

## Nature Study the Charlotte Mason Way

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**Grades:** 3rd-5th  
**Day (s) of Week:** Thursday  
**Time of Class:** 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ET  
**Length of Class:** 20 weeks  
**Semester:** Fall & Winter  
**Tuition:** \$400

**Class Dates:**

**Fall 2021 Semester**  
October 7  
October 14  
October 21  
October 28  
November 4  
November 11  
November 18  
*NO CLASS November 25 (Thanksgiving)*  
December 2  
December 9  
December 16  
*Make Up: January 6*

**Winter 2022 Semester**  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27  
February 3  
February 10  
February 17  
February 24  
March 3  
March 10  
March 17  
*Make Up: March 24*

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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 Supplies/Resources Needed:**

- binoculars (highly recommended)
- portable pencil case
- portable watercolor set
- water brush
- magnifying glass
- plastic bead organizer (for nature specimens)
- 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)
- 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:

### Fall 2021

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction + Plants: Part 1
Week 2	Plants: Part 2
Week 3	Trees: Part 1
Week 4	All Things Creepy Crawly: Halloween Fun
Week 5	Trees: Part 2
Week 6	Insects: Part 1
Week 7	Insects: Part 2
Week 8	Fish & Amphibians
Week 9	Reptiles
Week 10	Review & Holiday Fun

### Winter 2022

Week	Topic
Week 1	Mammals: Part 1
Week 2	Mammals: Part 2
Week 3	Basic Survival Skills: Part 1
Week 4	Basic Survival Skills: Part 2
Week 5	The Seaside
Week 6	Rocks & Minerals
Week 7	Birds: Part 1
Week 8	Birds: Part 2
Week 9	Plants: Part 3
Week 10	Review & Fun