



**2023-24 Semester 2**

**February – June**

## **Home Works! Class Descriptions**

### **Ag in the Classroom (3-6) Mrs. Paz**

Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. Environmental issues such as land use, water quality, air quality, and wildlife protection are inextricably linked to agriculture. As future leaders, students must have an understanding of agriculture and how it affects their world. This course helps students to understand and communicate how agriculture affects our quality of life. Students will brainstorm ideas and work on projects that have real-life implications for the future.

### **Applying Art (3-5) Ms. Zeman**

What is art and how does it enhance our everyday lives? We're surrounded by functional art and design: from architecture to teapots and furniture to books, jewelry to pens. Students will survey the development of art objects used throughout history. We'll learn about art elements and design principles and apply them by making art that functions. Students will make decorative art objects using techniques such as embroidery, beading, painting, folding and constructing.

### **Art Explorers (K-3) Ms. Zeman**

Explore the elements of art and design principles with a variety of art materials and techniques. Explore through time and space to see the influence of cultural discoveries on design schools and movements. Express what you've learned in your own original creations by drawing, painting, printing, and sculpting.

### **Butterflies, Chickens, and Frogs, Oh My! (K-2)**

#### **Mrs. Dryden**

Different animals (and insects) grow in different ways as they get older. Learn about and watch the different stages of the life cycle of frogs, chickens, and butterflies right before your eyes! We will also be listening to books, watching videos, and doing some crafts to help us remember the different stages of each life cycle.

### **Drama, Dance, Dramatic Reading and Improv (K-5 & 6-10)**

#### **Ms. Shelp**

Once upon a time, there was a group of Home Works! students. They all had varying levels of imagination and different comfort zone sizes... But they all came together to dance, act, play, and tell creative stories and it was so much fun! Lights... Camera... ACT!

**Drawing Techniques (6-10) Ms. Zeman**

Learn the elements of art and principles of design while using various drawing media. These will include inks, pencils, paper, glue, and fibers. We'll see slides of historical and contemporary art and try realistic and expressive drawing to communicate our own ideas.

**Environmental Science: Your World, Your Turn (6-10)**

**Mrs. Solar**

This Introduction to Environmental Science class will offer students the opportunity to apply scientific knowledge to practical current problems. We will try to better understand the relationship between humans and the world in which we live. We will explore important topics like air quality; water quality, usage, and conservation; basic concepts of ecology; energy and energy resources, air, water, and land pollution issues; soil Erosion, and many others and will analyze them in a scientific way to make informed decisions about caring for our planet

**Español Divertido (Fun Spanish) (K-3) Mrs. Solar**

Hola! Come have fun learning Spanish in an active class where we will learn basic vocabulary and easy conversational skills, while participating in different activities, such as playing games, singing songs, creating art, and much more! This is a continuation of the first semester of the same class

**Español para Todos (Spanish for Everyone) (8-10)**

**Mrs. Solar**

Ready to start (or continue) learning a second language? Whether you are just starting or are ready for a more challenging class, here you will be able to learn conversational Spanish, grammar, and vocabulary to use in real situations. We will begin by filling some knowledge gaps and continue learning proper grammar and vocabulary to practice speaking and writing in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. This is a continuation of the first semester of the same class.

**Everyday Exercise (K-5) Mrs. Woller**

In Everyday Exercise, kids will be engaged in fun fitness activities. Kids will enjoy cardio conditioning, strength training, endurance exercises, circuit workouts, wellness discussions, games, and more! The focus in this class is to improve children's motor skills, fitness level, and social development through learning, participation, collaboration, and cooperation.

**Experimental Design STEM Leadership (6-10)**

**Mrs. Pfeifer**

In this course, students will work through the scientific method, designing their own experiments, and then, help host a Home Works! science fair. This course is open to students who are comfortable with the demands of project-based work, as well as students who participated in the Bulldog Laboratory in the Fall Semester and are ready to navigate their way through the experimental design process. In addition to designing, conducting, and presenting their own experiments, students will take on a leadership role, orchestrating a school-wide Science Fair. STEM leaders, this one's for you!

