

**AJ Collective Workshops (AJCW) Thursdays! – All NEW Classes for this Winter 2012!**

*Inspired by the creativity of our children, we facilitate workshops with an emphasis on child-led learning.*

**All classes held at the Ethical Humanist Society at 7574 N. Lincoln Ave, Skokie on Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no class Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup> ).**

**ASL**

Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no class Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 10:00a-11:00p

We will learn conversational ASL vocabulary as well as developing ASL grammatical skills using things like facial grammar and classifiers to open up a whole new world of communication possibilities! We will also discuss Deaf Culture and learn to create traditional hand-shape and ABC stories. This will be a fun, interactive class with lots of games and language play! Classes are taught by Amy Eaton who learned ASL in 1988 working with National Technical Institute for the Deaf's "Sunshine Too", an outreach company made up of 3 hearing and 3 Deaf actors. Based in Rochester, NY, they toured most of the US, performing for all kinds of audiences in all kinds of situations. In 1990, she moved to Chicago with comrade Peter Cook, an internationally recognized Deaf Poet. Together they taught a mix of ASL and creative drama under the auspices of Urban Gateways from 1991-1995. In 1993 Amy co-founded Nature of the Beast and directed their original "ASL Opera" adaptation of "Medea."

Class minimum: 5 people, ages 8 and up, parents welcome to take the class as well. \$100 per student for the full 10 week session (family rate available).

Questions, information or to register contact Amy Eaton: [amyceaton@gmail.com](mailto:amyceaton@gmail.com)

**Little's Art**

Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no class Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 10:30a-1:30p

Little's Art is geared towards children 3 years of age on up to 7 years with one main guided take-home project each week, exploring self-portraits, mosaics, origami and more! The room is set up for three fun-filled hours of exploration (in addition to the main project) with sensory stations to work on fine motor skills though beading, drawing, painting, collage construction, stamping, play dough, stickers and much more! Parents are welcome to attend, or drop off. Stay for the whole three hours or come and go as your schedule sees fit. Class is taught by art enthusiasts extraordinaire, homeschooling moms Jen Kafizov and Amy Jarjusey.

Class minimum: 5 children. \$80 per child for the full 10 week session. Drop in fee \$12. (PAYPAL is accepted for this class.)

Questions, information or to register contact Amy Jarjusey and Jen Kafizov: [tikistanford@yahoo.com](mailto:tikistanford@yahoo.com)

**Teeny Tiny Miniatures, Oh My!**

Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no class Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 11:00a-12:00p

The sky is truly the limits in this art adventure class. Come with an idea to miniaturize a fabulous

creation! Could be a dollhouse, a doctor's office, a theater, park or more! Your child comes with an idea, and we can help them think way outside the box to create an amazing miniature with intricate details all around. Not only will they create a structure, but all of the people and the accessories that come along with that special place. Recommended for children ages 9 years and up, **or** children with required skills: use of glue gun, tweezers, detailed cutting with either scissors or crafting knives, and detailed painting. Class is taught by homeschooling mom and art enthusiast Amy Jarjusey, with the fabulous and very talented unschooled teen artist Emily Souers who has been making art since her earliest days and loves working with kids. She has been teaching children's art classes in her basement art studio for a little over a year, works as an intern at the Family Programs at the Art Institute of Chicago, and is applying to art colleges so that she can earn her BFA. Her artistic proficiencies include painting and drawing, recycled sculpture, miniatures, and fiber arts.

Class minimum: 6 children. \$120 per child for the full 10 week session. (*PAYPAL is accepted for this class.*)

Questions, information or to register contact Amy Jarjusey and Jen Kafizov: [tikistanford@yahoo.com](mailto:tikistanford@yahoo.com)

### **French**

Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no class Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 11:00a-12:00p

This fun-filled foreign language session is geared towards students ranging from ages 6-10 and will focus on introducing students to spoken French. There will be lots of opportunities to practice speaking and active learning, through songs and other activities. Children will be exposed to vocabulary related to colors, numbers, clothes, animals, foods and other basic ideas. Most of all, students will learn how to meet others and speak about themselves in French, be introduced to some writing and written vocabulary, as well as engage in cultural games and activities to strengthen language skills. Classes are taught by Andrea Parkins who is a homeschooling mother with approximately 15 years of experience as an educator. Andrea earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago in Romance Languages and speaks, reads, and writes French fluently. She has experience teaching Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, primary French language, as well as 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

Class minimum: 6 students. \$100 per child for 10 weeks.

