

Welcome to HSAP at Rex Mathes!

Please find important information regarding your child's classes and teachers below.



Science K-12th



My name is Sarah Trospers, and I can't wait to hear about all of the amazing things you did and saw this summer relating to science. I hope you all look for the SUPER, BLUE moon rising in the night sky on August 30th! It will be a spectacular thing to see.

I am starting my 10th year with the HSAP and can't wait to share my love of learning about and experiencing science with your children. All ages will start the year learning about how scientists work together to investigate and problem solve through a variety of activities. The rest of the year will look like this:

K-1st: Weather, Animals and Dissection and Rocks and Minerals

2nd-8th: Weather, Dissection, and Rocks and Minerals

8th-12th FRIDAYS: STEM activities

Please contact me anytime with questions at trospers@wdmcs.org

Because we are able to offer six sections of classes on Wednesdays, Lisa Drost will be teaching Kindergarten science that day. She loves science and has so many amazing things to share with your students from all of her National Park adventures. Her contact information is drostl@wdmcs.org.

Spanish K-8th



Welcome to the 2023-2024 Home School Enrichment school year! I am Allyson Day (or Señora Day as you will hear your children say), and I am excited to be your child's Spanish teacher this year! I have lived and taught in West Des Moines all my life. I studied Elementary Education and Spanish at Drake University. I have five children ranging in age from 23 to 31, and four grandchildren!

Based on the student population of each class, I will teach with a combination of review/practice of what the students have previously learned along with many NEW language concepts, vocabulary, and culture. I will teach and review basic conversational Spanish throughout the year. Body, clothing, animals, and landforms will be the big units in the elementary grades this year! NOTE: If your child is new to Spanish this year, please tell them not to worry that they will be behind! I am very careful to ease the transition and help them feel comfortable!

Please bookmark my website which has been designed specifically for HSAP! It has links to Spanish games and websites we use in class. It will also have photos of some of our special activities!!

<http://www.bit.ly/homeschoolspanish>.

If your child is in 6th or 7th grade, they will be in Spanish Stories (a communicative-based course that focuses on communication of Spanish through stories). If your child is in 8th grade, they will be in Spanish B (a continuation for those who took Spanish A in 2022-2023). All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will have weekly (EASY!) mini-quizzes. The current week's vocabulary can be found on my website:

<http://www.bit.ly/homeschoolspanish>. Please help your child bookmark this

site, so they can glance at it a few times during the week for a few moments.

Contact me any time at: daya@wdmcs.org (school email)

P.S. The lovely Mrs.Chapman also teaches 4 sections of our Spanish classes here at Rex. She's amazing! chapmank@wdmcs.org (school email)

Writing K-5th

We're looking forward to having your child in writing class this year! We welcome students of all writing abilities, as we make writing relevant for each child. Students will improve their writing skills, as they participate in a trait-specific lesson on a variety of writing genres each week. Some topics include: personal narrative, descriptive, opinion, and informative writing. Our K-1 writers will engage in interactive and shared writing with their teacher, as they ease into a variety of themed independent writing activities.

K/1 Grade: Please provide a 1-inch binder with a clear-view front pocket. (no tab dividers needed)

2nd-5th Grade: Please provide a 1-inch binder with a clear-view front pocket with 5 Tab Dividers. Label with each writing trait: IDEAS, ORGANIZATION, WORD CHOICE, VOICE, SENTENCE FLUENCY. Labeling the tabs ahead of time is a huge help, thank you!



This notebook will serve as the Writer's Notebook that students will be responsible for bringing to class each week. It also serves as a collection of their work. Please take time to have your child share the work that they've done each week. This is a great way to encourage and build your child's confidence as a writer. On occasion, students will need to complete work at home that they started in class. Many

times, this work will be needed for next week's lesson. Please feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have. It's going to be a great year!

Mrs. Drost.....drostl@wdmcs.org

Ms. Weis.....weiss@wdmcs.org

Mrs. Chapman....chapmank@wdmcs.org

Writing 6th-12th



Welcome to the 2022-2023 Home School Enrichment school year! I am Sara Nichols and I am excited to be your Writing teacher. I studied Theatre Education at Drake University and earned my Master's in Education from Viterbo University. I have taught English, Speech, and Drama for over 26 years. I have taught at Rex since 2017.

