



CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

26-27



K-2ND CLASS OFFERINGS

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Teacher: Natalie Erickson

Around the World: Art & Cooking Adventures

In this joyful, hands-on class, K-2 students will take an imaginative trip around the world through art and cooking projects. Each week, children will discover new cultures by creating colorful artwork, trying new materials, and exploring foods and traditions from different places. From painting and crafting to simple, kid-friendly cooking activities, students will learn by doing, experimenting, and having fun.

Teacher: Val Smith

Art

Artists, this is your moment! Join us as we explore a variety of artistic techniques and mediums, from painting and drawing to sculpture and collage. Young artists will be encouraged to express their imagination and experiment with different styles. Each class fosters a fun and supportive environment, where young artists are encouraged to collaborate, share ideas, and gain confidence in their skills. Kids will create a portfolio of their work while developing their creative side.

Teacher: Val Smith

Building Readers

This foundational literacy class is designed to help K-2 students grow into confident, capable readers. Through targeted, age-appropriate instruction, students will practice essential early literacy skills including phonics, letter and word recognition, and early reading strategies. Lessons are structured but engaging, using games, hands-on activities, and guided reading time to keep young learners motivated and supported. The teacher will work closely with students, providing focused practice and gentle guidance as they build skills at their own pace. Regular reading activities help children strengthen fluency, comprehension, and confidence. This full-year class creates a supportive environment where students can take risks, celebrate progress, and develop a love of reading. It is an excellent fit for families seeking intentional literacy instruction paired with encouragement and personal attention.

Teacher: Lily Lewis

Changemakers

In Changemakers, students will discover the inspiring stories of people in history who made a difference in their communities and the world. K-2 students will explore leadership skills, teamwork, and creative problem-solving while learning how to make a positive impact. Each week, children will participate in discussions, hands-on activities, and projects that encourage them to think about how they can help others. Students will have the opportunity to design and carry out meaningful projects that benefit their own communities, putting their ideas into action. This full-year class fosters confidence, empathy, and collaboration, empowering young learners to become thoughtful, creative, and inspired leaders. It's a class where kids learn that even small actions can make big change!

Teacher: Val Smith

Chess & Board Game Club

Get ready for a blast from the past! In this fun and interactive class, students will discover and play beloved classic group board games that have been entertaining families and friends for generations. Chess will still be a main focus of the class, but we will also incorporate nostalgic favorites like Sorry! and Trouble and strategic games like Scrabble and Taboo. Students will learn the rules, tactics, and social skills necessary to become a game night master!

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Teacher: Andrew Rose

Clay & Ceramic Studio

In Clay & Ceramic Studio, K-2 students will explore the magic of shaping and creating with clay! Each week, children will work with a variety of clay and ceramic materials to mold, sculpt, and decorate their own unique creations. Students will experiment with hand-building techniques, textures, and simple tools while letting their imaginations run wild. This class encourages creativity, fine motor skills, and self-expression as young artists see their ideas take shape in three dimensions. All projects are open-ended and age-appropriate, giving children the freedom to explore, create, and enjoy the process of making art with clay. It's a year-long adventure in hands-on creativity that will leave little sculptors proud of their one-of-a-kind masterpieces!

Teacher: Val Smith

Connecting with Nature

This is a nature appreciation class that encourages curiosity, self-discovery, and playing in the dirt! This class will move with the seasons, appreciating each for what it offers, as we combine outdoor education with journaling, literature, and art activities. With the goal of connecting to the wonders of the world around us, we will cultivate indoor and outdoor gardens, build terrariums and fairy gardens, create cyanotypes, and calm our minds through landscape painting and mindfulness walks. We will build self-awareness, learn emotional regulation tools, and team building skills through our exploration of the natural world. Nature is the ultimate teacher and everyone feels better after playing outside!

Teacher: Rachel Parker

Cooking

Culinary superstars, we need you! Get ready to explore the world of food while making delicious and healthy recipes. Our chefs in training will learn basic cooking skills, creativity in the kitchen, and teamwork all while experiencing the joy of making their own food. By the end of each class, they'll have a tasty creation to enjoy while building their confidence in the kitchen. It's a recipe for a great learning experience!

Teacher: Crystal Bowron



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Creative Movement

In this fun and energetic class, K-5 students will explore movement, rhythm, and self-expression through dance, music, and imaginative play. Creative Movement focuses on helping children develop body awareness, coordination, balance, and basic motor skills while encouraging them to express ideas and emotions through movement. Students will engage in games, improvisation, storytelling, and group activities that inspire creativity and imagination. This full-year class provides a safe, supportive environment where students can discover the joy of moving their bodies, working with others, and exploring the art of dance. Creative Movement lays the foundation for more structured dance forms while nurturing physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth in young learners. Everyone is welcome and no dance experience is necessary.

