

Summer Adventure 2024

Class Descriptions for Students Entering TK-6th Grade

NOTICE: THE TEACHER ASSIGNED TO THE CLASS CAN CHANGE AFTER ENROLLMENT AND ALL CLASS OFFERINGS DEPEND ON ENROLLMENT.

Full-Morning Classes 8:30am – 12:30pm

Summer Adventure's full-morning classes for younger elementary students have a teacher and two aides in the classroom. Each class has an academic component to help prepare students for the coming school year. Although the class titles and descriptions vary, they all involve reading, writing, art, and a lot of fun!

The new 6th grade transition program, Arcade Game Adventure, is also a full-morning class.

#010 AN ANIMAL A DAY

Grades TK-K

Join our summer safari as we travel through oceans, jungles, forests and farms to meet an animal a day. We will practice letters and sounds, counting and patterns, and learn about animal habitats as we circle the globe to find some furry friends. Along the way we will explore reading, writing, math, science, social studies, cooking, sculpting, painting, puppets, and music, to learn fun facts about the animal world!

Elayne Borenstein

NOTE: Foods may contain gluten, dairy, other allergens or animal products. Parents of children with allergies are cautioned.

#020 BOOK COOKS

Grades K-1

Book Cooks will whet the physical and mental appetites of young readers. We will spend 3-4 days diving into a new book, studying the story elements, focusing on vocabulary, and writing a response. We will then finish the book with a culminating cooking activity that aligns with the story. We will focus primarily on fiction titles, at a variety of reading levels, to engage all students, as we feed our brains and our bellies!

Tasha Otero Rivera

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#030 1,2,3...READY, SET, READ!

Grades K-1

Play, explore and learn! Children will have a blast exploring daily literacy activities while improving their developing literacy skills through art, imaginative play, exciting crafts and interactive read-alouds. We will focus on phonics and phonemic awareness, touch on creative writing, and play age-appropriate games that promote confidence. We will be learning and having fun at the same time!

Pat Proft

#040 AROUND THE WORLD IN 24 DAYS

Grades K-1

Children will have a great time as we embark each week on a journey to a new continent. We will be world travelers as we unpack and explore the cultures of Europe, Asia, South America, Africa, Australia and Antarctica. Our day will begin with sharing in morning circle time, then focus on read alouds, writing, vocabulary, art, music, movement and dance. We will also learn and play age-appropriate games from around the world. Instruction will be adjusted to challenge and motivate the individual learning needs of each student. All aboard for a wonderful summer journey!

Sara Bock

#050 PRIMARY OCEANOGRAPHY

Grades 1-2

This very popular class is back for another year! Taught by a team of three experienced teachers, this course is an in-depth study of sea life. Students will be encouraged to apply their knowledge of sea life in a variety of activities, including stories, riddles, pop-up books, and under-the-sea murals, just to name a few. Math, science and writing will be integrated throughout the program. Teachers will adjust instruction to challenge and motivate the individual learning needs of each student. Don't miss out on the fun!

Katja Alexander, Marisa Jaeger, Amy Turner

NOTE: Following COVID-19 protocols and restrictions in place at the time, we may attend a research trip to the Santa Monica Pier and schedule a classroom visit from real marine scientists, in order to gather knowledge and gain hands-on experiences with sea life.

****NEW THIS YEAR: 6th Grade Transition Program****

#090 ARCADE GAME ADVENTURE

Grade 6 (incoming 6th graders for August 2024)

Arcade Game Adventure is a NEW and innovative class, designed to prepare students entering 6th grade in the fall. Our daily activities will provide early knowledge, tips, insights and a preview of the ins-and-outs of middle school life. By participating in exciting, real-world projects, we will design, construct, play and host actual amusement park-style games – think of the games at the Pier, Dave & Busters, or a carnival. This is an immersive experience that features field trips, conversations with teachers from John Adams and Lincoln Middle Schools, as well as professionals in the gaming industry. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to host an arcade game day for the younger Summer Adventure participants. Join us for a valuable and enriching experience that prepares your child for their transition to middle school in August!

Eric Moe

PERIOD 1
8:30am – 10:25am

#101 MAKER-SPACE: STEAM THROUGH THE SUMMER!