Questions, information or to register contact Andrea Parkins: [parkinschi@comcast.net](mailto:parkinschi@comcast.net)

### **Ancient World History**

Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no class Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 12:30p-1:30p

Typically, the study of ancient civilizations involves an examination of early man, Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient China, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, and other civilizations. This class, most suitable for 9-12 year olds, will hopefully be the first in a series. The focus will be on early man and civilizations and Mesopotamia. This storied land, known today as Iraq, was home to some of the greatest early civilizations, including the Hittites, the Babylonians, the Assyrians and others. Students will actively explore cultural aspects of these civilizations, including religious beliefs, foods, etc. Drama, art, and other mediums will be incorporated and students will be able to shape how this study unfolds. Classes are taught by Andrea Parkins who is a homeschooling mother with approximately 15 years of experience as an educator. Andrea earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago and a Master of Arts in Political Science. She has experience teaching Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, primary French language,

as well as 5th and 6th grades. Her passion was subjects such as Ancient World History and United States History. After leaving her teaching position, she worked on a team which provided support to teachers with respect to interventions for struggling students.

Class minimum: 6 students. \$110 per child for 10 weeks.

Questions, information or to register contact Andrea Parkins: [parkinschi@comcast.net](mailto:parkinschi@comcast.net)

### **Hands-On Science Exploration**

Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no class Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 1:45p-2:45p

This is a diverse exploration into various science disciplines including biological and physical sciences, astronomy, electricity, chemistry and more. A bi-weekly adventure into each of these topics will include instruction, group discussions, hands-on activities in each given branch of learning, group and independent work, and resources for your child to bring home and explore further. This class is designed to encourage independent discovery and build on current skills, geared towards children ages 8-9 years and up. Classes are taught by homeschooling parents, Jen Kafizov and Amy Jarjusey.

Class minimum: 6 children. \$145 per child for the full 10 week session. Drop in fee: \$15. (*PAYPAL is accepted for this class.*)

Questions, information or to register contact Amy Jarjusey and Jen Kafizov: [tikistanford@yahoo.com](mailto:tikistanford@yahoo.com)

### **Kindermusik Family Time**

Thursdays, January 19<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no class Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 2:15p-3:00p

( **NOTE** : This class starts 1 week later than the others and runs for 9 weeks.)

A music and movement class for the whole family! During each 45 minute class parents and their children will sing, dance, and move their way through an exploration of several elements of music: beat and rhythm, concepts and contrasts (such as staccato and legato, high and low, the major scale, and arpeggios), the human voice, instrument families, and ensemble. They'll engage in activities that the whole family can enjoy together, including finger plays, songs, circle dances, story time, and family jam. Each family will receive a set of home materials including CDs, books and instruments to further your music making at home. Class is taught by Julie Friend, homeschooling mom, who is a licensed Kindermusik educator. She has been teaching all levels of Kindermusik in and around Chicago for the past 9 years. Prior to teaching Kindermusik she taught elementary general music for four years.

Class minimum: 6 children. Tuition will be \$140 (parent/child) and will include the home materials.

Questions, information or to register contact Julie Friend: [jfriend22@comcast.net](mailto:jfriend22@comcast.net)

### **Tween Club**

Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no gathering Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 2:45p-4:15p

Have tweens will gather! This is a fun social gathering for children ages 9 years up to 12 years of age. Each week is "hosted" by one tween/parent volunteer. To host simply means to plan that week of activities for the tweens. Gatherings will primarily happen at EHS, however there could certainly be some off-site field trips planned as well. There is a yahoo group for Tween Club, please take the time to

join it: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChiTweenClub2/>. This is a casual gathering of kids, no class minimum required to have it run. The rental fee donation is \$15 per child for the 10 week schedule. Hosts may request up to \$5 per child on any given week to cover the costs of supplies for their planned activity, but free activities highly encouraged. (Max. paid per child for 10 weeks would be \$65.) Off-site field trips planned should not cost a child more than \$10.

To register for this gathering (pay your child's \$15 donation fee) or any questions contact Amy Jarjusey and Jen Kafizov: [tikistanford@yahoo.com](mailto:tikistanford@yahoo.com) (*PAYPAL is accepted for this gathering.*)

### **Under-Tween Playgroup**

Thursdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (no gathering Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>) 2:00p-4:00p

What better way to build community than to hang out with your young child(ren), other parents and their children alike while exploring through play! Come on out and meet other homeschooling families with young children 8 years and younger during the winter months. Two rooms open for community and friendship building while your little ones get to play and explore. This is a parent-child play time and not a drop off event. Cost is \$15 rental fee donation per child for the full 10 weeks with a \$25 max per family.

To register for this gathering (pay your rental fee donation) or any questions contact Amy Jarjusey and Jen Kafizov: [tikistanford@yahoo.com](mailto:tikistanford@yahoo.com) (*PAYPAL is accepted for this gathering.*)