Teacher: Rachel Parker

Creativity Club

Creativity Club is a hands-on, imaginative space where science, art, and play come together for K-2 students. In this club, children will explore different creative stations, experiment with projects, and engage in imaginative play that stretches their thinking and sparks curiosity. Students will have dedicated time to tinker, build, make, and discover, all while developing teamwork, collaboration, and social skills. Each week offers opportunities to try new materials, explore new ideas, and let creativity lead the way. This is a place where young learners can dream, invent, problem-solve, and express themselves in playful, joyful ways. Creativity Club nurtures imagination, inspires innovative thinking, and encourages children to collaborate and connect with peers in a supportive, fun environment. It's a year-long adventure where art, science, and play collide!

Teacher: Val Smith

Fencing

En garde! Fencing class gives students a chance to learn the art of swordplay in a safe and engaging environment. Led by experienced instructors, this class will introduce participants to the fundamentals of footwork, blade work, and strategy in both individual and team settings. Whether you're a complete beginner or have some experience, our program is designed to accommodate all skill levels and ages. Through drills, sparring sessions, and structured lessons, students will develop agility, coordination, and mental acuity while honing their fencing techniques. Join us and embark on an exciting journey into the world of fencing, where discipline, sportsmanship, and camaraderie flourish. Students who are interested in competing in local fencing competitions can also attend Saturday training sessions with Saif to prepare.

Teacher: Saif Fencing Academy

Fiber Arts

In this handwork class, students will learn many foundational skills for various fiber arts. Students will have the opportunity to learn hand sewing, knitting, and crochet. We dive deep into each area so students can learn perseverance through each project and joy when a project is completed. Handwork encourages students to cross the midline of their bodies and visualize the steps to complete a project. This strengthens neural pathways, reinforces math skills, and provides opportunities for light meditation or an "out breath" in the school day. Students are encouraged to use their own creativity, while we all might make the same project, each student's work will be different from their neighbor's. Projects in this class are on a three year loop, so your student can take the class three years in a row and not repeat a project. Skills for 26-27 include: making your own knitting needles, learning the knit stitch, learning the purl stitch, casting on, and binding off. Projects include the Butterfly, the Chick, the Bunny, the Rainbow Ball, and other knitted toys.

Teacher: Katie Filer

Kitchen Science

In Kitchen Science, K-2 students will discover the amazing science hidden in everyday kitchen ingredients—while having a blast! Each week, children will explore hands-on experiments that are fun, creative, and sometimes even edible. Students will make edible slime, craft their own gummy worms, create fizzy eruptions, and experiment with other tasty science projects. While not every experiment is meant to be eaten, all use safe, edible ingredients with no major allergens. This full-year class sparks curiosity, encourages problem-solving, and lets young scientists see science in action in a playful, engaging way. It's the perfect mix of learning, experimenting, and having fun in the kitchen!

Teacher: Mr. Bond & the Science Guys

LEGO Challenge

Calling all lego creators! In this exciting and interactive building class, elementary students from kindergarten through 5th grade will turn play into a powerhouse of learning! In this STEM-focused weekly challenge class, students are presented with a new "mission" that requires them to think like engineers, architects, and inventors using the world's most versatile building tool: LEGO® bricks. Develop social skills and teamwork through critical thinking, problem-solving, and craftsmanship. Make new friends and have fun in a relaxed and supportive environment. This class is designed for a mixed-age environment, with challenges that are simple to start but "leveled up" for older students to ensure everyone is appropriately challenged.

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Math Fun K/1

Math Fun K-1 is an exciting, hands-on class where young learners explore numbers, patterns, shapes, and problem-solving through games, activities, and creative challenges. Students will practice counting, addition and subtraction, and early number sense while enjoying playful, interactive activities that make math come alive. Each week, children will engage with puzzles, manipulatives, and collaborative games that strengthen thinking skills and confidence. This class encourages curiosity, exploration, and a love of learning while helping students build a strong foundation for future math success. Math Fun K-1 turns math into a joyful adventure!

Teacher: Natalie Erickson

Math Fun 2/3

Math Fun 2-3 is a hands-on, interactive class where students explore numbers, patterns, problem-solving, and foundational math concepts in fun and engaging ways. Through games, puzzles, and collaborative challenges, children will strengthen addition, subtraction, multiplication, early fractions, and critical thinking skills. Each activity is designed to make math playful while helping students develop confidence, reasoning, and teamwork. This full-year class encourages curiosity and creativity, turning math into a subject students love to explore. Math Fun 2-3 is where numbers, problem-solving, and fun come together!