Grades 2-4

Do you like to tinker? Do you like to invent and create new things? Then this is the class for you! You will be encouraged to create something unique that has never been seen before. For part of each week, you will have the freedom to explore your own interests and come up with projects you would like to create. For the remainder of each week, you will work with a partner or team to solve a variety of **S**cientific, **T**echnological, **E**ngineering, **A**rtistic and **M**athematical problems. We will be building, creating and solving challenges using LEGO™, K'Nex™, computers and recycled materials. Join us for an action-packed, fun-filled experience and **STEAM** through the summer!

Lorie Alexander and Carl Avitia-Witt

#102 MINDFULNESS MAGIC

Grades 2-5

Zen out this summer by practicing mindfulness awareness through art, yoga and meditation. We will draw, paint, make friendship bracelets and create crafty art in a calming environment. Students will learn how to relax using breathing exercises, yoga and meditation. We will study mindfulness through creative art projects and improve our writing skills through daily gratitude journal entries. Come join us and be ready for chilled-out summer fun!

Ursula Caise

#103 LET'S DANCE

Grades 2-5

Discover your groove this summer! Leap into a playful world of movement and let your feet do the talking. Come and dance with us! No excuses – life is better when you dance! You will experience the power of creative dance while developing confidence, problem solving, perseverance and collaboration. Dancers will choreograph and perform their own creations. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. Join us for summer fun, show your moves and dance like nobody's watching!

Linda Brown

#104 AMAZING ART

Grades 2-5

Join this class to learn about the seven elements of art design: line, shape, texture, color, value, form and space. You will observe and discuss how famous and contemporary artists used these basic concepts of art design in their works. We will incorporate a variety of materials in our projects, including crayon, marker, paint, pastels, pipe cleaners and paper. You will express yourself and have fun, while creating your own personal drawings, paintings, collages, weavings and sculptures. Be an artistic star – join us and make Amazing Art!

Stephanie Neumann

#105 CHESS CHAMPIONS

Grades 2-5

Did you know that there are more possible chess games than atoms in the earth? Do you have what it takes to be the next great chess champion? In this class, you will learn basic strategies of chess playing and work on your master openings and defenses. You will have an opportunity to play traditional chess against partners, play four-player chess and also play games online to become a master. All skill levels are welcome.

Gerardo Rodriguez

#106 STORIES THAT POP UP!

Grades 2-5

Express yourself with words and 3-D pop-ups! Awaken the creative writer and artist within you! Once you learn the basic steps for making pop-ups, you can create your own designs. Use your imagination in new ways to illustrate and illuminate your stories using crafty materials. Write better paragraphs with captivating details that actually jump off the page. Have fun improving your essential writing skills. Our summer session will culminate with a WRITERS AND ARTISTS SHOWCASE for families to attend. Freedom of expression is your key to *Stories That Pop Up!*

Ila Sender

#107 PE FUN IN THE SUMMER

Grades 2-5

We will play and build skills through a variety of PE games that are demonstrated throughout the school year. Our favorite games are designed to build sportsmanship, teamwork, cooperation and skills, all while having FUN! We will play games from SPARK® PE and introduce new games. The importance of sportsmanship, daily aerobic activity, improving athleticism, warming up, staying hydrated, cooling down and maintaining a positive attitude will be emphasized.

Tony Murphy, Simona Gonzalez-Mortensen

#108 SCULPTURES THREE WAYS

Grades 2-5

Pablo Picasso stated, "Sculpture is the art of the intelligence." Sculpture fuses engineering with art. Keeping this in mind, students will explore and create a variety of artistic projects including magical, fairy tale creatures constructed with papier-mâché, inspired by the artistic style of Pedro Linares Lopez; magic flowers following the technique of Murakami; and wire sculptures, in the manner of Calder, to name a few. This creative experience fuses a variety of artistic skills and STEAM components, including design, engineering, sculpting, painting and contour line drawing. How can you make your sculpture structurally sound while also making it art? Join our class and find out!

