



CREATIVE CONNECTIONS LEARNING

Homeschool Enrichment

Parent Handbook

2026–2027 School Year

A Homeschool Enrichment Community

Satellite Beach, Florida

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Welcome to Creative Connections Learning

Welcome to Creative Connections Learning (CCL)—a homeschool enrichment community designed for families who want the best of both worlds: the freedom and flexibility of homeschooling paired with the structure, rigor, and community of a traditional school setting.

This handbook is designed to help you understand who we are, what we offer, what to expect, and how to make the most of your family's experience with us. Whether you're brand new to homeschooling or a seasoned veteran looking for meaningful enrichment, we're glad you're here.

What We Are

Creative Connections Learning is a part-time, in-person homeschool enrichment program for students in grades 1st through 9th, located in Satellite Beach, Florida. We offer structured, teacher-led classes across a comprehensive range of academic and elective subjects, four days a week (Monday through Thursday).

Families who attend multiple days per week receive a thorough and well-rounded course of study that includes core academics, unique electives rarely available in traditional school settings, and dedicated time for independent academic work—all in a warm, small-group environment.

CCL's curriculum is developed and overseen by our program director, Erika, who holds a master's degree in special education and brings over 20 years of classroom, tutoring, and homeschooling experience to the program—in addition to four years running Creative Connections Learning. Our teachers are a mix of passionate parents and professionals who bring real-world expertise in their subject areas. Classes are carefully planned, academically rigorous, and designed to challenge and inspire students at every level.

Our Core Offerings Include

- A comprehensive course of study across core subjects and electives
- Unique classes not typically found in traditional settings: philosophy, mythology, speech and debate, entrepreneur lab, maker lab, critical thinking, and more
- Integrated, project-based learning experiences
- Age-banded instruction designed to promote growth and connection
- Afternoon study hall with time for independent math and language arts work
- Small class sizes (10–12 students per group)
- Flexible enrollment: choose 1–4 days per week, mornings only or full day

- 9-week term commitments (no full-year contracts)
- Custom-built companion apps for many classes, plus an online student hub

At its heart, CCL exists to provide a learning community where children are known, challenged, and inspired—and where families retain the freedom to shape their child's education.

What We Are Not

It is just as important to understand what Creative Connections Learning is not, so that expectations are aligned and our partnership with your family is built on a clear foundation.

We Are Not a Private School

CCL is a homeschool enrichment program, not a private school. Families must be registered homeschoolers in the state of Florida. Parents retain full academic authority and legal responsibility for their child's education, including compliance with all applicable homeschool laws and regulations.

We Do Not Issue Diplomas or Grades

Because we are an enrichment program, CCL does not issue report cards, transcripts, or diplomas. Parents are responsible for maintaining portfolios, evaluations, or any documentation required by the state. For 9th graders interested in earning high school credit, we offer hour logging to support transcript building at home.

We Do Not Dictate Curriculum Choices

While we provide curriculum recommendations, educational resources, and suggested math and language arts programs, the final decision on what your child studies always rests with you. Families are free to supplement, substitute, or customize as they see fit.

We Are Not a Drop-In Daycare

Our classes are academically rigorous and teacher-led. Students are expected to participate, complete assigned work, and engage with the learning community. While our schedule is flexible, enrollment is by the term and class spots are limited.

Behavior Expectations

Creative Connections Learning maintains high behavioral expectations for all students. We are committed to providing a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment where every child can thrive, and we take this commitment seriously.

Our Standards

Students are expected to be respectful toward adults and peers at all times. CCL is an indoor program, and the close-knit nature of our learning spaces means that every student's behavior affects the experience of the entire group. We have zero tolerance for:

- Bullying of any kind
- Disrespect toward teachers or peers
- Defiance or refusal to follow reasonable instructions
- Physical aggression of any type
- Disrupting the learning environment

These expectations are non-negotiable. Students who are unable to meet them may be asked to leave the program.

Neurodivergent-Friendly, With Boundaries

We welcome and celebrate neurodivergent learners. Our program includes built-in accommodations such as calm-down areas and sensory-friendly spaces where students can take breaks as needed. However, CCL is not equipped to serve students who require an individual aide for behavioral or academic support, or who are unable to participate meaningfully in classroom activities without ongoing disruption to the learning environment.

If you have questions about whether CCL is a good fit for your child's specific needs, please reach out to Erika before enrolling. We are always happy to have an honest conversation about how we can best support your family—or to help point you toward resources that may be a better fit.

Why This Model Works

Many homeschooling families face a tension: they want the autonomy and individualization that homeschooling provides, but they also want their children to experience structured classroom learning, expert instruction, and a genuine peer community. CCL was built to resolve that tension.

Structure Without Rigidity

Our schedule provides a dependable rhythm to the week—morning classes, afternoon study hall, and free time—while giving families the ability to choose exactly how many days and which blocks work best. You can attend one day a week or four. Mornings only, full days, or any combination. The structure is there when you want it, and the flexibility is there when you need it.