Teacher: Natalie Erickson



K-2ND CLASS OFFERINGS

Messy Science Lab

This joyful, hands-on science class invites K-2nd graders to explore the world around them through curiosity, creativity, and plenty of messy fun! Every few weeks, students will dive into a new area of science—such as plants and animals, weather, physics, space, or the human body—through experiments, observations, stories, and play-based activities. Led by the wonderfully energetic Crystal Bowron, students will learn by doing as they mix, build, test, explore, and ask big questions. Known for her lighthearted teaching style and imaginative (sometimes messy!) experiments, Crystal creates a classroom where curiosity is celebrated and learning feels like an adventure. This class encourages young scientists to explore, experiment, and discover just how fun science can be.

Teacher: Crystal Bowron

Mini Olympics

In Mini Olympics, K-2 students will get moving, have fun, and explore the excitement of friendly competition! Each week, children will participate in a variety of athletic challenges, games, and relay races designed to build coordination, strength, and confidence. Students will try activities inspired by the Olympic Games, including running, jumping, tossing, and team-based events, all in a supportive and playful environment. When weather doesn't cooperate, students will still stay engaged by learning about Olympic athletes, events, and the values of perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The class encourages kids to challenge themselves, celebrate personal achievements, and cheer on their friends while learning sportsmanship and teamwork. This full-year class is perfect for young athletes who love to be active, try new challenges, and enjoy moving their bodies outdoors!

Teacher: Emily Archer

Music Makers

In this lively and interactive music class, K-2 students will explore the building blocks of music through movement, play, and creativity. Using a multi-sensory approach, students will sing, dance, clap, craft, and play rhythm instruments as they discover rhythm, melody, dynamics, and early music concepts. Lessons are designed to feel joyful and hands-on, helping young learners experience music with their whole bodies—not just their ears. Children will experiment with sound, tempo, and expression while building listening skills and musical confidence. Students will also be introduced to a variety of musical styles and traditions, sparking curiosity and appreciation for music from many cultures. In addition, our music class will experiment with writing their own song lyrics, exploring their creativity as a group. This full-year class is a wonderful foundation for young learners who love to move, make noise, and discover the joy of music.

Teacher: Lydia Tabor

Myths, Fables, & Fairy Tales Art Studio

In this captivating art class, Kindergarten-2nd grade students will delve into the fascinating world of gods, goddesses, morals, and monsters. Through storytelling, drawing, and creative expression, students will bring ancient myths, fables and fairy tales to life and develop their artistic skills. Students will hear classic stories and create art based on the story of the day. Illustrations, crafts, paintings, puppets and more!

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Obstacle Course Fun

This is the PE class you wish you had! In Obstacle Course Fun, elementary students will tackle a new obstacle course challenge each week, building strength, balance, coordination, and confidence along the way. Each class begins with stretching and fitness warm-ups to get bodies ready for action. Students will also have the exciting opportunity to design their own obstacle courses for friends to try, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving. This full-year class is packed with energy, fun, and friendly competition, giving young learners a safe and supportive environment to move, explore, and challenge themselves. Every week brings a new adventure, making fitness, play, and creativity an unforgettable experience! Progress is tracked so kids can see their growth over time, helping them develop a healthy relationship with movement that's focused on capability, not comparison. This class will take place outside unless it is raining or extremely cold.

Teacher: Emily Archer

Open Studio

Open Studio is a creative haven where K-5 students can explore, experiment, and make art on their own terms. Held at the end of the day, this class gives children a chance to unwind while diving into open-ended projects using a variety of art supplies and materials. Each week introduces new tools, mediums, and ideas, allowing students to try new techniques, mix materials, and follow their imagination wherever it leads. There are no assignments or limits—just space, supplies, and time to create freely. Open Studio encourages curiosity, self-expression, and problem-solving, giving young artists a joyful environment to explore their creativity, take risks, and make something uniquely their own. It's the perfect way to end the day with color, inspiration, and fun!

