



DAYSPRING ARTS & EDUCATION

DAYSPRING ACADEMY



 **ISSSL** Independent
Schools of St. Louis

25⁺
years

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WELCOME PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Welcome to DaySpring Academy where we see educating children as a great responsibility and privilege in equal measure. With our team of educators devoted to cultivating the desire for lifelong learning in every student, DaySpring will:

- **Cultivate** the desire for lifelong learning by engaging students in the subject matter
- **Facilitate** an environment that leads them to make connections between what they are doing in the classroom and the world around them
- **Allow** students to use their own interests and creativity to explore the topics presented in the classroom
- **Instill** in students a respect and appreciation for each one's unique gifts and strengths.
- **Train** students how to practice effective communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity to solve problems
- **Lead** them in finding ways to utilize each person's contribution in group projects and presentations
- **Build** confidence and independent thinking as they grow in their skills
- **Inspire** students to dream big and imagine all the possibilities of how they can impact the world.

We want to equip our students to be ready and able to take the next step, secure in the knowledge of who they are, who God is, and to feel confident in their abilities to pursue their passions.

We are excited to partner with families to make this type of education possible. As we work together as parents, teachers and students, we are modeling the very things we value and endeavor to grow in our students as stated above.

We look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know your family.

DAYSPRING PROVIDES A PROGRESSIVE/PROJECT BASED EDUCATION



WHO WE ARE

Educational Philosophy

We believe that if you teach skills, such as **creativity**, **critical thinking**, **collaboration** and **communication**, within all content areas, that students will be equipped for success in whatever they do beyond school. We believe education should be dynamic, alive and relevant to students. Our teaching style and curriculum choices reflect those beliefs.

- We aim to provide a challenging and comprehensive education with a hands-on, problem solving approach.
- We seek to make the students' educational experience as personal as possible, and to motivate and equip students of all abilities to reach their full potential.
- DaySpring Academy provides a Progressive/Project Based Education that encourages individuality and a love for learning.

Although we do not teach Bible classes, the Bible is at the center of all we do and we consider it a privilege to partner with parents as they help prepare their children for what God has for them.

A University Model School

A university model school is a school that is structured like a college or university. DaySpring Academy follows a University Structure from preschool through high school. Our students come to class 3 days a week and work at home with a parent or independently on the other two days. This model helps students learn to manage time, be responsible for completing their work, and prepares them to go onto a university and be successful. This structure also allows parents to be more aware and involved in their child's education.

We believe students learn best through investigative hands-on activities that challenge them to work together and think creatively. DaySpring Academy provides a Progressive/Project Based Education that encourages individuality and a love for learning.

Teachers

DaySpring chooses their faculty for not only their excellent qualifications, but also for their godly character, and passion for what they teach. Each of our faculty is committed to engaging students in meaningful education, investing in them and seeing them grow in and outside the classroom. They are experts in what they do and ready and willing to partner with parents and students, offering the support necessary to enable students to create a positive successful education.

Our faculty adheres to and teaches from a Christian Worldview, while challenging students to explore the world around them and seeking to understand those different from themselves.

All of our faculty are degreed and certified, and some hold advanced degrees; we have an average of 12 years teaching experience among our faculty. Their degrees, certifications, and endorsements include, but are not limited to, English, Gifted, Special Education, Speech, Math, Psychology, Social Work, World History, Chemistry, Biology, Unified Sciences, Divinity, and Early Childhood.

We are proud of our amazing faculty who make the program academically strong, creative and personal.



EARLY ELEMENTARY

Creative Arts Preschool

Ages 3-5

The Creative Arts Preschool is a comprehensive preschool program that includes a strong emphasis in arts and music instruction, developing pathways in the brain for foundations in academic study. The program is committed to nurturing the whole child by providing opportunities to explore music and movement, art and developmentally appropriate academic activities while developing a love of learning through rich hands-on experiences in a child-centered environment.