Depth and Rigor Beyond the Basics

CCL's class offerings go far beyond what most enrichment programs—or even traditional schools—provide. Students engage with philosophy, mythology, speech and debate, entrepreneurship, maker skills, computer science, and the arts alongside core subjects like writing, history, science, and literature. These aren't surface-level electives; they are thoughtfully designed courses with real curriculum, homework expectations, and progressive skill-building across the year.

A Real Learning Community

Children thrive when they feel known. At CCL, small class sizes mean every student has a relationship with their teachers and peers. Students rotate through classes together, build friendships across age bands, and develop the social and collaborative skills that come from being part of a learning community—something that can be hard to replicate in a purely homeschool setting.

Academic Support Without Overreach

CCL provides recommended math and language arts programs, homework assignments, and teacher feedback—but parents remain the primary educators. We equip and support; we never override. For families who follow our suggested academic plan across multiple days per week, students will have a comprehensive educational experience. For families who prefer to supplement with their own approach at home, we're happy to be one meaningful piece of the puzzle.

Schedule Overview: 2026-2027 School Year

CCL holds classes Monday through Thursday. Each day follows a consistent schedule, with different subjects offered on different days so that families attending multiple days receive broad academic coverage.

Daily Structure (Monday-Thursday)

9:25–9:45	Arrival / Drop-Off
9:45–10:30	Class Period 1
10:30–10:45	Break / Snack Time
10:45–11:30	Class Period 2
11:30–11:45	Break / Snack Time
11:45–12:30	Class Period 3
12:30–1:00	Lunch
1:00–2:00	Study Hall (Math / Language Arts)
2:00–2:25	Free Time
2:25–2:35	Pick-Up

Morning classes (9:45–12:30) rotate through different subjects each day. The afternoon block (12:30–2:25) provides structured study hall for independent math and language arts work, followed by free time. Students can enroll for mornings only (9:25–12:30), full days (9:25–2:35), or any combination that fits their family.

Age Groups

- **1st–3rd Grade:** Stays with one teacher for all classes (morning and afternoon). Does not rotate.
- **3rd–5th, 5th–7th, and 7th–9th Grade:** Rotates to three different teachers each morning.

Subjects Offered Across the Week

Students attending all four days will experience instruction across the following subjects. The 1st–3rd grade group has different Monday and Tuesday classes than the older groups; Wednesday and Thursday classes are the same across all age bands.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1st–3rd Grade			
Story Lab Game Lab Maker Lab	Spanish Critical Thinking Mythology	Science Writing History	Literature Art Music
3rd–5th / 5th–7th / 7th–9th Grade			
Maker Lab Entrepreneur Lab Speech & Debate	Spanish Philosophy Comp. Mythology	Science Writing History	Literature Art Music

The Afternoon Block: Study Hall

The afternoon study hall is a key part of the CCL experience for full-day students. This is a quiet, independent work period where students focus on their math and language arts programs.

How It Works

- Study hall runs from 1:00–2:00 every day, followed by free time from 2:00–2:25 and pick-up from 2:25–2:35
- Students work independently and quietly on math and language arts—either programs brought from home or workbooks provided at school
- Teachers are present and available to help as needed, but this is primarily a quiet, self-directed work hour
- Students at the same level following our recommended programs and staying on schedule are able to sit and work together
- The 1st–3rd grade group stays with their teacher for the afternoon block

Recommended Programs

CCL provides recommended math and language arts programs with suggested pacing schedules. Families are welcome to use our recommendations or to bring in their own

preferred curriculum. The recommended programs and schedules are shared at enrollment so families can make informed decisions about what works best for their child.

Parents are responsible for testing and placing their child in the appropriate level of whichever program they choose, and for ensuring their child has the necessary materials ready on the first day. Students not using our recommended programs should have fully independent work, as teachers focus their support on students working within the recommended programs.

Digital Tools: Companion Apps & Student Hub

Creative Connections Learning has developed custom companion apps designed to extend and enrich what students learn in the classroom. Many of our classes have a corresponding app where students can continue exploring topics introduced during class time—reviewing concepts, practicing skills, and diving deeper into subjects they’re excited about.

Students enrolled in a class that has a companion app will receive free access to that app for as long as they are enrolled. These apps are designed to be engaging, age-appropriate, and directly aligned with what is being taught in class.

The CCL Online Student Hub

All enrolled students also have access to our online student hub—a central place where families can:

- View their child’s enrolled classes and weekly schedule
- See assignments and homework for each class
- Access any companion apps available for their classes
- Read announcements and updates from CCL
- Communicate directly with teachers and program staff

The student hub is designed to keep families connected and informed, making it easy to stay on top of what’s happening at CCL even on the days your child isn’t in class.

Schoolwork Expectations by Grade Band

CCL provides grade-appropriate homework and schoolwork recommendations designed to keep students progressing between class days. These are guidelines—parents always retain the authority to adjust based on their child's needs.