Teacher: Val Smith



K-2ND CLASS OFFERINGS

Painting Studio

In this fun and colorful painting class, K-2 students will dive into a world of imagination, color, and creativity. Throughout the year, students will explore different kinds of paint, brushes, and tools while learning how colors mix and how pictures come to life. Each class feels like an art adventure as children paint animals, landscapes, stories, and ideas inspired by their own creativity. Students will enjoy both teacher-guided projects and time to explore freely with paint. Along the way, they'll build confidence, fine motor skills, and a love for creating art. Class routines provide a comfortable structure while still leaving plenty of room for fun, curiosity, and self-expression. This full-year class is perfect for young artists who love to paint, explore, and create with color.

Teacher: Val Smith

Robotics & Coding Adventures

In Robotics & Coding Adventures, K-2 students will explore the exciting world of robots, coding, and engineering through hands-on, story-based activities. Using the VEX 123 robot, students will solve challenges, follow interactive lessons, and experiment with coding using physical cards and simple block coding. Each class invites children to think like engineers, plan solutions, and watch their ideas come to life as the robot moves, spins, and explores. No prior experience is needed—this class is designed to be engaging, playful, and approachable for young learners. By the end of the year, students will have strengthened problem-solving, creativity, and critical thinking skills while having a blast building, coding, and imagining all the ways robots can move and work.

Teacher: iCode

Run Club

In our Run Club, students will have the chance to challenge themselves while improving their running skills and fitness! We'll focus on conditioning through fun running exercises and challenges, helping you build strength, speed, and endurance. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just starting, you'll have the opportunity to track your progress and work towards beating your own personal best times. Each week, we'll set new goals and encourage each other, all while having fun and staying active. As you improve, you'll not only get stronger physically but also grow in confidence and determination! We hope to organize a race sponsored by our run club during the school year as well.

Teacher: Emily Archer

Science Explorers with Mr. Bond & the Science Guys

Get ready for a year of discovery, experiments, and hands-on fun with Mr. Bond and the Science Guys! This full-year class is divided into two exciting semesters. In **Funky Physics**, students explore the forces of nature and the science of motion through engaging experiments involving magnetism, inertia, gravity, electricity, air pressure, and even safe explosions—Sir Isaac Newton would be proud! During the second semester, **Biology Club**, students will dive into the wonders of life, exploring biology from the tiniest cells to the largest ecosystems on Earth. Through hands-on investigations, students will examine microorganisms, learn about animal behavior, and discover the incredible diversity of species that make up our planet. Throughout the year, students will engage in collaborative experiments, playful exploration, and real-world science that sparks curiosity, builds critical thinking skills, and nurtures a lifelong love of STEAM and the natural world.

Teacher: Mr. Bond & the Science Guys



Spanish

¡Hola! In this lively and playful Spanish class, K-2 students will explore the language through songs, stories, games, and movement. Each month, students will focus on a new theme—greetings, animals, weather, holidays, food, and more—bringing the language to life in fun and engaging ways. Children will play interactive games, act out stories, sing catchy songs, and even try tasting foods from Spanish-speaking countries! No prior Spanish experience is needed, and the class is designed to make learning a positive, joyful experience for young learners. Students will build confidence in listening, speaking, and understanding Spanish while having a blast exploring the culture, creativity, and fun of the language. This year-long class is perfect for little amigos ready to sing, play, taste, and discover the world of Spanish!

Teacher: Jennifer Manivong

Sports Sampler

Got a kid that needs to move? Our sports sampler class is a fun introduction to a multitude of sports such as soccer, baseball, and basketball. Each unit will include an introduction to the basic rules of the game and an opportunity to PLAY! This class will take place outside but will move inside in the event of heavy rain or snow.

Teacher: LPG Sports Academy

Story Explorers

In Story Explorers, K-2 students will dive into the world of picture books and explore stories in creative, hands-on ways. Each week, students will read a new book and participate in activities, crafts, and discussions inspired by the story, helping ideas come to life off the page. The class is designed to build early literacy skills—like listening, comprehension, and vocabulary—while keeping reading playful and interactive. Students will have the chance to imagine, create, and share their ideas with friends, fostering a love of reading and storytelling. This full-year class is perfect for young learners who enjoy stories, art, and hands-on learning, making every book an exciting adventure!

Teacher: Val Smith

Theater

In this playful and engaging theatrical arts class, students will learn the art of theater through drama games, improvisation, and creative exploration. Using movement, voice, and imagination, students will build confidence, practice collaboration, and learn the fundamentals of storytelling and performance. As the semester progresses, students will work together to create an original short play from the ground up—developing characters, shaping a story, building props, and rehearsing scenes as an ensemble. By the end of the semester, students will have strengthened their creative writing skills, teamwork, and stage presence while bringing a brand-new, student-created play to life. The class will culminate in a performance featured in our annual Spring Performing Arts Showcase.