Parent Role:

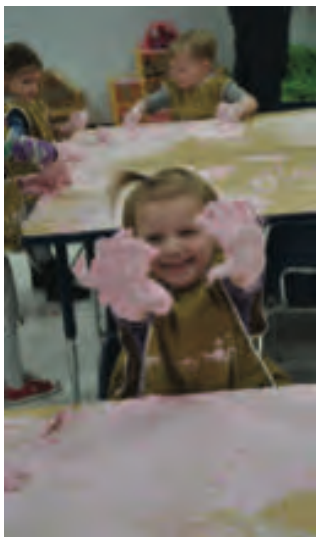
At DaySpring, preschoolers engage in small group and large group activities as well as self-directed, individualized activities in a mixed-age classroom. Our children are excited about learning as they **explore** and **discover** the world around them through curriculum and materials in language and literature, mathematics, science, social studies, music and art. We recognize that there are many needs when it comes to preschoolers and so we offer plenty of options to choose from when planning your child's preschool experience.

Options include:

Two Day: Monday, Wednesday or Tuesday, Thursday
Mornings 9:00-11:45 or Full Day 9:00-2:30

Three Day: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
or Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

One Full Day: Fridays from 9am to 2:30pm
(this day includes a 45 minute dance class)



Early Elementary Levels

Kindergarten through 4th Grade

In Early Elementary Grades, the educational experience at DaySpring is **dynamic, alive, and relevant**. It exposes students to rich literature and a variety of writing styles to help them develop a love for good literature and begin building a foundation in writing and historic events. Our curriculum choices help build their curiosity about the world around them and provide many science activities. Learning in these grades includes **hands-on experiences** that **engage** young bodies and minds at the same time. Everything we do helps to build a concrete understanding of concepts.

Parent Role:

Parents should expect to direct and work side by side at home with their child. The "at-home" work will require parents to read to children, interpret directions, engage in hands-on activities and explain concepts. The 'at home' days will require about 4 hours per day depending on the attention span of your student. Many of our classes in this category are combined classes. In order to express the nature of our students in these levels, we have given names to each class. Our kindergarteners are **Discoverers**; our first and second graders are called **Explorers**, and our third and fourth graders are called **Adventurers**.

Tuesday and Thursday for academic work

Friday for a full day of Enrichment classes 9 to 2:30 each day

Upper Elementary Levels

5th & 6th Grade

In Upper Elementary Grades, education begins to take on a more structured approach, we focus on mechanics, **study skills, digging deeper** into our literature and history books and making **more connections**. Classes still incorporate many hands-on activities that keep students moving and engaged. There is also a strong focus on communication and collaboration through group and partner work.

Parent Role:

At home, parents will need to monitor students' work and make sure that they are understanding assignments and concepts. When necessary, some assignments may need to be done with parent input. The goal is to begin to develop personal work ethic and study skills, with growing independence and responsibility. The 'at home' days will require 4 to 6 hours depending on your student's personal work speed. This combined class of fifth and sixth graders are called **Dawntreaders**.

Monday and Wednesday for academic work

Friday for a full day of Enrichment classes 9 to 2:30 each day

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MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Middle School

7th & 8th Grade

The Middle School students are stretched to use previously learned skills in more complex writing and ideas. Our focus develops beyond simple comprehension to beginning to **recognize and appreciate individual ideas and themes**. Students will be expected to respond to increasingly challenging literature in an age appropriate way. They are given the opportunity to delve into specific science and math studies. They are challenged to not only **work together** at this level but develop **team strategies** that utilize all team members' strengths. They are given unique problems and encouraged to **develop creative solutions**.

Parent Role:

When students reach middle school, they should be able to complete most assignments independently at home. The parent's role becomes one of support and motivator. It will be expected that parents know what assignments are on the schedule each week and if their child is completing them and if they are struggling with any of them. Parents should be encouraging students to contact teachers when there are questions or they need extra help. The student's school day is now seven hours long and is comprised of six different classes. At home, students should expect to spend an hour on each subject. This combined class of seventh and eighth graders are called **Springboarders**.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday for academic classes 8:45-3:45

Arts classes are offered after school beginning at 4.