**Figuratively Singing (3-5) Mrs. Dryden**

Learn eight different kinds of figurative language (such as similes, metaphors, idioms, etc.) and how they affect meaning using music! This is a lyric study class where we will listen to songs and study the lyrics to see how using figurative language affects the meaning. We will then apply what we've learned to short stories, and write some of our own (songs OR stories!) as well. Get ready to rock and roll -figuratively, that is!

**Lively Literature (K-2) Mrs. Pfeifer**

In this class, we will be exploring books and stories with our minds, body, and spirit. Each week we will read a new book and explore the literature through STEAM activities, dancing, singing, and play. Students will work on retelling, identifying key details, and using their own voices, creativity, and experiences to connect to literature.

**Lead Dogs (6-10) 5th grade w/permission****Mrs. Hill**

What makes a good leader? How can we help in our school? In this class, students who are interested in leadership, and caring for others will work together each week on activities, service projects, and discussions. We will learn about having a positive attitude, caring about others, growth mindset, and the habits of successful leaders from history. Current ASB Officers and Representatives as well as any students who are interested in running for ASB office in the Spring are encouraged to take this class.

**LEGO Logic (3-5 and 6-10) Mrs. Hill**

Do you like solving problems? How about working with a partner to engineer a solution to a real world problem? What if you could solve the problem using motors, Legos, a Chromebook, and a coding app to make your creation move? Me too! Let's do it.

**Math Adventurers (6-10) Mrs. Dryden**

Who are math adventurers? They are curious, they take risks in problem solving, and they are flexible thinkers. Learn to be a math adventurer in this class where we will encounter many problem solving activities that go way beyond your typical "one right answer" math problem. There will be logic puzzles, math puzzles, and problems that don't even look like typical math! Learn to ask questions such as what if...? Is that always true? Is there another answer? Is there another way to think about it? Can I find a pattern? Come explore creating problem solving and become a math adventurer!

### **Minecraft Education (Advanced) (7-10) Mrs. Paz**

Minecraft Education prepares students for the future, building future-ready skills like creativity, problem solving, systems thinking, and nurturing a passion for play.

Students will explore real-world issues in immersive, imaginative worlds while preparing for the digital future. In addition, students will engage in computational thinking with in-game coding. In the process they will develop empathy for the challenges in our world and learn digital citizenship.

### **Minecraft Education (Beginner) (3-6) Mrs. Paz**

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### **Nifty Numbers (K-2) Mrs. Bosworth**

Welcome to Nifty Numbers! This class will continue to build number sense and mathematical fluency as well as other primary grade math concepts through partner math games and small group instruction. Students will cover concepts including: place value, mental math strategies, geometry and measurement concepts as well as problem solving activities and real life math application skills.

### **Our Place in Space (K-2) Mrs. Hill**

What causes day and night? Why do we have seasons? Why does the moon look different each night? How does the sun make plants grow? Why are the planets so far apart? Why do we float in space? Wow, there are so many questions about Space! Let's go on a journey and learn about the Earth and how it's place in our Solar System can help answer all of these questions and more.

### **Painting (K-2) Ms. Zeman**

Students will explore color and composition by painting with various paints and techniques. They will learn how each medium is similar or different as they use and compare each medium. They will see slides and videos of artwork and learn how to evaluate and apply art and design elements to their own work.

### **Pollinator Palooza (K-2 and 3-5) Ms. Shelp**

Let's celebrate and learn all about the wonderful pollinators of our world! Can you believe that without pollinators we wouldn't have apples, avocados, strawberries, or even sunflowers?! It's true! Our world would be a whole lot less beautiful without pollinators! Together, we are going to learn all about these amazing creatures and how we can support them in doing their job!

### **¡Queremos Español (We want Spanish!) (4-7)**

**Mrs. Solar**

Learn Spanish in a fun and interesting way! In this class you will learn and practice Spanish, which means you will learn about the language and also to communicate with others, while using a variety of activities that involve all the senses! This is a continuation of the first semester of the same class.