Teacher: Nashville Children's Theater

Time Travelers: Medieval & Renaissance Adventures

Step back in time with this exciting K-2 history class, where students will explore the Middle Ages and the Renaissance through fun, hands-on activities! Each week, children will engage in imaginative projects like medieval STEM challenges, creating and testing “knights’ weapons,” enjoying themed feasts, and taking part in knighting ceremonies. During the Renaissance portion of the year, students will try their hands at invention-making, painting, and even creating a class play inspired by Shakespeare. Lessons are designed to be age-appropriate, playful, and immersive, allowing young learners to experience history through doing, creating, and exploring. This full-year class encourages curiosity, teamwork, and creativity while helping children build a love for history in a way they can see, touch, and enjoy. It's a year-long adventure through castles, inventions, and stories that brings history to life for young minds!

Teacher: Lily Lewis

K-2ND CLASS OFFERINGS

Violin

In our group violin class, we'll have a lot of fun learning to play beautiful music together! Whether you're a beginner or have already started, we'll practice how to hold the violin, make the bow move smoothly, and play simple songs. You'll also learn how to listen to the music, follow the beat, and play with your friends in the class. Join us for a fun and supportive introduction to violin with friends!

Teacher: Lydia Tabor

WanderPonder

If you can imagine Mr. Rogers, Mary Poppins, Mrs. Piggle Wiggle, LeVar Burton (Reading Rainbow) and Miss Frizzle all bundled up together, that might give you an idea of the energy and presence Christina brings to this class. WanderPonder is an outdoor/indoor collaborative learning experience. Christina's aim is to provide tangible, sensorial experiences with the goal that each child discovers deeper, meaningful and memorable connections between self and their environment. Christina curates curiosity-driven, open-ended, flexible lessons that include science, the seasons, nature, the weather, and celebrations while weaving in a touch of whimsy and wisdom. Through this framework she gently guides each child toward a sense of well-being, curiosity, awe, wonder, intuition, creativity. This class is a full 50 minutes of indoor/outdoor collaborative learning where Christina and the students get to be part science guide, naturalist, wanderer, storyteller, part ponderer and helper. Through WanderPonder activities the children engage in a full-bodied, full-hearted, full-minded exploration in both their "inner and outer space."

Teacher: Christina Woodall

Wilderness Survival

For kids who love being outside, this hands-on class turns the great outdoors into a place for adventure and discovery! K-2 students will learn the basics of wilderness survival in fun and engaging ways—building shelters, exploring with a compass, filtering water, and practicing simple first-aid skills. Each week offers exciting challenges that help children develop confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving while enjoying nature. Lessons are designed to be age-appropriate, interactive, and full of opportunities to explore, imagine, and try new things in a safe and supportive environment. This full-year class is perfect for young adventurers ready to learn, play, and connect with the natural world! This class takes place outside unless it is raining or extremely cold.

Teacher: Alecia Walgrave

World Geography & Cultures

In World Geography, K-2 students will embark on a fun journey to discover the world and the people, places, and cultures that make it special. Each week, children will learn about different countries through stories, hands-on activities, games, and creative projects. Students will explore traditional crafts, learn about foods, animals, and celebrations, and try interactive challenges inspired by the places they visit. This class encourages curiosity, imagination, and a love for learning about the wider world, all in a playful, age-appropriate way. By the end of the year, young explorers will have a growing understanding of the world around them—and a sense of excitement for the adventures that come with learning about new places!

Teacher: Natalie Erickson



Writer's Workshop K-2

Attention aspiring writers! Join us as we explore the world of storytelling through fun, interactive activities. We will learn how to create characters, develop simple plots, and use our imaginations to craft one of a kind stories, all while building basic writing skills. The class provides a supportive environment where kids can express themselves freely, share their work with friends, and gain confidence in their storytelling abilities. By the end of our time together, children will have a collection of their own creative stories and a deeper love for writing.

(Students do not have to be writing sentences or paragraphs to join this class. Much of the writing will be verbal and the teacher will provide support as needed for each student.)

Teacher: Val Smith

Writer's Workshop 2/3

Hello, young writers! Welcome to a class where your imagination can run wild, your words can take flight, and your stories can come to life! In Writing Workshop, we'll explore all kinds of writing – from exciting adventures to magical stories, and even poems that make you smile. You'll learn how to share your ideas clearly, write with confidence, and most importantly, have fun with your words! We'll work together to brainstorm, write, revise, and celebrate our creations. Whether you're writing a short story, a letter, or a poem, every word you write will be part of your own unique adventure. **Let's write, create, and share!**

(We have several sections of writing - Grades K-2, Grades 2/3, and Grades 4/5 - to allow more differentiation in instruction for student's specific needs. Please feel free to place your student in the grade band you feel best fits.)