High School

9th through 12th Grade

In the first years of High School we train the student to **write with accuracy and fluency** by modeling different styles of writing. We will focus more attention on **literature studies and analysis**. We will also develop skills in **discussion and debate** through class participation in debates and idea exchanges. They will be stretched through specific studies in science and math to problem solve and apply basic principles in a logical way. Our students all take Spanish, which will fulfill college requirements, but more importantly, it will prepare them for the global world we live in.

Parent Role:

The focus shifts in the final years of high school to really prepare students for college and career, to be independent thinkers and clear communicators. They will develop and hone their skills in presentation and writing. We will expect them to write succinctly and communicate their point with ease. They will be challenged with high level math and science courses and given the opportunity to take a variety of elective classes like Health, Computer, Shakespeare, Worldviews, Psychology, Anatomy. At this level, students should be completely independent in their at home work. Parents are called on to help students at home, only if their student is struggling with independence. Students should expect to put in at least an hour at home for each subject.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday for academic classes 8:45-3:45

Arts classes are offered after school beginning at 4.

upper levels



**STUDENTS LEARN BEST
THROUGH INVESTIGATIVE
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT
CHALLENGE THEM TO
WORK TOGETHER AND
THINK CREATIVELY!**

ENRICHMENT FRIDAY WITH DAYSPRING ARTS

Preschool through 6th Grade

Whereas a traditional school might spread arts & specialty classes throughout the week, DaySpring offers an entire day of classes from which to choose on Fridays to enrich our students. Students have the unique opportunity to receive quality hands on training from professionals in all the areas of the arts including **dance, music, musical theatre, art, drama, & literature**, as well as **hands on STEM** classes in **science, technology, robotics, engineering** and **programming**. Parents and students will be given the opportunity to choose the classes they are most interested in on Friday to build their own unique schedule.

These enrichment classes are an integral part of DaySpring Academy's program and are a valuable part of the students' education here. Studies have shown the dramatic impact these classes are having by preparing today's students with the skills needed in the changing workforce of their adult lives. Involvement in **STEAM** programming has been found to train our children's minds to

- be organizers
- think critically and creatively finding new solutions for problems
- multitask
- see the big picture while working on the details
- use complex language skills
- build discipline in attitudes and actions
- develop perseverance, focus, collaboration and confidence and
- boost their academic progress in the classroom.

See our **Enrichment Friday** flyer which gives full descriptions of the specialty classes. Private music lessons and Performing and Fine Arts classes are also offered for all ages in the evenings and on Saturdays with highly qualified and selectively chosen teaching artists. See our **Classes in the Arts** brochure or our website for more information.

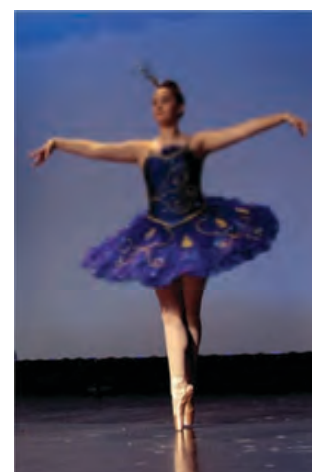
AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

7th through 12th Grades

The DaySpring Academy student has the great advantage of being able to choose from many extracurricular classes in a unique and creative environment.

In our arts division students become well equipped in the disciplines of the performing and fine arts and STEM. Students can choose from **classical ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance, musical theatre, drama, technical theater, fine art** in many media, **private music lessons** and group **music classes**. Also offered are **engineering** and **robotics**.

The school is committed to providing excellent training with artists and teachers experienced and qualified in their discipline, who love children, love to teach, who are continually improving their skills, and have a strong character foundation in their lives. All of these extracurricular classes found in the **Classes in the Arts** brochure are offered throughout the week after school and Saturdays.