### **Should We Eat Bugs? (3-5) Mrs. Dryden**

Ew, gross! That is what most Americans think of eating bugs. However many countries around the world eat insects as a source of healthy protein. In this class we will research the pros and cons of eating bugs and you will form your own opinion. We will work together to learn how to write an opinion essay using evidence from the text correctly to back up your opinion and make you a more trustworthy author! Students taking this class don't necessarily need to know how to write a paragraph, but do need to be willing to write at least 6 sentences in a single sitting.

### **Science of the Obscure (3-5) Mrs. Pfeifer**

Let's learn about obscure plants and animals and how they came to be. We will touch on parasites, symbiotic relationships, extreme traits, and environments. Students will contribute research of their own as well as participate in experiments and teaching opportunities.

### **So, You Wanna Make a Podcast? (6-10) Mrs. Pfeifer**

Let's explore the digital medium of podcasts and create our own! This will be a student-led project-based experience where we work out the kinks in technology, develop interesting perspectives, and broadcast our own Homeworks! podcast. Students will get a chance to be the tech wizard, writer, producer, editor, and voice on the microphone. This class is open to younger students who are comfortable with writing assignments and project/time management.

### **Strength Training (6-10) Mrs. Woller**

Come build strength, endurance, and health in a training class designed especially for you! Learn safe and proper exercise techniques using your own body weight, light free weights, and resistance bands in a circuit style program. Strength training has so many benefits! It can help: build muscle strength, increase muscle endurance, increase performance in other sports, protect from other sports-related injuries, strengthen bones, support healthy blood pressure and cholesterol levels, maintain a healthy weight, improve confidence, improve mood, and hopefully lead to a lifetime of healthy living. Let's do this!

**The Ballad of Lucy Whipple (Book Study) The California Gold Rush! (3-5) Mrs. Bosworth**

Students will join Miss Lucy Whipple or Jack (depending on the novel they choose) as treasure seekers heading west and looking for mining for gold and treasure during the California Gold Rush! In this class students will have the option to read the chapter book: *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple* (Karen Cushman) or *By The Great Horn Spoon* (Sid Fleischman) as we learn about the experiences of those who headed west through the eyes of a pre-teen! Adventures await as we follow their journeys and learn some both fact and fiction about this exciting time in American history. This integrated class includes aspects of ELA/Social Studies and Science and Art!

**We Know Our Facts, Jack! (3-5) Mrs. Hill**

We know learning our multiplication and division facts is important, but that doesn't mean that it can't be fun! In this class, we will work together to understand the relationship between multiplication and division and master our fact fluency using a variety of strategies. Yes, there will be flashcards, but also games, teamwork, strategies, and tips and tricks to help us master those facts.

**Who Grew My Soup? (K-2) Mrs. Bosworth**

Who grew my soup is a literacy, science and history based class focused around learning from history to current day practices where our food comes from, pioneering and homesteading practices and the skills that people use as ranchers, farmers, and in the agricultural industry. Students will plan, grow, learn and experience our world from the ground up!

**Writing with Reason! (6-10) Mrs. Bosworth**

Welcome to Writing with Reason! In this writing class we will learn to create outlines, write summaries, respond to text with a purpose, learn about various types of writing and read samples of different examples of writing that are common in older grades from middle school through high school. Writing in this class is required. Expectations can be modified however willing participation in learning writing tips and tricks as well as active reading and discussion is included.

**Yoga and Mindfulness (K-5 and 6-10) Mrs. Woller**

Come stretch, breathe, and relax in this fun-filled yoga class! Students will learn several yoga poses to build strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance, learn breathing techniques and awareness for stress and anxiety reduction, practice mindfulness to learn to be in the present, and learn ways to focus on calming their minds to move towards relaxation. Yoga benefits are far and wide. Let's practice yoga and reap the many rewards!

**Yearbook (7-10) Mrs. Paz**

In this course, students will gain skills in the following areas: page design, publishing techniques, editing, photography, record keeping, time management, teamwork, marketing, and leadership skills. Students are tasked with producing a timeless, creative, and innovative publication which will record our school's community, memories and events.