Teacher: Natalie Erickson

Yoga & Mindfulness for Little Ones

Join us for a fun, playful class designed to introduce young kids to the magic of movement and mindfulness! Through engaging yoga poses, simple breathing exercises, and fun activities, your little one will build confidence, develop focus, and learn tools to manage big emotions—all while having a great time. This class is all about connection: connecting with their bodies, their breath, and each other. We'll stretch, wiggle, laugh, and pause, creating a safe space where differences are celebrated and kindness is key. Your child will walk away feeling calm, empowered, and ready to take on their world with love and joy.

Teacher: Mel McLellan

3RD- 5TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Animal Science

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Teacher: Natalie Erickson

Archery

Welcome to our NASP-approved Archery program designed for elementary students! During the program, students will acquire a comprehensive understanding of archery basics, covering safety, equipment, shooting form, and fundamental competition rules. Each session, which runs for an hour, will comprise both theoretical and practical instruction. This class will take place outside but will move inside in the event of heavy rain or snow. All equipment is provided. Students may also have the opportunity to participate in local archery competitions.

Teacher: Tracy Ratliff

Art

In this dynamic art class, 3rd-5th graders will embark on a creative adventure, exploring a variety of art mediums and techniques while fostering friendships and fun! Through engaging projects and activities, students will develop fundamental art skills, craftsmanship, and confidence. From painting, drawing, and sculpture to collage, and mixed media, experienced art instructor Andrew Rose will guide students in discovering their unique artistic voice. With an emphasis on creativity, experimentation, and camaraderie, this class is the perfect place for young artists to grow, express themselves, and experience a variety of artistic mediums.

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Baking & Cake Decorating

Bring on the bakers and let's make something beautiful AND delicious! This hands-on beginner's class will teach some baking basics like kitchen safety, proper equipment use, accurate measurement and recipe reading. We will also spend time learning the foundational skills for decorating including piping with various tips, frosting techniques, and more. Students will not only explore their creativity, but learn skills to expand on their overall baking knowledge. Send your "Whisk-Takers" my way and let's see what magic we can create!

Teacher: Liz Rosko

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Teacher: Andrew Rose

Choir

In our choir class, students in grades 3 through 12 will have the exciting opportunity to explore their voices and sing together as a group. We'll learn how to sing in parts and practice reading music as we refine our vocal technique.. By the end of the class, you'll be ready to share the music you've worked on with an audience at our student showcase, celebrating all the hard work and teamwork we've put in!

Teacher: Matthew Marcus

Cooking

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Teacher: Rachel Parker

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Creative Photography for Kids

This hands-on class is perfect for kids who love to explore and see the world in new ways! Through fun, age-appropriate projects, your child will learn the basics of photography, like composition, lighting, and storytelling, while discovering how to use their unique perspective to capture moments that matter. We'll experiment with different techniques, play with light and shadow, and even use everyday objects to create one-of-a-kind images. This class is all about encouraging creativity, building confidence, and showing kids that there's no right or wrong way to make art. Each student will walk away with new skills, creative inspiration, and a deeper appreciation for the beauty around them. Let's spark their imagination and have some fun! Digital cameras will be provided for in-class use.

Teacher: Mel McLellan

Creative Robotics Club

Creative Robotics Club gives kids the chance to experience the full excitement of building and programming robots—from brainstorming ideas to creating a one-of-a-kind working machine! Each week, students explore a new aspect of robotics, experimenting with motors, sensors, servos, and microcontrollers while using everyday materials like cardboard, plastic containers, and recycled items to bring their ideas to life. Programming is hands-on and interactive, using MicroBlocks and OctoStudio, a mobile coding app developed by MIT, the team behind Scratch. By the end of the semester, students will combine their best ideas to design and build a complete, functioning robot they can be proud of. This class encourages creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration, making robotics both fun and inspiring for young innovators!

Teacher: Will Sanford

Fashion Design

This Fashion Design class is a creative, hands-on journey into the world of style and self-expression. Students will explore the basics of fashion through fun and imaginative projects like inventing playful new names for classic colors, creating fashion mood boards, sketching clothing designs, and developing their very own fashion collection and personal style. Along the way, students will learn how clothes are made, how to choose fabrics, core design principles, elements of garment construction, and a bit of fashion history for inspiration. The class begins with no-sew activities and gradually builds skills, moving into hand sewing (learning basic stitches through small projects) and eventually machine sewing. Sewing machines will be provided by The Curve. This class is perfect for students who love creativity, design, and making ideas come to life.

