

2024 **WORLD OF WONDER**



For students entering 3rd grade

Students may take one, two or three classes.

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Class 1301 (Cindy Dollman)

Once Upon a Time...Exploring Folktales Across Cultures

Step into the magical world of folktales as we investigate fables and fairytales from around the world! In a land where we are all readers and writers, we'll explore similar stories from differing cultures to spark our inner creativity. Then, we'll begin a fascinating journey, meeting many interesting characters along the way. We will create our own folktale weaving together elements of myth, legend, and personal insight. We'll learn the art of storytelling, from drafting and revising to illustrating and publishing.

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Class 1302 (Cindy Dollman)

Why Do They Look Like That? Exploring Animal Adaptations

Have you ever wondered why a giraffe's neck is so long? Or how anything could live in the desert? As investigative explorers, we'll venture into different ecosystems from lush rainforests to arid deserts, and examine the unique challenges each environment presents to its inhabitants. We'll determine what helps them survive and what adaptations developed over time to help them stay alive. By the end of the week, each junior scientist will design their own unique creature with the specific traits needed to survive the unique world in which they live!

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Class 1303 (Kara Girsch)

Where in the World Are We? Adventure in Maps & GPS

What did we do before Google Maps? In this class we'll explore the fascinating world of maps and GPS technology. We'll develop essential skills in map reading, spatial awareness, and understanding geographic concepts. We'll learn about the basic components of a map including symbols, legends, scales, cardinal directions, and map orientation. We'll also discuss cartography, the craft of map making, and learn how maps are made – both traditionally and in the age of technology.