## **MEET OUR STAFF!**

### **Principal:**

**Mrs. Hudson** - Carla has been an administrator in the Cheney School District for 6 years. Before coming to Home Works! she was principal of Betz Elementary. Her favorite activity at Betz was being visible in the hallways and engaging with the students on a daily basis.

Before coming to the Cheney School District, Carla was the K-12 Principal in the Wilbur-Creston School District for 6 years. This was an exceptionally busy assignment as she oversaw everything from beginning elementary students through graduating seniors, including all the sports and activities.

Carla loves interacting with children, parents and staff and finds joy in the little things in life. She states that she feels at home already and looks forward to getting to know everyone in the Home Works! Community.

Carla lives in Spokane with her husband Roger and two Brittany Spaniels. Their two sons live in NYC and are both recently engaged to two wonderful girls.

### **Secretary:**

**Mrs. Aamodt** - Kristin is a mom of four and former Home Works! mom. She is happy to be a part of the Home Works! community and is here to help with whatever you need.

### **Paraeducator:**

**Robin Mueller** – Robin has three grown kids and three young grandkids with another on the way. Robin has been working for the school district for over 20 years and at Three Springs for the past eight. This year Robin is happy to be split between Home Works! and Three Springs. Those who have been around awhile might be interested to know that Robin is Mrs. Luse's mom!

### **Certificated Teachers:**

**Mrs. Bosworth** – Angie is a certificated teacher who enjoys teaching all subjects. She has homeschooled her own children and is passionate about supporting homeschooled families.

**Mrs. Dryden** – Sarah is a certificated teacher who enjoys teaching all subjects and ages. She is passionate about ALE programs and loves teaching creative classes in multi-age settings.

**Mrs. Hill** – Evi is a certificated teacher with over 20 years of teaching experience in a variety of grades and programs. She enjoys multiage teaching and supporting our homeschooling families.

### **Enrichment Facilitators:**

**Mrs. Pfeifer- Probert** - Jenni Pfeifer-Probert is excited to be joining the Home Works! team! and will be leading a Business Innovation learning experience. She has a BS in Finance and has worked in corporate finance, business development, as well as operations management. She is a fellow Homeworks! parent; her son Asher Probert has been a Bulldog since 2021.

**Ms. Paz** - Cheryl Paz is a returning CBI to Home Works! this year. Although she is new to our program, she is not new to teaching or working with children of all ages. Cheryl works as a nanny for multiple children in addition to volunteering countless hours to Spokane County 4 H programs. Her passion to work with children and animals is abundant. She has one son who is very active in school programs and in various activities. She keeps them both busy between sports, cooking, sewing and of course showing animals of all kind! She looks forward to sharing her animal knowledge as well as her crafty cooking skills with you this year!

**Ms. Shelp** - I'm Bekka! I have been homeschooling my daughter for the last 4 years and have been working with kids for over 22 years. Building emotional intelligence and skills to work through big feelings has always been a really important family goal. As has spending lots of time outside and learning from all that the world has to teach us. I'm excited to be offering classes at Homeworks this semester!

**Mrs. Solar** - Lucy Solar was born in Cuernavaca, Mexico and came to the United States in 1994. She taught Spanish and

English in Mexico to children and adults. Lucy graduated from Carroll University with degrees in Elementary Education and Middle School Science. Lucy moved to Cheney with her husband and 3 children because she liked the area and the school system. Her youngest child is an 9th Grader at Homeworks!

**Mrs. Woller** - Heather has taught a variety of classes at Home Works! over the past years and is also a homeschooling parent. She enjoys supporting students and families in homeschooling as well as sharing her many passions with students. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from EWU and is a Certified Aerobics and Yoga instructor. She worked at Cat Tales Zoological Park for nearly 2 years and for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife as a fisheries biologist for almost 10 years.

**Ms. Zeman** - Allison teaches a variety of fine art classes and has a B.A. degree in Apparel, Textiles, and Design, including a B.S. in Physical Geography and has been a Scientific Illustrator. She creates an environment for students to take risks and reach new heights as artists. She is also a former Home Works! parent.

