zoom

In this course we will be using Dave Ramsey's personal finance for middle school curriculum! Throughout the year the class will participate in over thirty-five group activities used to inspire a better grasp of the world of finance. In this day and age there is nothing more important than financial literacy!

We will highlight the importance of knowledge and behavior when it comes to managing money. We will then emphasize the importance of saving and the three main reasons we should save for emergencies, large purchases and wealth building.

Using practical applications, students will design their own budget, understand the devastating costs of using debt as a financial tool and how credit and debt can affect life after their middle or high school years.

Group discussions and projects will allow students to understand bargain shopping, investments, retirement and insurance. From careers to taxes, this course has it all! No student will leave unequipped for the world beyond. Students leave this course feeling confident and empowered to manage their money instead of allowing their money to manage them!

## **FUNDAMENTALS IN WRITING LEVEL B/C**

(Suggested Grade Level are 6- 10, Higher levels are acceptable if a student has had no writing experience)

Class time: 12:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

Everything you need to accomplish the critical skill of writing will be introduced in this Writing 101 class using tried and tested styles for

reluctant writers to build their confidence. Topics will include Note taking and outlining, summarizing reports, research and essays as well as practicing several forms of writing including business letters and interesting writing with pictures.

Learning to avoid even the most common pitfalls can bring on a new interest and increase the desire to write. Students will enjoy the engaging use of Institute for Excellence in Writing materials based on their reading and comprehensive level.

Imagine the confidence that can be built as the pressure to write converts to enjoyment and satisfaction! We will also cover 1 amazingly adventurous reader to analyze a variety of techniques that prepare students for taking creative writing in higher education.

## **ART OF STORYTELLING & PUBLIC SPEAKING**

(Suggested grade levels for 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>)

Class time: 1:30pm, In-Person Class & Zoom

Many students actually dread the idea of a speech class especially when they find out it is a requirement to graduate!

Enter in THE ART OF STORYTELLING! This is a wonderful and hilarious substitute that enables students to get their required credit while actually enjoying the process.

Using a 14-step process to turn weaknesses (and shyness) into strengths, we start with simple “story reading” and grow from there. Nervous rambling becomes part of the fun and making stories unforgettable becomes the name of the game. Learning to talk about common household items converts into speeches on topics full of passion.

This combination class is also based on *The Institute for Excellence in Writing* an “Introduction to Public Speaking.” This beginner class will go over the process and practices that help teach both arts with the confidence needed to be successful.

Learning and memorizing speeches, poems, as well as making up their own, will strengthen the students voice as they present with persuasion and even try their hand at some impromptu talks!

We love to see what happens in this class as many students go on to become amazing orators for careers, storytellers at libraries, and sometimes share their favorite stories at family gatherings!

## **FIX-IT GRAMMAR II & HISTORICAL FICTION LITERATURE**

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