

## Basic American Sign Language (ASL)

**Purpose:** This class will earn a foreign language credit for homeschoolers. Your child will learn basic American Sign Language (ASL). By the end of the class, the child should be able to have a basic conversation in ASL.

**Format:** This is a 12-week class in groups of up to 4 students. I will hold as many classes as needed so that any child wishing to attend has the opportunity to do so. At the beginning of each week there will be a pre-recorded video sent out along with any necessary worksheet. The student is expected to look over the material and study the signs. (If they have any questions they may email me for help). At the end of the week (preferably Friday, but if there are a lot of classes some may be done on Thursday) they will have a live zoom class with their teacher to practice. On week 6 and week 12, they will have a 1:1 assessment which will be a pre-scheduled class with their teacher.

**Week #1:** Alphabet and fingerspelling

**Week #2:** Numbers, Days of the Week, and Months

**Week #3:** Colors and Family (ex. Mom, Dad, Sister, Uncle)

**Week #4:** Animals and Food

**Week #5:** Places (ex. park, house/home, restaurant), Introductions (ex. Hi, How are you?, My name is \_\_\_\_\_) and “What,” “Where,” “Why,” “How”

**Week #6:** Review and Mid-Assessment: The student may pick either “Brown Bear, Brown Bear,” “Panda Bear, Panda Bear,” or “Polar Bear, Polar Bear” (books by Eric Carle) to sign to their teacher. They will need to be picked on Monday of Week 5 so that the instructions can be sent to them on Monday of week 6)

**Week #7:** People (ex. Teacher, Doctor), Needs/Wants (ex. Help, "I have a question," bathroom)

**Week #8:** Other Verbs (ex. Jump, Play, Run) and Other Nouns (chair, table, picture)

**Week #8 homework:** Please email the teacher what signs and or phrases we have not learned yet that you would really like to know.

**Week #9:** Deaf Culture (we will talk about sign names, etiquette, and more)

**Week #10:** What haven't you learned yet? We will go over week #8's homework

**Week #11:** Review

**Week #12:** Final Assessment: You will schedule a 1:1 live class with a real deaf person (or teacher) and have a basic conversation with them. (Note: this may have to be scheduled on an evening or the weekend if they really want a deaf person)