

BHC Lower School

Class Description 2025-2026



BROOK HILLS CO-OP

Class:

Course Title: 1st Grade Science - God's Design for Life for Beginners

Teacher: Tara Dovenbarger

Grade: 1st Grade

Schedule:

Day of the Week: Thursday

Time: 8:55-10:25

Minimum Number of Students: 10

Maximum Accepted: 15

Fee:

Total Tuition: \$400

- Deposit of \$50 due April 1st, secures registration and is deducted from total fee.
- Payment Option 1: Remaining balance due August 1st.
- Payment Option 2: Half remaining balance due August 1st, half due January 5th.
- Teacher Venmo: @Tara-Dovenbarger

Class Description:

With Master Books' early elementary-level life science curriculum, we will learn all about God's wonderful creation, including plants, animals, and the human body.

Curriculum & Supplies:

God's Design for Heaven and Earth For Beginners by Debbie and Richard Lawrence (MasterBooks Publishing)

Additional Supplies:

- 1 inch, 3-ring binder with dividers
- Sharpened pencils, scissors, colored pencils, 3 glue sticks, covered pencil sharpener

Tests, Assignments, & Grades:

Students in first grade will not receive official letter grades. Instead, we will focus on classroom behavior and how to succeed in a classroom environment. There will be one project/presentation in addition to weekly homework.

BHC Lower School Expected Skills - 1st Grade:

Beginning of Year:

- Write Full Name and Correctly Form Letters into Words
- Actively Learning to Read
- Transcribe Board to Blanks on a Page
- Active Early Reader
- Competent Scissors & Glue Skills

Ongoing/By End of Year:

- Developing Classroom Behavior
- Developing Organizational Skills
- Manage a Multi-Resource Class Time
- Actively Listen During Lecture Time
- 1 Project/Presentation

Student Responsibilities:

Students are expected to treat each other with respect, complete assignments on time, and have the ability to sit and stay focused for the entire class. Children are expected to have an attention span of an hour and twenty minutes of active learning.

Teacher Bio & Contact Information:

I am in my fifth year of teaching at BHC, and I have a strong passion for science. I hold a degree in Speech and Hearing from Arizona State University. In addition to teaching, I run a home-based practice as an Educational Therapist, where I help children overcome dyslexia. My true passion lies in encouraging kids to develop a love for learning!

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