DAYSPRING HAS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT THAT ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUALITY AND A LOVE FOR LEARNING!

PRICING

2020-2021 TUITION & FEES

New Family Application Fee

Application Fee is per student

Preschool: \$60

K-12: \$95

Registration & Material Fees (due once accepted)

Preschool

Registration Fee: \$90

Supply Fee: \$75 (multi-day) or \$40 (Friday only)

New Academy Families

Registration Fee: \$210

Tuition Retainer: \$175

Material Fees (see each level)

Returning Academy Families

Registration Fee: \$175

Tuition Retainer: will roll over into following school year!

Material Fees (see each level)

Late Registrations

The above registration fee is true for all registrations received before May 1st.

The registration fee for all registrations received after May 1st will increase \$25, after July 1st will increase \$50.

After School Care

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 2:30-5:30pm

\$150 per semester/\$10 a day per drop in

Annual Tuition

Creative Arts Preschool

3-Day: \$4,700 all day

2-Day: \$3,200 all day

2-Day: \$1,950 AM only

Friday only: \$2,275 all day

Discoverers (Kindergarten)

3-Day: \$5,220

Material Fees: \$100

2-Day: \$3,220

Explorers & Adventurers (1st-4th grade)

3-Day: \$5,340

Material Fees: \$100

2-Day: \$3,220

DawnTreaders (5th & 6th grade)

3-Day: \$5,515

Material Fees: \$125

2-Day: \$3,395

Springboarders (7th & 8th grade)

\$5,150

Material Fees: \$285

High School (9th-12th grade)

\$5,350

Material Fees*: \$160 activity fee + a range of \$25-45 per class for materials

*Fees due will depend on class choices

Tuition is payable in two installments or 9 to 12 monthly Autocheck payments ending in May.

ALUMNI SPEAK



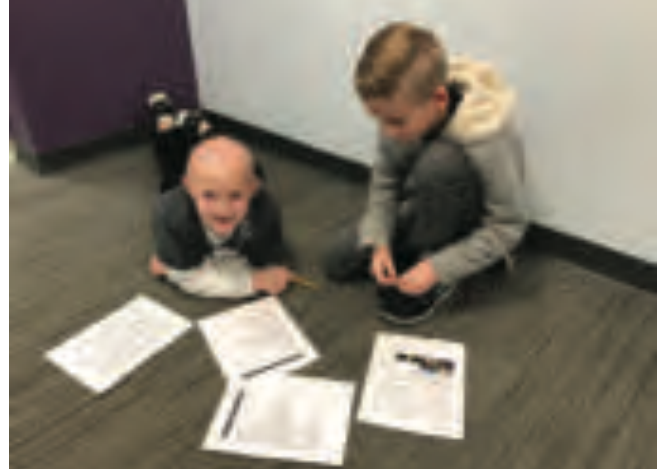
"The thing that impacted me the most about DaySpring is probably the community. I never felt left out. Everyone is incredibly supportive of one another."

***- Abigail Jeschke, Southeast Missouri State University
Dance, Entrepreneurship, and Marketing***

"Looking back after two and a half years of college, I am able to see many of the ways DaySpring uniquely prepared me. The emphasis on writing, that class on Church History, and the chance to develop as a leader stand out. I'm thankful for the role you played in that!"

***- Ben Hull, Johnson University
Applied Linguistics***





APPLICATION PROCESS

NOVEMBER

Open House

FEBRUARY

Open House

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

Personal tours, applications, parents interviews, student shadowing

New family registration opens, pending class numbers

Finalize paperwork:
turn in contracts, immunizations, and fees

Rolling admissions continue
on a space available basis for all grades

WHY CHOOSE US?

- ✓ *Engaging Education*
- ✓ *Financially Viable*
- ✓ *21st Century Learning*
- ✓ *Certified & Passionate Teachers*
- ✓ *Parent/Teacher Collaboration*
- ✓ *Arts Inspired*



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