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## All About Kids

If you are a future babysitter or you are currently babysitting. Then All About Kids is here to help you. Learn from scratch or perfect what you already know about your job. As you grow older, you want to buy things but have no money and an easy way to combat that is get a summer or after school job caring for kids. The students are able to have hands on experience with a little one by the name of Maggie who is the granddaughter of our very own beloved teacher, Pam Jenkins.



Archery

I've been hit! Archery with Sid Swartz is a class where you can learn skills with bows and arrows. If you've ever dreamed of yourself shooting a bull's-eye, then you might want to take this class. McKenna, a first period sharp shooter, says, "I joined the class because I thought it would be fun, and it is! The teacher is nice and helps us learn in a great way. Plus, I just shot a bull's-eye!"



<u>Art With the</u> <u>Masters</u>



Swish! Swish! Get your brushes ready! Paige LOVES art!! Paige thinks of art as a relaxing yet a casual community. Catherine Heller, the Art with the Masters teacher, defines this class as a way to study a masterpiece of art everyday and create work in that artist's style or technique. Paige is 11 and attends Feagan Mill Middle School. She says "I think of art as a soft, comfortable and fun thing to do," that is pure poetry!

## <u>Baseball/Softball</u>



Ever had a RBI? With Coach Hershberger's training anything is possible. Bailey Smith, for example, is 10 years old and is going to 5th grade at Lake Joy Elementary. She also loves baseball. Her mom wanted her to start baseball and she is happy to say that her mom was right about her loving it. They play scrimmage games, practice their stances and work on perfecting their batting skills. We asked Bailey why she signed up for enhancement and she replied, "Because I thought it would be a good opportunity." Her favorite thing about her class is she gets to go outside.

## Beanie Babies



Are you old enough to remember the Cabbage Patch craze? If not, I am sure you remember the Beanie Babies phenomenon. In this class with Cheryl Clay you get to create Beanie Babies, dolls and stuffed animals from cloth and other materials. I talked to Gloria Cosmore who is a 6th grader at Bonaire Middle, who said, "I love it and it is great because you get to have fun and do art." What is even more exciting is you get to take home what you make!

### <u>Bugs, Bugs, Bugs</u>



Creepy, crawly, squiggly... bugs, bugs, bugs. While interviewing a young gentleman named Zachary Gallic, who is ten and going to the 5th grade at Eagle Springs Elementary, we asked why he chose this class and he stated, "I chose this class because I wanted to learn about bugs." Boy has he ever! He learned that bugs have six legs, that they are helpful to our planet and he also learned how to draw doodle bugs. He is enjoying his class. Mr. Jolley, the teacher, was also interviewed and stated that he choose to be a teacher because he likes both children and bugs.

#### <u>Cake Decorating</u>



Is your favorite part of a birthday the cake? Then Cake Decorating with Kay Squires is the class for you. This class has everything from Spaghetti and Meatball Cupcakes to Smiley Face Cakes. The class is especially good with icing and trying different flavors on each treat they make. And the best part is, if you make it, you take it. "I signed up for cake decorating because it is fun and exciting," says Ally White.

## Chocolate Fever

Do you have a fever and is it for chocolate? Then this is the class for you. At Chocolate Fever they are learning a lot about the history of chocolate and words affiliated with chocolate. When I visited the class, they were making scrumptious cookies and brownies. Yolanda Gibson said," the reason I joined this class was because I wanted to learn the history of chocolate." Can we say "chocolate satisfaction"? The students in Chocolate Fever looked like they were having a lot of fun. The teacher, Suzanne Hardy, is very active with the students making all kinds of delicious treats. If you like to get messy with chocolate, make all different types of creations with chocolate, and then eat the results this is the class for vou.



## <u>Computer Savvy</u>



Do you like to surf the Internet, make power points, and play educational games? Then Computer Savvy with Jessica Green is for you. Jack

Harman has attended Enhancement for two years and participated in Computer Savvy both years. He has made his own website and played a lot of fun games. Jack stated "I thought it would be fun to learn about computers, that's why I chose this class." Sasha Lee is making her own bookmark that she designed! Computer Savvy is a great class for those who like to learn new things about technology.

