



COURSES OFFERED AT COME READ WITH ME

This is a complete list of courses offered at Come Read with Me. Classes offered vary from semester to semester. Please review the following pages for a description of each course offered.

GENERAL COURSES

Puzzle Corner
Kitchen Skills
Dance & Movement
Everyday Life Skills
Computer Studies
Social Skills
What's in the News
Crafts
Choir
Around the World Studies
Lunch

CHOOSE ONE PROGRAM

(based on student's abilities)

Life Skills Program:

Functional Reading
Functional Math
Beginner Keyboarding

or

Academic Program Advanced:

Advanced Reading & Project Based ELA
Advanced Math
Finances
Keyboarding
10-Key



Course Requirements & Course Descriptions

GENERAL COURSES

Puzzle Corner: Students work alone or in groups to solve puzzles. Students will also have the opportunity to use iPads and other forms of technology during this session.

Why Do Puzzles? <https://www.memoryjoggingpuzzles.com/why-jigsaw-puzzles-good-for-the-brain/>

There are no course requirements

Kitchen Skills: Students will learn to prepare simple meals and focus on healthy eating. Each class consists of a tasting activity and a cooking activity. The class teaches basic cooking skills and incorporates reading and math skills as well as teamwork and cooperation.

There are no course requirements

Dance & Movement: This class will consist of various dance styles, popular line dances, creative movement coordination exercises and opportunities for self-expression.

<http://www.adta.org>

<http://dancehistory-katie.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.specialneeds.com/children-and-parents/autism/autism-movement-therapy-wakes-brain>

There are no course requirements

Everyday Life Skills: Life is filled with chaos, and we must learn how to work and solve problems in the midst of it every day. This interactive course will give students the opportunity to experience these daily challenges without real-world consequences. Students will explore topics such as:

- Around Town
- Food & Cooking
- Health & Safety
- Money
- Work Skills
- Current Events
- Guest Speakers
- Daily Living Skills: Laundry, Cleaning & Shopping

There are no course requirements

Computer Studies: Technology is everywhere. You cannot escape it. Students will learn how to use Microsoft Office, desktop publishing packages, how to use social networking and the Internet safely.

Students will also have the opportunity to use computers and assistive technology to build upon the knowledge/skills learned in reading and math classes with the use of various computer programs.

There are no course requirements

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Social Skills: Social skills are the skills we use to communicate and interact with each other, both verbally and non-verbally, through gestures, body language and our personal appearance. Human beings are sociable creatures and we have developed many ways to communicate our messages, thoughts and feelings with others.

In this class students will work in groups, use technology, discussions and role-play to develop the above essential skills.

There are no course requirements

What's in The News: Students discuss current local and world news using a variety of media sources. This class allows the students to learn about their local community and the greater community at large. Students develop reading, comprehension and social skills.

There are no course requirements

Crafts: Students will use a variety of mediums to create craft and art projects. Students will focus on developing and maintaining motor and cognitive skills.

Why Craft classes, you may ask? Please see link below:

<https://www.senmagazine.co.uk/articles/articles/senarticles/arts-and-crafts-can-provide-valuable-tools-for-a-wide-range-of-learners-with-sen>

There are no course requirements

Choir: Students in this class can either take part in singing and/or use drums and other percussion instruments. Students learn a variety of songs with a performance in the community at least once per year. Focus will be on tone, modulation and rhythm. Students will also build essential skills such a teamwork, cognitive skills and confidence.

Why music classes can be of a real benefit.

<http://www.disabled-world.com/medical/rehabilitation/therapy/music.php>

<https://www.senmagazine.co.uk/articles/articles/senarticles/special-voices-can-singing-help-children-with-sen-become-more-confident>

There are no course requirements

Social Studies: Students taking this class will learn about their community, map reading, what it means to be part of a community and what it means to be a good citizen as well as Texas & U.S. History and World History.

In this class students will work in groups, use technology and discussions to learn more about the world in which they live.

There are no course requirements

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Lunch: Yes, this is a class! In this class, students learn how to communicate effectively and display appropriate social behaviors. Students will also have the opportunity to work in small groups and learn how to prepare simple meals for themselves. They will also learn how to use kitchen appliances safely and weigh out simple ingredients.

The following article discusses the benefits of eating together as a family. The same benefits can be applied here at Come Read with Me during lunch times!

http://www.sparkpeople.com/resource/nutrition_articles.asp?id=439

There are no course requirements

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CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THESE PROGRAMS

(based on student's abilities)

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Functional Reading: Students will learn to apply visual communication methods such as recognizing symbols, reading maps and signs, using the internet to help them lead independent lives in the community and aid them in making important day-to day choices.

Pre-Readers will build on Phonemic Awareness and Phonics, sight words and rhyming words with the use of games and various short stories. Students will also work on their comprehension skills, vocabulary development and interpretation.

Students will be placed in classes according to abilities.

There are no course requirements

Functional Math: Students will build on existing math skills using games, group work, projects and technology. Students will apply knowledge/skills learned to everyday settings with a focus on money, telling time, measurements, and managing personal budgets. Students will be placed in classes according to abilities.

Please view the following website for an interesting article on math and adults with learning disabilities:

<http://www.ldonline.org/article/5896/>

There are no course requirements

Beginner Keyboarding: Standards can be individualized to each type of student so that each student is challenged: special needs, beginning students, and experienced students can all be graded differently by applying different profiles appropriate for each student type.

There are no course requirements

ACADEMIC PROGRAM ADVANCED

Advanced Reading & Project Based ELA: This class will improve fundamental reading skills, including word-attack skills, vocabulary development and reading comprehension as well as fluency and interpretation, with the use of pieces of well-known literature. Students will also develop their reading and comprehension skills through project-based activities. Extensive opportunities for applying reading strategies for before, during and after reading will be provided.

Students will be placed in classes according to abilities.

Course Requirement: Reading Level – Grade

Advanced Math: Students will build on existing math skills using games, group work, projects and technology. Students will apply knowledge/skills learned to everyday settings. Students will be placed in classes according to abilities.

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Course Requirement: Math Level – Grade

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Finances: This course will help students to understand and manage their money better, enabling them to make informed choices. Students will learn how to budget, learn about credit and debit with a focus on living as independent as possible.

There are no course requirements

Keyboarding: Standards can be individualized to each type of student so that each student is challenged: special needs, beginning students, and experienced students can all be graded differently by applying different profiles appropriate for each student type. In addition to individualizing goals, accuracy standards, minimum speeds, etc., the number of lessons can also be individualized.

There are no course requirements

Ten Key: Teaches the numeric keypad with speed and accuracy using industry standards for data entry. Proficiency on three actual employment tests helps the student meet employment standards.

There are no course requirements