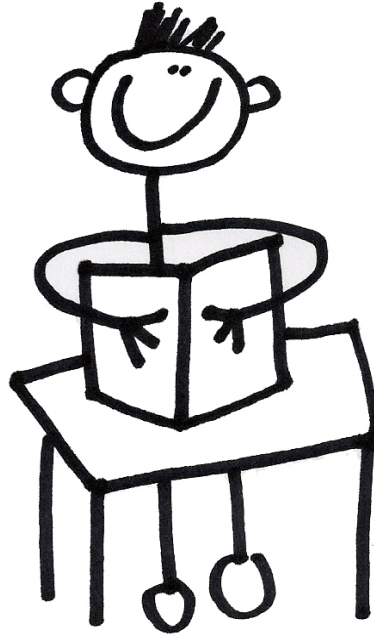
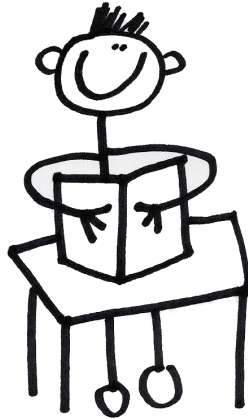


# Whiz Kids



## REGISTRATION PACKET FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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## About Whiz Kids

Founded in 2001, Whiz Kids is a research-based educational enrichment program with an active and fun approach to learning. Small groups learn together in exciting and innovative ways to enhance their skills and confidence in phonics, reading, writing, and many other curricular areas. Classes are differentiated based on each group's needs and classes are small enough to personalize instruction to every child's specific learning level and style. With a team of highly qualified and caring teachers, we place great importance on our small class sizes and our ability to really get to know our students and therefore help them to succeed.

## Founder/Director

**Stephanie Wallace** is a credentialed teacher who specializes in early literacy; she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California, Irvine and has been trained and certified as an elementary educator at UC Irvine and Chapman University. Stephanie holds a California Multiple Subject teaching credential with an English Learner Authorization as well as a supplementary authorization to teach high school English. Stephanie has taught and tutored preschool through 12th grade, including Harbor View School in Corona del Mar, where she was selected as Teacher of the Year. Stephanie is a UCI Writing Project Fellow and has been involved with the Writing Project since 1997. She has extensively studied emergent literacy, including coursework at UCLA and UCI, and she taught with UCI's Young Writers' Program where she focused on the reading-writing connection and teaching writing as a process. Her most valuable research has been in her own classroom, finding ways to best respond to children to enhance learning. Stephanie's love of teaching and of children inspired her to create Whiz Kids, where learning is as exciting and meaningful as possible for students.

## Location

Whiz Kids is located at St. Michael and All Angels Church at **3233 Pacific View Drive** in Corona del Mar (near the corner of Marguerite Avenue and Pacific View Drive, next to Newport Center United Methodist Preschool).

# **Whiz Kids Class Descriptions**

*Specialized classes and tutoring scheduled upon request  
(e.g., higher grade levels, one-on-one, homework help etc.)*

## **Zoo-phonics/TK Workshop**

Our Zoo-phonics Workshop has been our signature class since the inception of Whiz Kids in 2001. Students get to know the 26 Zoo-phonics animals and work closely with them to gain mastery of the letter sounds and begin to blend these sounds into words. Children are gently guided in developing their fine motor and printing skills in a stress-free environment. Our small class sizes ensure that instruction is individualized to meet the needs of every student. The beloved Whiz Kids puppets are incorporated into the curriculum, as well as many other fun and motivational experiences that reinforce the letter sounds, book and print knowledge, and sound blending. Zoo-phonics Workshops provide a fun, active way for children to solidify their foundation in phonics, strengthen literacy skills, and get excited about reading!

## **Junior Kindergarten Workshop**

Our Junior Kindergarten Workshop is designed for 5-year-olds who are enrolled in a pre-K or Junior Kindergarten program. These students may have already completed a year of Zoo-phonics and/or have a base of letter and sound knowledge. This class serves as a bridge between our Zoo-phonics and Kindergarten Workshops. In this class, we build on letter and sound knowledge before moving on to blending sounds into words as the students individually become ready for this next step in the reading process. In the Junior Kindergarten Workshop, we review all letters and sounds in every class meeting, and practice printing and fine-motor activities without stress. The kids fine-tune their skills through various engaging activities and games, music, and our beloved Whiz Kids puppets and puppet theatre. Some knowledge of the alphabet letters and sounds is recommended for enrollment in our Junior Kindergarten Workshop.

## **Kindergarten Workshop**

Designed for students currently enrolled in kindergarten, our Kindergarten Workshop focuses on blending the letter sounds and extending children's learning as they develop into emergent readers and writers. A prior year of Zoo-phonics is not required for this class. Activities include building words and sentences with captivating hands-on materials, creative writing, music, kinesthetic activities, phonics and reading games, and creative drama and puppetry. We focus on all emergent literacy skills, including printing and other small motor activities. Our goal is to find fun active ways for children to reach the next step in their journey toward literacy and learn to love reading and writing. Each week, students in our Kindergarten Workshops take home books at their own instructional level from the Whiz Kids library. Mastery, or near mastery, of the alphabet letters and sounds is recommended for enrollment in our Kindergarten Workshop.