Teacher: Rowena Aldridge

Fencing

En garde! Fencing class gives students a chance to learn the art of swordplay in a safe and engaging environment. Led by experienced instructors, this class will introduce participants to the fundamentals of footwork, blade work, and strategy in both individual and team settings. Whether you're a complete beginner or have some experience, our program is designed to accommodate all skill levels and ages. Through drills, sparring sessions, and structured lessons, students will develop agility, coordination, and mental acuity while honing their fencing techniques. Join us and embark on an exciting journey into the world of fencing, where discipline, sportsmanship, and camaraderie flourish. Students who are interested in competing in local fencing competitions can also attend Saturday training sessions with Saif to prepare.

Teacher: Saif Fencing Academy

Fiber Arts

In this handwork class, students will learn many foundational skills for various fiber arts. Students will have the opportunity to learn hand sewing, knitting, and crochet. We dive deep into each area so students can learn perseverance through each project and joy when a project is completed. Handwork encourages students to cross the midline of their bodies and visualize the steps to complete a project. This strengthens neural pathways, reinforces math skills, and provides opportunities for light meditation or an “out breath” in the school day. Students are encouraged to use their own creativity, while we all might make the same project, each student's work will be different from their neighbor's. Projects in this class are on a three year loop, so your student can take the class three years in a row and not repeat a project. Projects for 26-27 include coiled baskets (stitched, raffia wrapped, and possibly pine needle), hand quilting, and more!

Teacher: Katie Filer

Garden Club

Time to get our hands dirty! In this hands-on class, our junior gardeners will explore the wonders of nature as they learn how to plant, grow, and care for their own plants both in the classroom AND in our new garden space outdoors at the Curve. Through fun activities like planting seeds, watering, and observing growth, they'll discover the science behind gardening and develop a deeper connection with the environment. Each class emphasizes teamwork, responsibility, patience, and creativity. Students will cultivate not only a garden to be proud of, but also a greater appreciation for how plants play a role in our lives.

Teacher: Natalie Erickson

Handwriting & Typing

This class is a fun way using multisensory strategies to get kids excited about practicing penmanship and typing skills. The first semester will focus on either manuscript or cursive. Depending on what you want your child to focus on, you can choose the manuscript or cursive version of our book. We will start each class with gross motor warm-ups. Working on activities that prepare the body while simultaneously building core, shoulder, arm, and finger strength and control. 15-20 minutes of each class will be practice with instructor monitoring and feedback. Each class will end with a creative brain break leaning more into the arts as a means of enhancing fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and spatial awareness through games and activities like storytelling, doodling, drawing, and coloring. The second semester will focus on typing skills. Laptops for use in class will be provided by the Curve. Students will be assigned a little bit of optional homework each week.

Teacher:

Intro to Role Playing Games

In this imaginative and collaborative class, students will be introduced to the world of tabletop role-playing games through a kid-friendly version of *Dungeons & Dragons*. Students will create their own characters, explore exciting fantasy worlds, and work together to solve problems, overcome challenges, and tell an ongoing story as a team. Along the way, they'll practice creativity, communication, math skills, and critical thinking as they make choices, roll dice, and react to unexpected twists in the adventure. Emphasis is placed on cooperation, fair play, and inclusive storytelling, making this a welcoming space for both beginners and experienced players. No prior role-playing or D&D experience is needed—just imagination and a willingness to adventure together.

Teacher: Andrew Rose

3RD-5TH CLASS OFFERINGS



Kitchen Science

In Kitchen Science, 3rd-5th grade students will discover the amazing science hidden in everyday kitchen ingredients—while having a blast! Each week, children will explore hands-on experiments that are fun, creative, and sometimes even edible. Students will make edible slime, craft their own gummy worms, create fizzy eruptions, and experiment with other tasty science projects. While not every experiment is meant to be eaten, all use safe, edible ingredients with no major allergens. This full-year class sparks curiosity, encourages problem-solving, and lets young scientists see science in action in a playful, engaging way. It's the perfect mix of learning, experimenting, and having fun in the kitchen!