1st-3rd Graders

- Math: 4x/week, approximately 20 minutes per day
- Reading program (phonics, spelling, vocabulary): 4x/week, 20 minutes per day
- Writing: 2x/week, 10 minutes per day
- Read aloud with your child as often as possible
- All other subjects are interest-based at this age

3rd-5th Graders

- Math: 4x/week, approximately 30 minutes per day
- Reading program (phonics, spelling, vocabulary, grammar): 4x/week, 30 minutes per day
- Writing: 3x/week, 15–20 minutes per day
- Reading (literature): 3–5x/week, 20 minutes per day
- Science & Social Studies: 2x/week, 20 minutes per day
- Continue reading aloud with your child

5th-7th Graders

- Math: 4x/week, 30–40 minutes per day
- Reading program (spelling, vocabulary, grammar as needed): 4x/week, 30 minutes per day
- Writing: 3–4x/week, 20+ minutes per day
- Reading (literature): 4–5x/week, 20+ minutes per day
- Science & Social Studies: 2–3x/week, 20–30 minutes per day
- Encourage independence and accountability for schoolwork

7th-9th Graders

- Math: 4x/week, 45–60 minutes per day
- Reading (spelling, vocabulary, grammar as needed): 4x/week, 20 minutes per day
- Writing: 4x/week, 30+ minutes per day
- Reading (literature): 4–5x/week, 30+ minutes per day
- Science & Social Studies: 3x/week, 45+ minutes per day

- Encourage independence and accountability for schoolwork
- Follow interests for other subjects

9th graders will need to log hours for transcripts. Please speak with Erika about how to track and document course hours for high school credit.

Tuition, Enrollment & Logistics

Pricing (2026-2027)

- Morning only (9:30–12:30, Monday–Thursday): \$450 per 9-week term, per day of the week
- Full day (9:30–2:30, Monday–Thursday): \$650 per 9-week term, per day of the week
- Multi-day full-day discount: families enrolling in 3 or more full days per week pay \$600 per day (1 full day: \$650/term, 2 full days: \$1,300/term, 3 full days: \$1,800/term, 4 full days: \$2,400/term)

Enrollment Fees

There is a one-time annual enrollment fee of \$50 per day of the week your student is enrolled for:

- 1 day/week: \$50
- 2 days/week: \$100
- 3 days/week: \$150
- 4 days/week: \$200

Term Dates

- Term 1: August 3 – October 1
- Term 2: October 12 – December 17 (off Thanksgiving week)
- Term 3: January 11 – March 11
- Term 4: March 29 – May 27

There is only a 9-week term commitment—no full-year contracts. Students enrolled in the current term have first priority to re-enroll before space opens to new families.

Payment

Payments are due ahead of the term on the first of the month. We accept cash, check, Zelle, PayPal (friends and family), and credit card (with a 4% processing fee). Families using PEP or UA scholarship funds can arrange direct pay through marketplace providers.

Attendance

As a homeschool enrichment center, we do not have a formal attendance policy. Students may miss class anytime but are encouraged to keep up with any work they missed in class. Refunds, credits, and makeup days are not available—tuition covers the full 9-week term regardless of attendance.

The CCL Difference

There are many homeschool co-ops and enrichment programs out there. Here is what sets Creative Connections Learning apart:

- **Teacher-led, not parent-taught.** Our classes are led by dedicated teachers—parents and professionals who bring real-world expertise in their subject areas—not by rotating co-op parents. Curriculum is developed and overseen by our program director, ensuring consistent instruction, thoughtful planning, and academic accountability.
- **Electives that go deep.** Philosophy, mythology, speech and debate, entrepreneurship, maker skills, coding—these aren't one-off workshops. They are term-long courses with real progression.
- **True flexibility.** Choose your days, choose your blocks, commit by the term. CCL adapts to your family, not the other way around.
- **Community without compromise.** Small groups, consistent peers, and a warm environment where every child is known—without giving up parental authority over education.
- **Accountability built in.** Homework expectations, curriculum recommendations, and structured classroom time help families maintain academic momentum, even on the days students aren't at CCL.
- **Digital tools that extend learning.** Custom companion apps and an online student hub keep students engaged and families connected between class days.
- **High behavioral standards.** A safe, respectful learning environment is non-negotiable. Every family benefits from our commitment to maintaining a focused, supportive classroom culture.
- **Affordable and transparent.** Term-based pricing with no hidden fees. Scholarship fund compatible. No long-term contracts.

Our Partnership With You

At Creative Connections Learning, we see ourselves as partners in your homeschool journey—not replacements for it. You chose to homeschool for a reason, and we honor that. Our role is to come alongside your family with thoughtful instruction, meaningful community, and the support structure that helps your child thrive.

We ask that families who join CCL:

- Support their child in completing homework and keeping up with lessons between class days
- Communicate openly with teachers and with Erika about their child's needs
- Ensure their child understands and follows our behavior expectations
- Respect the learning environment and the other families in our community
- Maintain their homeschool registration and any required documentation with the state

In return, you can expect from us:

- Well-prepared, engaging classes led by teachers who care about your child
- Clear communication about curriculum, expectations, and your child's progress
- A safe, supportive, and joyful learning environment
- Flexibility and grace as we navigate the school year together

We believe every child deserves to be challenged, known, and inspired. Thank you for trusting Creative Connections Learning to be part of your family's homeschool journey.

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We're always happy to answer questions, give tours, and help you figure out if CCL is the right fit for your family. Don't hesitate to reach out!