## <u>Conversational Sign</u>

<u>Language</u>



**Conversational Sign** Language is a great class for those who love helping people or maybe just want to learn something new. The teacher Rachel Micko, an interpreter at Mossy Creek Middle, loves helping people and she already has lots of experience so she is great for the job. We were able to interview two students, Logan Alford and Anthony Keown, and they told us why they chose this class. Logan said "I chose this class

because I want to help people who are hearing impaired and I wanted to learn something new." Anthony said "When I read the sheet that had the classes, this class sounded interesting!" --- Olivia

Cool and Crazy Science



Would you ever in your dreams think you would have the chance to dissect Owl Vomit? If you signed up for Cool and Crazy Science you did just that! If you like to do fun and crazy experiments like dissecting an earth worm or mixing coke and Mentos to see the chemical explosion, then this is the class for you! We had the chance to talk to Madison Banks. She says, "I like this class because it is creative and I chose this class because I like science". I asked her what was her favorite part of the class and she answered "the experiments". They even got to make pop rocks!

Jennifer Banks teaches this class.

<u>Debate/Savvy</u> <u>Strategies</u>



Even though Savvy Strategies and Debate are located in the same room they are not the same thing. Savvy Strategies is more of a place where you can learn new strategies for games like chess and Risk. Debate on the other hand is arguing (with style) with a purpose of decision. We had the chance to talk to Maggie Wallace who is taking Savvy Strategies and she says "I picked this class because you get to play games and I like it because you can play the games with many different people." We were also able to ask her what her favorite game was and she said "Playing Chinese checkers. I love that game a lot!"

Vrama



Drama club is buzzing around and they are excited about the play they will perform: The Shoemaker and Elves. The purpose of the play is to teach generosity, caring, and kindness. We had the opportunity to interview one of the actresses in drama named Amanda Collier. Her favorite part about Drama is portraying Loretta because she gets to express herself and dance. When I asked how she thinks this class would help you in the future she answered "This will help me learn to lift people's spirit." When I asked for a preview of the play she said "A shoemaker is in debt and must make money in the next few days or he will lose his shop." Directors are a father daughter team, Billy Thomas and LaNita Thomas.

<u>Golf</u>



Get ready....SWISH! SMACK! What do they do in this class? It's simple... GOLF! Logan thinks golf with Marie Goggin is so awesome!! We interviewed Logan Meredith in his Golf class. Logan attends Centerville Elementary, is in the 5th grade and is 10 years old. He has participated in Enhancement for two years. We asked Logan if he likes golf. He said "I absolutely love it!" Next we asked him what the most exciting part is. He said "It is when you hit the ball really far!!" Logan learned to bend his knees when swinging. Also when I went out there to take pictures I noticed that he is really good!! ③

Fizz, Float and Fly

Fizz, Float and Fly with Angie Herbel is the class Corey Hawley is attending at the 2010 Enhancement program. Corey is in 6th grade at Feagin Mill Middle School. He decided to do summer Enhancement because he thought it would be fun. He likes the class he is taking a lot because of all the cool stuff he is doing. They do a lot of experiments with chemical reactions and elements where they are able to use physics and chemistry. For example, they made crystals, domes out of ordinary soap, and they also made some really cool silly putty.



<u>Forensic Science</u>



Become a CSI agent with Forensic Science in no time! We interviewed Allison Yates, a 5th grader at Lake Joy, who picked this class because she thought it would be really fun to learn more about forensics, science used to investigate crime scenes and solve mysteries. We had the opportunity to ask Allison what she had learned so far in Forensic Science and she replied, "We learn how to solve mysteries." Mrs. Kothe says forensic science is used to solve mysteries and help figure out any crimes.