## **Grade Level Workshops**

Our Grade Level Workshops are personalized based on students' needs. The goal is to build on literacy and learning while convincing the students how much fun it is to read and write. Students get to explore various genres, make connections between their reading and the real world, and become authors as they publish their very own writing pieces and share in the Author's Chair. Students participate in individual conferences with their Whiz Kids teacher to review their work and set new learning goals. Each week, children check out books at their own reading level from the Whiz Kids library. Instruction is individualized to precisely meet each student's learning needs.

# Whiz Kids School Year Schedule 2023-2024



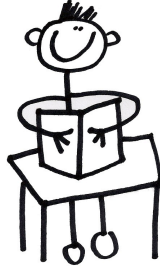
Classes begin September 25 and meet once a week through June 3. See Class Descriptions page for details. Please see registration form to sign up. Space is limited! Whiz Kids will be closed November 20-24, December 18-Jan. 5, February 19-23, and April 8-12. Classes scheduled for Monday, May 21 (Memorial Day) will meet on Monday, June 3 or can be rescheduled individually.

*Custom classes and private tutoring scheduled upon request  
(e.g., higher grade levels, one-on-one, homework help, etc.)*

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Private tutoring	Monday	1:00-3:00
Zoo-phonics/TK Workshop	Monday	3:10-4:10
Private Tutoring	Monday	4:15-5:15
Jr. Kindergarten Workshop	Tuesday	3:10-4:10
Grade Level Workshop (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Tuesday	4:15-5:15
Kindergarten Workshop	Wednesday	3:10-4:10
Private Tutoring	Wednesday	4:15-5:15
Private Tutoring	Thursday	All day

***\*Contact us to individually schedule 1:1 tutoring,  
classes for other grade levels, or alternative class times***

# Whiz Kids 2023-2024 School Year Calendar



## Fall Session

September 25-29, October 2-6, October 9-13, October 16-20, October 23-27,

October 30-November 3, November 6-10, November 13-17,

*No class Nov. 20-24, Nov. 27-Dec. 1, Dec. 4-8*

## Winter Session

Dec. 11-15, *No class Dec. 18-Jan. 5*, January 8-12, January 15-19,

January 22-26, Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Feb. 5-9, Feb. 12-16,

*No class Feb. 19-23, Feb. 26-March 1, March 4-8, March 11-15*

## Spring Session

March 18-22, March 25-29, April 1-5, *No class April 8-12*, April 15-19,

April 22-26, April 29-May 3, May 6-10, May 13-17,

May 20-24, *No class May 27 (Memorial Day)*, May 28-June 3

# Whiz Kids Registration Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy/Girl

Grade level in Fall 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ School attending in Fall 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name & phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies/medical conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone we can thank for referring you to Whiz Kids? \_\_\_\_\_

## Class and day/time preferences (from class schedule):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*To help ensure enrollment in a class, it is very important that you indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> class choices.*

**To register, please email or mail this form with payment to:**

**Whiz Kids, P.O. Box 983, Corona del Mar, CA 92625**

Our school year program is divided into three 10-week sessions (fall, winter, and spring) but is a yearlong curriculum that builds upon itself over the course of the school year. Should your child need to miss a class, we always attempt to arrange a make-up class within the same week. However, we cannot guarantee make-ups for missed classes.

Payment can be made in three installments of \$425 or one discounted payment of \$1,150 for the school year.

Installment payments are due upon registration, by Dec. 1, 2023 and by March 1, 2024. *Call for tutoring rates.*

You may pay by cash, check, or 

Check enclosed.

Venmo (@whizkidsdm)

Please charge my credit card for the first installment of \$425.

Please charge my credit card in three automatic installments  
(upon registration, on Dec. 1, 2023, and on March 1, 2024).

Please charge my credit card the discounted rate for the school year.

Please circle: Visa MasterCard Amex Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CVC code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of payment.** We are unable to issue refunds after Sept. 1, 2023.

**If you have any questions, please email us at [whizkidsdm@gmail.com](mailto:whizkidsdm@gmail.com) or call (949) 719-1337.**

I, the parent or guardian of the above named student, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Whiz Kids CDM, LLC and any of its principals, instructors, and/or independent contractors from any suit, claim or action for personal injury and/or property damage resulting from, arising out of and/or connected to the child and/or parent or guardian's participation in this program. I am aware that there is a chance of exposure to COVID-19 while at Whiz Kids, as at any public place, and I accept that risk. I understand that my child(ren) may be photographed at Whiz Kids and that these photographs may be used in print or on the Internet.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_