

The Examined Life

The Examined Life provides support, enrichment and social activities for home-educating families in Miami, Florida. Members of our network teach their children a secular, college-preparatory curriculum.

We celebrate diversity. We value tolerance. We welcome families of all races, religions, lifestyles and sexual orientations that teach a secular curriculum.

We teach evolution, the Big Bang Theory, and aspire to prepare our children for Advanced Placement Tests in European and American History, English, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology, as well as at least one foreign language. Our families meet regularly for enrichment programs, field-trips, play-dates, and, here and there, a Girls'-Night-Out.

History, Science, Art Appreciation and Music

Members of our network study four subjects together: History, Science, Art Appreciation and Music. We have also arranged for weekly art workshops with April Atlas.

We use primarily an online university model with monthly meetings in each subject.

Member families receive copies of all syllabi, as well as a weekly e-mail that will include the assignments for that week.

BECOME A MEMBER.

Membership is free. To become a member, visit the website and click "Apply."

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2008-2009 Enrichment Programs

The Tuesday Afternoon Program

We meet Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings. On Tuesday afternoons, we meet at the studio of April Atlas in South Miami for a hands-on exploration of The Middle Ages through the prism of water-colors, drawing, clay-handbuilding, fiber arts and architecture. Each week the children will create works of art that will supplement their studies of The Middle Ages.



The Friday Morning Program

On the first Friday of each month we meet for a docent-led tour of the Lowe Art Museum at the University of Miami. On the second Friday of each month, we meet at the Deering Estate for a hands-on science lab. On the third Friday of each month, we meet at Matheson Hammock for History. On the Fourth Friday of the month, we meet again at the Deering Estate for Music and Art Appreciation. On months with a fifth Friday, we will have a field trip or catch-up day.

2008-2009 Enrichment Catalog

Locations

For Physics, Art Appreciation and Music we meet at:
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL 33157
www.deeringestate.org

For History we meet at:
Matheson Hammocks
9610 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL 33156

For the Tours at the Lowe Art Museum:
1301 Stanford Dr.
Coral Gables, FL 33146
www.lowemuseum.org

We meet at 10:15 on Fridays.
Classes and the Lowe Tours begin at 10:30 SHARP.

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Art Workshops with April Atlas

The curriculum is loosely based on some of the topics covered in History this year. We will ask the question: Why do people make art? We will employ various techniques. Drawing will be fundamental. We will develop watercolors techniques and color creating. We will study three kinds of illuminated manuscripts. While learning about ancient Meso-American and the Mississippian cultures, we will practice clay-handbuilding. We will look at fiber in many cultures. We will discuss storytelling via art and examine illustrations of this in various cultures. Again and again, we will be looking for the one animal that most influences history--the horse. Again and again, we will look at architecture of different cultures, leading to strong identification skills. Architecture always reflects the culture. We will end the year with a study of Leonardo Da Vinci. Meets Tuesday afternoons.

Science: Physics II

Based on the Noeo Physics II curriculum.
See <http://noeoscience.com/physll.html>. We will cover energy, motion, gravity, simple machines, light, sound, astronomy, electricity and technology. The monthly labs will include hands-on experiments and the keeping of a lab-journal. Best suited for children ages 8-14. Meets the second Friday morning of each month.

History: The Middle Ages

We will work our way through Susan Wise Bauer's *The Story of the World, Vol. 2: The Middle Ages*. Monthly meetings will include a Medieval Fair, an Ancient Asia Fair, a joust, the making of a Viking ship, the making of a movie about Christopher Columbus. Best suited for children ages 8-14. Meets the third Friday morning of each month.

Art Appreciation

We will focus on eight masters and their techniques. The class will include the making of art. Best suited for ages 7 and up. Meets the fourth Friday morning of each month, along with Music.

Music

We will learn about eight great pieces of classical music and learn eight American songs. Ages 7 and up. Meets the fourth Friday morning of each month, along with Art Appreciation.

Docent-led Tours at the Lowe Art Museum

From October through May, we meet at the Lowe on the first Friday of the month. A docent will give us a focused tour of the collection, attempting to elucidate some of the concepts raised by our study of specific painters in the Art Appreciation Program. Meets the first Friday morning of each month.

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Calendar for the Friday Morning Program September through December 2008

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September

5th Kick-Off Party and Orientation
12th Physics II Lab
19th History: The Middle Ages
26th (Mostly) Art and (a little bit of) Music

October

3rd Lowe Art Museum Docent Tour
10th Physics II Lab
17th History: The Middle Ages
24th Art Appreciation and Music
31st Catch-Up date or Field-Trip

November

7th Lowe Art Museum Docent Tour
14th Physics II Lab
21st History
28th Thanksgiving Weekend—NO MEETING TODAY.

December

5th Lowe Art Museum Docent Tour
12th Art Appreciation and Music
19th Physics II Lab
26th Winter Holidays—NO MEETING TODAY

Kick-off Party and Orientation

Our first meeting will be on Friday,
September 5th at Matheson Hammock.
We meet at the first shelter cross the parking
lot at the entrance. Be there at 10:15.

Registration and Payment Form

September 2008

Make check payable to "Claudia Franklin." Hand registration and check to Claudia, Cybele or Toni, or mail to "Claudia Franklin, 13321 SW 100th Court, Miami, FL 33176," by September 5th. You can register for all of the subjects or just those that are of interest. You must register and pay month by month. You cannot attend classes if we do not have your registration and payment in advance. Henceforth, monthly fees are due by the 25th of the previous month.

Tuesday Afternoon Art Workshops

Total

<input type="checkbox"/> Three workshops in September at \$15 each.	\$45 per child	\$ _____
Supplies (Some months there will be a supply fee.)	None	

Friday Morning Programs

<input type="checkbox"/> Physics One class at Deering Estate	\$5.00 entrance fee per person, Including adults, plus \$1.00 supply fee per child.	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art Appreciation and Music One class at Deering Estate	\$5.00 entrance fee per person, Including adults, plus \$1.00 supply fee per child.	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> History One class at Matheson Hammock	Free	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lowe Museum Tours	\$3.00 entrance fee per person, including adults.	\$ _____
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Children's Names Ages Parent's Name _____

_____ Phone Number _____

_____ Email Address _____

_____ Address _____

ENTRANCE AND SUPPLY FEES: We charge only for the entrance fees charged by the Lowe (\$3.00 per person) and Deering Estate (\$5.00 per person) for access to their facilities, and for supplies. The Deering fees include access to the facility for the rest of the day. Members of our group may partake of tours and nature walks after the class. As for the supply fees, if there is money left over at the end of the year, we will use it toward a party or give a refund.

**Please note that we are not a drop-off program.
A parent or responsible guardian must accompany the children to all events.**

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