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Nursery - 4th grade: Each semester, nursery-4th students will attend all 7 Regular co-ops. Regular co-ops are held usually twice a month at Cornerstone Baptist church in Groveland. Moms are required to be present the whole day, either teaching or helping in 1 or 2 classes.

PreK-4th graders will attend 4 classes during each REGULAR co-op that consist of:

- Hands-on History class (*These classes rotate each year, for a 4 yr cycle*)
 - Ancient History
 - Middle Ages
 - US History I (through 1860)
 - US History II (1860 through modern times)
- Hands-on Science class
- Physical Education including President's Physical Fitness
- Music (1st semester) with choral performance at the December Christmas program
- Art (2nd semester) with projects that correlate to the historical period studied.

5th-6th graders will attend **REGULAR AND 5-12** co-ops. During each co-op, they will have 4 classes that consist of:

- History class (*These classes are offered on a 4 year cycle. 5th/6th graders will rotate through 2 of the years depending on when they enter 5th grade.*)
 - Ancient History
 - Middle Ages
 - US History I (through 1860)
 - US History II (1860 through modern times)
- Writing Level I (for those new to IEW-Institute for Excellence in Writing principles) or Level II (for those with IEW experience)
- Physical Education with President's Physical Fitness
- Drama (1st semester) with production at the December Christmas program
- Science (2nd semester)

WHAT ARE THE DETAILS OF THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM? The Christmas program gives the Pre-K through 4th grade children an opportunity to sing the songs they have learned during co-op music class. The 5th/6th graders perform a play which they have worked on each week during the semester during drama class. As a prelude to the program, 7th-12th graders are given the opportunity to perform pieces (piano, singing, guitar, recitation... whatever!) which they have worked

on during the semester at home. If there is available time, younger children may get the chance to perform a prelude piece as well. This additional feature of the Christmas Program greatly depends upon the amount of time available for the choir performances.

Additionally, tables are set up to display the work some classes have completed during the fall semester. After the program, there is a time for fellowship.

ARE THERE SNACKS FOR ELEMENTARY KIDS? Mothers with children in the nursery provide the treat for their child. (Please label all treats and cups/bottles that your child uses in the nursery.)

Treats are given each co-op to kids in PreK-2nd grade. A sign-up sheet is passed around at the Beginning of the Year Kick-Off Meeting. The Data Sheet emailed at the beginning of the semester lists the number of kids per class (add a few extra snacks in case we have visitors). Please bring a snack that is finger-food and easy to eat/clean-up.

When you bring treats, place them in the Hands-On Science room which is the room to the right of the kitchen. Make sure they are marked children's treats and the age group they are for. Napkins are supplied by the co-op.