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## Elementary

### Course Title: Brain Training

Course length: 2 semesters

Grade level: K-12

Curriculum: various sources (no curriculum to purchase)

Course Description: Using physical movement to make the brain connections -- this is the focus of brain training. The class itself will seem like a physical education class of sorts, but in reality the focus is cross hemispheric exercises coupled with kinesthetic and oral activities that stimulate brain connections to form and keep neuropathways open for learning information. This proven therapy has helped students improve their academic skills as well as physical coordination for sports. All this in a fun atmosphere that encourages students to embrace an academic challenge and rise to achievement while minimizing frustration. The basis for this course is Dianne Craft's Brain Integration Therapy, which can be found at this link: <http://www.diannecraft.org>.

### Course Title: Elementary Music: K-5th

Course Length: Fall and Spring Semester

Students will learn to identify the sound and appearance of different musical instruments as well as how to read music on the staff and to play, tap, and sing basic notes and rhythms using their voices, the piano and rhythm sticks. We will explore what the Bible teaches about music and what it means to use praise to worship our Lord by making a joyful noise. The students will be encouraged to create their own music through improvisation and written notation.

### Course Title: Institute for Excellence in Writing Theme Based Curriculum

Course Length: Fall and Spring Semesters

Grade Levels: 4th-6th Grades

Curriculum: Institute of Excellence in Writing

Description: Using the writing process, students will consistently improve writing skills beginning with basic one paragraph writing, developing through the year to three, then five & possibly seven paragraph

essays. They will complete the year with the ability to write critiques, and all this based on the interesting topics. Students will use the [IEW Following Narnia Volume One](#) for an exciting writing adventure.

#### Course Title: K-2 Science/Social Studies

Course Length: Fall and Spring Semesters

Grade Levels: K-2nd

Curriculum: Various Sources

Description: In the science portion of this class we will explore the natural world using tools and models. We will learn about matter, energy, living organisms, and our world around us.

In social studies, we will study holidays and customs along with historical figures and patriotic symbols. In addition, we will discover the characteristics of good citizens and the purpose of our government. We will use maps and timelines to tell when and where events took place. As we learn these concepts and ideas, we will also be learning about God and His ways in all of our studies.

#### Course Title: Elementary School Math

Grade Levels: 3rd & 4th

Course Length: Fall & Spring Semesters

Curriculum: [Saxon Math](#)

Description: Saxon Math offers an engaging and interactive approach to covering new state standards. Its seamless Write-in Student Edition ensure that students can access content at appropriate levels of depth and age.

#### Course Title: All About Reading

Grade Levels: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Description: All About Reading actively involves students in the learning process. This is a truly multisensory program with students learning through sight, sound and touch. All About Reading cover the five key components of phonological awareness, phonics and decoding, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Everything is taught in context, allowing students to apply what they have learned right away. All About Reading engages students in thinking, processing, comparing, and learning. Students who use the All About Reading method tend to feel a sense of excitement in learning as they think, explore and grow in their abilities.