We will do a variety of different types of writing this year such as narrative, persuasive, and informational as well as public speaking. We will continue to incorporate the 6 + 1 Traits of Writing in our studies and use Canvas as our LMS. Our class will run much like a writer's workshop where we peer review each other's writing using Canvas. Students really enjoy sharing their writing with others and the use of Canvas is a wonderful tool for doing this.

*Students will need a folder or 3-ring binder with loose leaf paper to keep their materials for class. **If you checked out a Chromebook, please bring it to class. We do have Chromebooks that students can use if you didn't check one out or forget it.***

Feel free to contact me at nicholss@wdmcs.org

Drama 2nd-12th



Welcome to the 2023-2024 Home School Enrichment school year! We are Sara Nichols and CeCe Talley, and we are excited to be your drama teachers. We have both taught drama for over 26 years! Mrs. Nichols studied Theatre Education at Drake University and earned her Master's in Education from Viterbo University. Mrs. Talley studied Drama, Speech, English, and Spanish at Loras College. Mrs. Nichols has a son who is a 7th grader, and Mrs. Talley has two daughters who are in 11th grade and second year at Creighton University. All three of our children love the theatre, too!

We are busy choosing fun and interesting plays for this school year, and we look forward to putting together outstanding performances with our students! A typical drama class will include theatre games to practice acting

techniques and to get to know each other, vocal and body warm-ups, reading of books and scripts, taking turns trying out different parts, mini-auditions, dress rehearsals, and more! (*FYI: The formal, already-scheduled Friday dress rehearsal each semester is only for 4th grade students and older.*) The culmination of our classes will be **performances in December and May**. Find more dates and details on our school website!

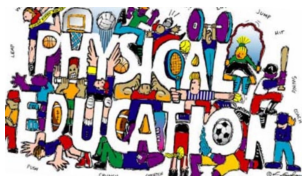
Please send your child with a **two-pocket folder** (to keep script safe and sound) and a **pencil** (to take notes in script). Also, the majority of our actors will need to provide their own **costume**, so wanted to make you aware of that!

All of the drama performance dates are listed on our website. We needed to add an additional fourth night of performances this year. Therefore, our regular schedule has changed. Please check the dates on our website and mark your calendars:

<https://www.wdmcs-hsap.org/>

Feel free to contact us any time: nicholss@wdmcs.org and talleyc@wdmcs.org.

P.E. K-12th



The P.E. Teachers are excited about the start of another school year and learning new games and skills as well as a lot of the old favorites! Tennis shoes as well as comfortable clothing will make P.E. A lot more fun and manageable each week! With fall approaching in a few weeks, sweatshirts will make playing outside a lot more comfortable. Also, remember those water bottles as the first weeks of class could be pretty hot! We are excited at Rex Mathes for classes to start the beginning of another great school year! Welcome!

Art



~ART AT CRAVEN'S CORNER~ 2023-2024 "PERSPECTIVES"

Hello! Welcome to another exciting year of creative art making with Mrs. Darci Jo Craven~ This is my 12th year at the HSAP program and 35th year overall teaching in a variety of K-12 settings. I am so thrilled to have you along in our adventures as we embark on the theme "**PERSPECTIVES.**"

With this theme, we will take a look at how we all see things differently (or the same ways) and relate those views to various famous artists, styles, and mediums. Our first semester will utilize the mediums of drawing, painting, and collage.

Second semester, we'll dive into clay, jewelry making, weaving, and mixed media.

Each child enrolled at HSAP receives a sketchbook that will be stored in the Art Room, with the exception of High Schoolers who are welcome to carry theirs to and from Rex Mathes.

In the sketchpad, students will have the opportunity to plan projects, utilize our "How To Draw" books, and work from the list of thought provoking "Sketchbook Art Prompts." The students will take their books home at the end of May.

I look forward to reuniting with familiar faces as well as meeting new friends.

Feel free to contact me anytime via email at cravend@wdmcs.org or let me know if you would like me to give you a call.

The first things we are collecting in the ART room are newspapers and magazines.

Soon, there will be a Sign Up Genius available via email for adult helpers during Kindergarten Art. This year, the very creative **Mrs. Chapman** will be joining me to teach Wednesday's section of Kindergarten Art. I'm thrilled and lucky to have her help!

Thanks so much for sharing your children with me at "Craven's Corner." I am excited to get started!

~Fondly, Mrs. Darci Jo Craven.

