

Parent Curriculum Online Workshops: 2011-2012

Hosted by Shelley Ross, Curriculum Coordinator

TO SIGN UP:

Email Shelley Ross, curriculum@ieminc.org, with your name, email, phone number (your student's name if applicable), and include the desired session time if more than one is offered.

These are online workshops and space is limited.

If possible as a courtesy, please give 48 hour cancellation notice so that others may attend.

A WebEx workshop invitation with the day and session time will be emailed to you 1-2 days before the workshop. About 5-10 minutes before the workshop, click on the URL in your email meeting invitation and follow the computer login and drop down phone directions. Your computer will do a meeting manager download as you enter that may take more than 5 minutes if on a slower Internet connection. You will be viewing the workshop on your computer over the Internet (DSL recommended), and listening to it through your phone. Therefore, your phone needs to be next to your computer. To test your system, go to Join Test Meeting, <http://www.webex.com/lp/jointest/>.

Please mute your phone once the workshop begins (except Q & A workshops), as we can hear everything!

August

TOPIC: Explore Ways to Make Your Student's Year of Learning Exciting! Orientation and Overview of Curricula and Program Resources

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26th

10:00am – 11:30am Grades K-5

2:30pm – 4:00pm Grades 6-12

Parents will receive an orientation and overview of the school-approved vendor list, and the curriculum websites and resources for grades K-5 and 6-12. Parents may pre-email Shelley Ross their curriculum questions, curriculum@ieminc.org, by August 24th, so she can address them during the workshop sessions.

Age/Grade Focus: Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12

September

TOPIC: Teach Your Student to Write the Easy Way for the School-Wide Writing Assignment (Expository Compare & Contrast Writing)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

10:00am – 11:00am Grades K-12

1:00pm – 2:00pm Grades K-12

3:00pm – 4:00pm Grades K-12

In this workshop, we will discuss the characteristics of compare and contrast writing, focusing mostly on the 'point-to-point' organizational style. The workshop will orient you to the support materials specific to the school-wide writing assignment that will help insure your student's success. To understand the scoring rubric, parents will be shown the scoring of one writing sample.

Age/Grade Focus: Grades K-12

October

TOPIC: Help Your Students Be Successful in Math While Keeping It Fun

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th

10:00 – 11:30am Grades K-5

2:00 – 3:30pm Grades 6-12

In this workshop, we will discuss the features of popular math curricula and the many support resources available to reinforce math concepts or help close learning gaps, in a fun way.

Age/Grade Focus: Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12

November

TOPIC: Turn Your Students into Life Long Learners by Helping Them Enjoy Reading: Fluency Diagnostic (Online) or Phonics Assessment (Online)

See descriptions below. These sessions will require a computer and Internet (DSL preferred).

One student per session.

Age/Grade Focus: Grades K-12

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

8:00am – 8:30am

8:45am – 9:15am

9:30am – 10:00am

10:15am – 10:45am

11:00am – 11:30am

1:00pm – 1:30pm

1:45pm – 2:15pm

2:30pm – 3:00pm

3:15pm – 3:45pm

Fluency Diagnostic

Fluency is the student's ability to decode words and read smoothly and easily. This diagnostic will give parents an approximation as to their student's reading fluency level. Fluency is important because studies have shown that fluency is directly tied to comprehension. Low fluency often means low comprehension, and high fluency often indicates high comprehension. If your student's fluency level is below grade level, there are curriculum programs that we can recommend to help address this issue.

Phonics Assessment

If a student's fluency or comprehension is low, one of the first things to consider is the student's proficiency of phonics and their ability to read sight words. If it turns out that these are low, there are curriculum programs that we can recommend to help address these issues.

December

No Parent Curriculum Workshop.

January

TOPIC: Have Your Cake and Eat it Too! Making Learning Fun While Covering the Standards and Preparing Your Students for the STAR CST's

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th

10:00am – 11:00am Grades K-5

2:00pm – 3:00pm Grades 6-12

The subjects and content of the California Standards Tests (CST's) vary from year to year. See which CST's students will take in the various grades, K-11. Learn fun ways to cover the subject standards throughout the school year, or when reviewing the standards before their CST's.

Age/Grade Focus: Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12

February

TOPIC: Science Curricula, Kits, Videos, and Online FREE Resources That Will Help Make Science Come Alive!

Your charter school excels at providing many wonderful resources that enable you to bring your student's science learning alive. Find out some of what is available and how you can help your students learn to love science.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

10:00am – 11:00am Grades K-5

1:00pm – 2:00pm Grades 6-8

2:30pm – 3:30pm Grades 9-12

Age/Grade Focus: Grades K-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12

March

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Age/Grade Focus: Grades K-12

FRIDAY, MARCH 16th

8:00am – 8:30am

8:45am – 9:15am

9:30am – 10:00am

10:15am – 10:45am

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April

TOPIC: Plan Ahead for Success! Curriculum Q & A's for Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12

This workshop session will give parents one last opportunity to ask specific curriculum questions for this school year before the PO cut-off, and to help them prepare for the following school year. If possible, parents are to pre-email their curriculum questions by March 29th to, Shelley Ross, curriculum@ieminc.org, and we will discuss them during the workshop session.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30th

1:00pm – 2:30pm Grades K-5

3:00pm – 4:30pm Grades 6-12

Age/Grade Focus: Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12.

May

No Parent Curriculum Workshop.