

Odyssey Morning Program Descriptions and Teacher Information

DRUM, RATTLE, AND ROLL!

Drum, Rattle, and Roll is making music in many ways. Our class will enjoy music with drum beats and use a variety of instruments. We will be using our voices to sing, chant and move with the beat of the words and multi-cultural music. We will connect these different ways of performing into our own personal music. Come and participate in Drum, Rattle, and Roll.

About the teacher

Dottie Sheldon was born in Leeds, Alabama. She has taught in Orange County, Florida for about 30 years. Mrs. Sheldon is a private piano teacher and currently the children's choir director for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Aloma Methodist Church.

PRINCESSES OF THE KING

Every little girl is a princess and we are all daughters of the Most High King. Each day this week our pinky fingers will be raised high during tea time and we will learn to curtsy, walk like a lady and be courteous to the other princesses around us. We will focus on a different princess each day and learn what makes them royal. We will make beautiful princess crowns to wear, wands to carry, and other totally awesome art projects. Princess costumes may be worn every day, but are not required. At the end of the week, we will have a Red Carpet Royal Ball to practice our newly learned skills and to show off our art creations.

About the teacher

Lauren Schumacher was born in West Texas and moved to Orlando for the Disney College Program. Ms. Schumacher then remained in Orlando and opened her own business as a local photographer. She has been a nanny for the past 6 years. One of her favorite past times is playing princess dress up with the children in her life.

MAD, MAD, MAD ENGINEERS

Does your son or daughter love to build? Is your living room regularly cluttered with their fort making shenanigans? Young Girls and Boys have a natural curiosity to develop critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication and problem-solving skills. Our girl and boy campers will delight in designing and building their own projects while learning to follow simple and highly effective "engineering" design processes. Build a balsa wood contraption, build and bring home a bridge, use K'nex models, and more!

About the teacher

Meredith Gibbs is the special gifts teacher at The Christ School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Exceptional Education K-12 and added Early Education to her degree in 2012. Mrs. Gibbs has been a teacher in public school for 9 years and private School for 2 years.

CALLING ALL CONGO CRAFTERS

In this class we will spotlight Africa through the arts. Students will have a chance to learn about the land, its people, traditions and culture of Africa. Join us on our Safari with Mrs. Joanie Forbes as your guide. She will take you on an adventure where you use a variety of mediums to discover and create crafts from deep within the jungles. You don't want to miss this wild adventure!

About the teacher

Mrs. Joanie Forbes graduated from Mercer University with a degree in Art Education K - 12. She is the former owner of Joanie's Art Studio an art school for children where she taught art for 10 years. She also owned and administrated Discovery Camp (a summer arts camp for children) that she held for 21 years. Mrs. Forbes has been working with children and art for over 25 years.

EXPLORING THE CIRCUS PERFORMING ARTS

Spend a week running away with the circus and still be home for dinner! Discover the fun of circus arts by learning the basics of juggling, building confidence walking on stilts, working in acrobatic teams, and practicing your balancing skills by walking on the tightrope. We will demonstrate the circus skills learned in a short presentation at the end of the week for family and friends.

About the teacher

Grace Brett holds fifteen years of performing experience with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, dinner theater, musical theater, and ballet. Mrs. Brett has been teaching for 13 years with the Cirque du Soleil outreach program and Orlando Youth Circus.

“DIVE INTO” MARINE BIOLOGY

Get ready to jump into the ocean with this hands-on, fun filled, educational summer program. Have you ever wondered what fish in the ocean is the largest? Or, have you wondered just how long a blue whale can grow? Have you ever wanted to see an octopus arm up close or feel a real live lobster? These are some of the experiences you will have in this summer program. Meet Larry and Loretta, the male and female lobsters, and learn all about their anatomy and other fun facts about these amazing creatures. Hold the soft bodied arm of an octopus and its relative the squid. Be prepared to get a bit dirty while making your fish print t-shirts using the famous Japanese art technique of Gyotaku – using fabric paint, tie dye, t-shirts and real fish from the fish market. Hope to see you this summer!

About the teacher

Cassery Kuplen graduated from a private Christian college, Gordon College, on the north shore of Boston. While studying marine biology at Gordon, she took an internship at the world famous New England Aquarium. After graduating from college, she spent

ten years working on the boat programs there and in the aquarium at the many exhibits. Many of these years were spent teaching children about whales, plankton and Boston's history. She also worked with the education department as a naturalist at the touch tank and a trainer's assistant with the seals and sea lions. Mrs. Kuplen brings ten years of field work experience and nine years of teaching experience to this fun filled, hands-on marine biology summer program.

FLAG FOOTBALL AND MORE!

This camp will consist of a lot of flag football, just like last year, but may also include other sports such as soccer, steal the bacon, tee ball, four square, etc. We welcome ideas from the students! Sportsmanship and character development will be highlighted while students learn fundamental skills and increased game playtime. We will definitely be heavy on game play! Athletes will learn that leadership belongs on and off the field; skill sets vary but all are important when developing a team.

About the teacher

Ben Nichols is the current PE teacher at The Christ School. He holds a B.A. in Physical Education and Kinesiology with a minor in Geography, a cognate in business and athletic administration, and a specialization in coaching from Michigan State University. Mr. Nichols coaches swimming, volleyball, basketball, and many other sports for middle and lower schools. Ben is married and living in Orlando.

CASTLES, DRAGONS & KNIGHTS, OH, MY!

Spend a fun-filled week with Mrs. Sorrow as we journey back to the Middle Ages. You will learn all sorts of fun and interesting facts about the people and era of the Middle Ages – the Vikings, Kings (including King Arthur and Richard the Lion-hearted), brave knights who fought dragons and rescued beautiful ladies, outlaws (like Robin Hood), and peasants (everyday people). Learn what to do to become a knight, what it was like to live in a castle or village, and how a cathedral (a really big church) was built. We will do some fun arts and crafts such as designing a coat of arms and shields, coloring stained glass windows, building attack and defend items (battering rams, siege towers, and catapults), make medieval headwear and armor; and, naturally, there will be a banquet to celebrate the week. We'll even have a movie or two to add to the fun.

About the teacher

Mrs. Sorrow, a graduate of Florida State University, has taught for better than 35 years, with the last 13 at The Christ School where she has taught a variety of subjects, including Latin and Life Skills to middle school students. Greek mythology has always fascinated Mrs. Sorrow and she enthusiastically shares that interest with students.