Heather McAdams

#109 COMICS – EASY AS ABC

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Calling all cartoonists! In this exciting class, students will be introduced to the artistic style and illustrations of award-winning authors. Get your pen or pencil and sketch pad ready! We will practice drawing characters, faces, bodies, and animals and their emotions. This class will demonstrate the techniques needed to create your very own comic book series. If short stories are more your style, you will have a collection of your very own creative writing. Most importantly, no experience is necessary! You don't have to be an artist to pick up a pen or pencil and give it a try. The possibilities are endless!

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#110 BOARD GAME MANIA

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Sarah Barrett

#111 UNPLUGGED MATH AND LITERACY GAMES

Grades 2-5

We will have fun while gaining confidence in mathematics and boosting our literacy skills. Students will sharpen their number sense, build math proficiency, increase vocabulary and improve reading and writing skills through games. Using a variety of board games, dice and cards, your addition, subtraction, multiplication, as well as higher-level problem-solving skills will be strengthened. Games are a wonderful way to make friends and learn while having fun.

Christine Brewer

#112 GCCSR EXPLORATIONS: Gears, Circuits, Coding, Simple Machines & Hands-On Robotics

Grades 3-5

This class is for curious-minded students and provides a collaborative, hands-on experience exploring and creating STEM projects, with partners and teams, using **Gears, Circuits, Coding, Simple machines and Robotic** exploration. Groups will collaborate and rotate, on a weekly basis, to create unique inventions and share ingenious ideas. Each week ends with a CHALLENGE for all groups to exhibit their skills! Express your imagination and have fun while working together and thinking creatively.

Deborah Talbott

PERIOD 2
10:35am – 12:30pm

#201 THE MAGIC OF NUMBERS

Grades 2-5

Have you heard about the greatest number ever discovered? Do you know the trick with 9s? Improve your basic math skills beyond your grade level, using a variety of fun math activities. Challenge yourself to figure out math puzzles using logic and reasoning. We will practice mental math and computation, use critical-thinking skills, play dice games, play money math, solve algebra problems and engage in math art projects and games. You may choose to do class activities with partners or in small groups. Strengthen your confidence in problem-solving as you apply your knowledge to create your own math game board. The Mathematical Mystery Tour is waiting to take you to The Magic of Numbers!

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#206 BASKETBALL: FUTURE HOOP MASTERS!

Grades 2-5

Learn essential basketball skills and fundamentals while making new friends and meeting new teammates! We will start with practice drills, then play games that reinforce teamwork, while promoting a positive attitude and sportsmanship. Rules, hustling, encouragement and FUN will be emphasized. We will use age-appropriate basketballs and courts. Basketball is a great sport to learn, make friends, be active and enjoy for a lifetime!

Tony Murphy, Simona Gonzalez-Mortensen

#207 INSPIRED BY POP ART

Grades 2-5

Warhol, Haring and Murakami, oh my! Our art explorations will include ink blotting and printmaking in the style of Andy Warhol, 3-D paper art inspired by Keith Haring, as well as pattern play following the technique of Takashi Murakami. In addition, we will explore neo-expressionism-Basquiat-style stencil work and 5-sided acrylic painting, contour line drawings, doodling and creative uses of various media including water colors, gold flake, pastels and more. Join us for a wonderful art experience!

Heather McAdams

#208 SUMMER ADVENTURE THEATRE COMPANY

Grades 2-5

Students will form our 2024 Summer Adventure Theatre Company to produce and star in a series of scenes from popular children's shows. We will make our own props, posters and programs and coordinate costumes. Students will learn stage terminology and how to break down a script as an actor and as the producer, and experience the rehearsal process from both onstage and backstage. All students will have a speaking role and are welcome to wear protective masks both on and off stage, if needed. We will present an informal performance for parents during the last week of Summer Adventure.

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#212 DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Grades 3-5

Are you a creatively-minded, tech-savvy kid looking for tons of fun? Join us and you'll be given an opportunity to learn and master the art of storytelling, using animation applications, storyboards and digital tools that bring your ideas to life! Stories will be produced using technology tools, digital cameras, LEGO™, still life props, green screen, and a variety of art materials. Come work in collaborative, story-interest groups and use the available technology to present your work for the class to enjoy. Are you ready to be a digital star?

Deborah Talbott

NOTE: This class is for any tech-minded child with some experience using technology.