#### Fun with Food



Smoothies, snack mixes, or a taco casserole sound good? Maybe you like to cook? If you answered yes, Fun with Food is what you need. It's a class where you find your inner chef. When interviewed. Alexandria Vining said," It's wonderful to me and I love my teacher, Mrs. Wilson, too! It's great so far!" It's her first year and I'm glad she likes it. When asked what they were going to make she said they didn't know: it all comes out of the cookbook.

## Fundamentals of Cheerleading

This energetic class is taught by Ms. Lia Goodroe. Cheerleading is a very exciting and team-oriented sport. "When one person fails we all fail. We mostly like to hang out and laugh with friends," says Sara Fisher. When asked why she joined the class, Kaelah, of first period answered," I love cheerleading, it is fun and active. So far we've learned some new cheers and chants. We've also done some shoulder sits, half extensions, and pyramids." Cheerleading is a great way to make friends and stay in shape.



## <u>Hoop It Up</u>

Slam Dunk! In Hoop It Up you learn many things about the magical world of basketball, including different ways to shoot and dribble the ball. When asked why Caitie Jordan joined and likes the class she commented, "I like basketball; it's not too easy, vet still gives a challenge. The teachers, Coaches Jackson, Squires and Williams are patient and don't push you too hard." Avery Eddy



#### <u>It's a Small World</u>



'It's a world of laughter, a world of tears, it's a world of hopes, and it's a world of fear." It's A Small World with Sandy Johnson is actually a big world in 2010. Every day you learn about a new culture, like Brazil, Egypt and India. Some times you get to eat a snack associated with the culture. My friend SoHyun, who is going to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Perdue Elementary said she likes it and they always make crafts associated with the culture.

#### Let's Get Crafty



Lets get crafty in Lets Get Crafty by using our artistic ability to create such things as mini key-chains, original flip-flops and scrap-books. If all that sounds interesting then this class is right for you. We had a chance to interview Marissa Badia who is ten and will be in the 5th grade at Lake Joy Elementary. She loves her class because she likes to do crafts. This is her first year at summer enhancement. Melanie Mann teaches this class.

Math Art



Did you know that you could make designs using math? Well you can in Math Art! Ariel Weston, a 6th grader at Feagin Mill. chose this class because she likes both math and art and she gets to do both in one class. We also asked her what she has learned so far and she stated. "I have learned how to make PI necklaces and line designs." After our interview with Ariel, we asked Mrs. Myers what is her definition of Math Art? "My definition of Math Art is using mathematical principals to create designs." Instructors are Dana Morris. Christi Steese and Andrea Myers.

### Medieval Times

Do you like adventure and going back in time? Well then this is the class for you. In Medieval Times you do a ton of activities like making Viking armor and catapults and even raiding another class like a Viking! While speaking to Matthew Barroso, who is going to the 6th Grade at Mossy Creek Middle School, he told us that he loves his classes; he is also taking Mystery Science. When he was choosing his classes he said, "They sounded cool and they stood out to him." Matthew has learned a lot about Medieval Times and would recommend it to anyone.



## Mystery Science



Have you ever dissected a cow's eyeball? Well if you haven't, but would like to. then you should head to Mystery Science! You get to do all kinds of mysterious, cool, and wicked activities, including drawing an impossible triangle, making an island, and dissecting a cow's eyeball. While interviewing Reagon she was asked why she signed up for Mystery Science and she said "I like science so I joined this class. I also like to go outside and do the experiments as well." We asked what her favorite part of the class was and believe it or not she said dissecting the cow's eyeball. Come on down to room 812, Mystery Science! Catherine Cooper teaches this class.

#### **Oceanography**



Robin Glefke, one of our very own roving reporters in Photojournalism is taking Oceanography, is in 6th grade and attends Bonaire Middle. She has been a participant in enhancement for two years. Her class is Oceanography and right now she is learning about food chains but she will learn to make whale blubber and her very own ocean lava lamp. She will also dissect a shark. She says, "I love it, it's so much fun and I can't wait to dissect the shark." Randy Mizell and Whitney Dean teach this class.

