A Sample Week of Morning Classes

Live small-group classes on Zoom, taught by Brian Carlson, M.S. in Education — a certified teacher in Illinois and Texas. Brian teaches the day's core lesson live; then the day's work is laid out for your family, and Brian checks it.

Mon–Thu K–2 at 9:00 AM CT 3–5 at 10:00 AM CT 45 minutes live Max 10 students

How Every Live Class Runs

Same rhythm every day, so kids always know what comes next — and parents always know what happens after Brian logs off.

5 min Hello + warm-up question
25 min The day's lesson, taught live
10 min Guided practice together
5 min"Here's your work for today" walkthrough

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade 9:00 AM Central

Monday Reading — The "sh" Sound

Live lesson

Read a short story together and hunt for sh-words hiding in it. Kids hold up each word

they catch.

Hands-on activity

Sound Hunt: find five things at home with the "sh" sound — a shoe, a shirt, a dish — line

them up, and draw their favorite one.

Laid-out work after class: phonics page, trace-and-write 5 sight words, 15 minutes of parent read-aloud.

Tuesday Math — Adding Within 20

Live lesson

Adding with a number line — hop forward, land on the answer. Every child solves along out loud.

Hands-on activity

Floor Number Line: a masking-tape number line on the floor. Kids hop the problems with their feet, using beans or buttons as counters.

Laid-out work after class: practice page, counting chart to 100, one counting game with a parent.

Wednesday Writing — Three Real Sentences

Live lesson

Writing three sentences about their week — capital letter to start, period to finish. Brian

writes his live so they can copy the moves.

Hands-on activity

Sentence Builders: build each sentence first with word cards or magnetic letters on the

fridge, read it aloud, then write it in the journal.

Laid-out work after class: journal page, letter-formation practice.

Thursday Math — Place Value: Tens & Ones

Live lesson

What the digits in 34 really mean — 3 tens and 4 ones — shown with blocks and

drawings.

Hands-on activity

Bundle Builders: bundle straws or toothpicks into tens with rubber bands, build the

numbers Brian calls out, and race a parent to build 47.

Laid-out work after class: build-and-draw numbers page, two simple word problems.

3rd – 5th Grade 10:00 AM Central

Monday Reading — Main Idea

Live lesson

Read a passage together and pull out the main idea plus two details that prove it — the skill behind every state reading test.

Hands-on activity

Main Idea Bag: a bag holds four mystery objects that all connect to one idea. Pull them out one at a time, guess the main idea, then defend it with the objects as evidence.

Laid-out work after class: a passage with questions at their level, 5 vocabulary words in their own sentences.

Tuesday Math — Comparing Fractions

Live lesson

Which is bigger, 2/3 or 3/4? Comparing fractions with models first, numbers second — so it actually makes sense.

Hands-on activity

Measuring-Cup Fractions: water and measuring cups. Prove 1/2 really equals 2/4 by

pouring, then order a set of fractions from smallest to largest.

Laid-out work after class: problem set, plus one real-life fraction task (halving a recipe counts).

Wednesday Writing — The Paragraph

Live lesson

Topic sentence, supporting details, closing sentence. Brian builds a paragraph live from a topic the class picks.

Hands-on activity

Paragraph Puzzle: a strong paragraph cut into strips and shuffled — race to reassemble it in order, then build their own paragraph strip by strip before writing it out.

Laid-out work after class: write their paragraph using the editing checklist (capitals, punctuation, does every sentence belong?).

Thursday Math — Multi-Step Word Problems

Live lesson

The show-your-work strategy: underline what's asked, circle the numbers that matter,

solve in steps. Ends with a short practice quiz at exactly their level.

Hands-on activity

Home Store: price five things in the house with sticky notes, then write a real two-step

problem — “Buy the mug and the book, pay with $20, what’s the change?” — and solve it.

Laid-out work after class: problem set, corrections on anything missed in the quiz.

Friday — No Live Classes

Catch-up and family day. Families finish anything left over, kids do a hands-on family project (a nature-walk journal entry or kitchen math), and families who added Spanish meet Sebastian. Brian checks the week’s submitted work and sends every family a short note: what’s done, what’s next.

The Teacher’s Week, In Hours

6 hrs	Live teaching (2 groups)
~2 hrs	Checking the week’s work
~2 hrs	Family notes + planning
~10 hrs	Total per week, both groups

That’s the design: one teacher, two small groups, mornings handled — and the rest of the week is yours.

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