



Shining Stars

(Grades K-2)

(A "Beginner's Concept Course to "Bright Lights")

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A Little About Me:

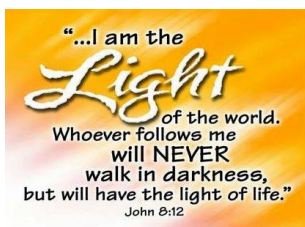
Greetings!

My name is Amber Salo and I am a homeschool mom to four amazing girls and "fur mom" to two rambunctious dogs. My husband and I will be celebrating our 21st Anniversary this year and we live in a cedar house nestled in the woods

frequented by woodland animals. We enjoy camping, playing games, and listening to music together. My family has been part of the homeschooling community for the past seven years and I am excited to be able to invest time into the children of our community through my class, "Shining Stars."

I am passionate about leading others on the journey to find Jesus, inspire them to love Him and live for Him, and shine His light for others to see. This desire led me to nicknaming myself "Sunshine" as a young child and compelled me to pursue a teaching career where I have had countless opportunities to instill the intrinsic worth of each person within my classes.

I have had the privilege of teaching children of various ages within the public school setting, at co-ops, at childcares, and within churches in Indiana and Michigan. I bring with me a degree in Elementary Education with endorsements in Early Childhood, Integrated Creative Arts, Mathematics, and Science. I love making learning academics fun and emphasizing the development of the whole child including voice, listening skills, socialization, and character development. I can't wait to begin this adventurous journey together discovering God's greatness with your student.



Class Overview:

"Shining Stars" is a "Beginner's Concept" course to Bright Lights. This course will give students the advantage of beginning their study of apologetics earlier in their academic years and encourage them in their faith journey. This class will also provide them opportunities to gain valuable experience, knowledge, and skills as they encounter STEAM challenges.

Similar to its successor, "Bright Lights," this class is uniquely designed to provide opportunities to challenge students to learn *how* to think, not *what* to think. They are taught how to clearly and respectfully express their thoughts, carefully listen to the thoughts of others, challenge assumptions, think critically, problem solve, work successfully as a team toward a common goal, and learn from failures and mistakes. By studying apologetics, completing logic puzzles, and



engaging in STEAM challenges, students will be encouraged to grow in each of these areas and develop as individuals who are

better prepared to enter into the world's chaos and be successful with their belief in God as their foundation.

What will we do?

- Investigate evidence for the truth of God's Word and form explanations that could be shared with others. (aka Apologetics)
- Complete logic puzzles that focus on different reasoning skills such as problem-solving, memory and processing speed, and abstract thinking.
- Participate in small group hands-on STEM challenges that encourage critical thinking through real-world simulations that are designed to ignite curiosity and fun.
- Use our creative minds to form thoughts and share them with others.



***Upon confirmation of your registration in my class, you will receive a welcome email containing my address. Please mail your materials fee (\$50) to me within 10 business days of receiving the welcome letter so that I can begin to make purchases for the class. You may also pay with PayPal using my email address: desire2inspire4ever@gmail.com. Thank you! :-)

<p>Tuition: \$300/yr. Materials fee: \$50***(non-refundable) \$150 due 1st day of 1st semester \$150 due 1st day of 2nd semester</p>	<p>LAMP Families: LAMP families are required to self-pay for any missed LAMP payments due to a student dropping after the 3rd class or not meeting LAMP requirements during the semester. Any tuition balances not covered by LAMP funds will be the responsibility of the family to provide.</p>
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