# Paper Pizzazz/Crafty Creations

Tons of paper is what they use in Madison Silverstruck's class called Paper Pizzazz with Lisa Mosley. This is where they make paper crafts like bird houses, decorative bags and boxes. She is going to the sixth grade at Mossy Creek. She has never done Enhancement before and chose her class because she thought it would be fun. Madison said, "I like the class because of all the crafts we make."



### **Photojournalism**



Extra, extra read all about it! Read an interview or see a picture of yourself in the Summer Enhancement News letter. Our very own roving reporters beat the streets to find out what was involved in the Photojournalism class. Haley Stokes was asked why she chose this class and she said that she wants to be a newspaper journalist when she grows up. Teacher Ms. Tammy Fisher defines our photojournalism class as taking pictures then incorporating journalism in order to create memories of Summer Enhancement. Boy did we ever. Get your copy today! Will Squires, Jr. coteaches this class.

#### Rocketry



1, 2, 3 BLAST OFF!! Do you like excitement when NASA blasts one of their rockets? Well, in Rocketry, you get the chance to say 1, 2, 3 BLAST OFF yourself with your very own Rocket! We had a chance to interview one of the rocket scientists in Rocketry, Jeremy Gordon. He wants to be an engineer so he thinks this class will help. Jeremy chose Rocketry because he likes rockets and aircrafts. When asked what he thinks about his class he replied "Everybody is great, the class rocks, and I have an awesome teacher. Matt Yawn."

#### <u>Tennis is Hot</u>



Game, set, match! Those were just some of the words we heard while visiting Statham's Landing tennis courts and our tennis team. It has been a hot two weeks during Enhancement this year but that didn't stop them from playing their hardest. Tennis coach Kerry Bacon has been coaching and playing tennis for well over 25 years and it shows in his students. Kasey Morris says that she signed up for tennis, 'because it is a family sport, my brother and dad play, so I wanted to join in on the fun.'

## Traveling the World



Would you like to be the next Sacagawea or Christopher Columbus...? Well, Travel the World with Genevieve Dahle gives you that experience... in a class room!! Greyson is 11 years old and going into the 6th grade at Mossy Creek Middle School. This is Greyson's second year in Enhancement. We asked him if he likes his class. "Yes. I do because it teaches about countries and lots of cool other stuff." says Greyson. "We have learned about Mexico, Russia, and Africa. I can't wait to learn more." It sounds like he is having fun!!!

#### TV Broadcasting

Roll that clip! Jack seems very peppy about TV Broadcasting. Why? Because he loves the video camera like you would love a pet. His class is about creating videos using Windows Moviemaker. They also use visuals, audio, and graphics to tell the story of Enhancement. Jack is 11 and he's making his way up to the 6th grade. His 1st period is Computer Savvy and he says, "It's helped me a lot with TV Broadcasting." He also says that he loves it and has enjoyed it very much. A husband and wife team teach this class – Ricky and Lisa Hill.



#### **Voice Power Released**



La la la la la la! Camree McDowell has a passion that she needs to embrace. It is singing! In Voice Power

Released, kids sing to perfect their voice and comfort in singing. Straight from the source she said, "I need to sing or I will die!" Camree is a 10 year old that attends Kings Chapel School. She sure does love her music and we will get to hear her chops during Enhancement Open House on Thursday! Demetrious Nelson teaches this class.

### <u>World of</u> Jumping



In World of Jumping with Richard Jordan you get to learn a new routine everyday in preparation for the Open House Performance! Here is what Savanna Eis had to say about World of Jumping. She loves jumping rope and she thinks it has been a great experience to learn from Coach Jordan. She will be going to 6th grade next year at Thomas Middle. This is her first time at Enhancement. Next year she would like to join Photojournalism and Oceanography for her classes.

# <u>X-treme Games</u>

Basketball, soccer, or football players come on in! The Xgames class with John Griffin is where soccer, football, and basketball are combined into one game. The players perform drills and learn how to set up the field for the games and activities. "I thought it'd be interesting and I do like it." said Grace. She also explained that they do soccer drills. They also learn what the positions are in the three sports. If you're only good at one sport, that's okay, but you'll also learn the fundamentals of the other two.