Teacher: Mr. Bond & the Science Guys

LEGO Challenge

Calling all lego creators! In this exciting and interactive building class, elementary students from kindergarten through 5th grade will turn play into a powerhouse of learning! In this STEM-focused weekly challenge class, students are presented with a new "mission" that requires them to think like engineers, architects, and inventors using the world's most versatile building tool: LEGO® bricks. Develop social skills and teamwork through critical thinking, problem-solving, and craftsmanship. Make new friends and have fun in a relaxed and supportive environment. This class is designed for a mixed-age environment, with challenges that are simple to start but "leveled up" for older students to ensure everyone is appropriately challenged.

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Math Fun 2/3

Math Fun 2-3 is a hands-on, interactive class where students explore numbers, patterns, problem-solving, and foundational math concepts in fun and engaging ways. Through games, puzzles, and collaborative challenges, children will strengthen addition, subtraction, multiplication, early fractions, and critical thinking skills. Each activity is designed to make math playful while helping students develop confidence, reasoning, and teamwork. This full-year class encourages curiosity and creativity, turning math into a subject students love to explore. Math Fun 2-3 is where numbers, problem-solving, and fun come together!

Teacher: Natalie Erickson

Math 4/5

Our 4th/5th grade math class blends concepts from both grade levels to meet students where they are and support steady growth. Instruction is designed to build understanding, confidence, and problem-solving skills through a variety of learning approaches. Students engage in whole-group lessons, small-group instruction, and one-on-one support as needed. Concepts are reinforced through hands-on activities, games, visual aids, and manipulatives to help students make sense of abstract ideas and apply their learning in meaningful ways. This class emphasizes clear instruction, active participation, and a supportive environment where students feel comfortable asking questions and trying new strategies. This class meets twice a week (Monday & Wednesday) and the instructor will provide work for students to complete at home throughout the week.

Teacher: Candyce Roberson

Music

In this 3rd-5th grade music class, students will explore the joy of making music with recorders, ukuleles, and other fun instruments. Each week, children will learn new songs, practice rhythms, and develop skills in melody, harmony, and musical expression. The class combines hands-on instrument instruction with singing, listening activities, and group ensemble work to encourage teamwork, creativity, and confidence. Students will also work together to write and perform their own class song, putting their ideas, lyrics, and melodies into a collaborative musical creation. Along the way, they'll explore different musical styles and learn how to play both individually and as part of a group. This full-year class is designed to foster a love of music while helping young musicians develop technique, rhythm, and performance skills in a fun, supportive environment.

Teacher: Lydia Tabor

Musical Theater

This musical theater class invites students into the full experience of bringing a show to life in a supportive, encouraging environment. Students will learn audition techniques and participate in auditions where they cheer one another on, knowing that **every student will be cast in the musical**. Throughout the year, students will work closely with theater directors to learn lines, choreography, and music while building confidence and teamwork. Rehearsals also include theater games, improvisation, and skill-building activities that make learning fun and engaging. In March, students will perform in a fully staged production with costumes, sets, and props in a professional theater. This class is designed to help students grow as performers, develop a love for theater, and find meaningful community with their fellow cast members. It's a joyful, collaborative journey from audition to curtain call.

Director: Anna Clark

Newspaper & Journalism

In this hands-on journalism class, students will become reporters, photographers, and editors as they create and publish *The Curve News*, our very own monthly newspaper. Students will learn the basics of news writing, including how to ask good interview questions, write clear and engaging articles, and report responsibly on school and community events. Throughout the year, they'll interview fellow students, teachers, and community members, take photographs to accompany their stories, and work together to design and lay out each issue before it goes to print. Collaboration and teamwork are key as students meet deadlines and see their work come to life in a real publication. Middle school students with strong writing skills and an interest in leadership may join the class as Editors, helping guide the paper, support younger writers, and take on added responsibility in the publishing process.

Teacher: Kendra Andrus

Obstacle Course Fun

Get ready to run, jump, climb, and conquer! In Obstacle Course Fun, elementary students will tackle a new obstacle course challenge each week, building strength, balance, coordination, and confidence along the way. Each class begins with stretching and fitness warm-ups to get bodies ready for action. Students will also have the exciting opportunity to design their own obstacle courses for friends to try, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving. This full-year class is packed with energy, fun, and friendly competition, giving young learners a safe and supportive environment to move, explore, and challenge themselves. Every week brings a new adventure, making fitness, play, and creativity an unforgettable experience! This class will take place outside unless it is raining or extremely cold.

Teacher: Emily Archer

3RD-5TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Open Studio

Open Studio is a creative haven where K-5 students can explore, experiment, and make art on their own terms. Held at the end of the day, this class gives children a chance to unwind while diving into open-ended projects using a variety of art supplies and materials. Each week introduces new tools, mediums, and ideas, allowing students to try new techniques, mix materials, and follow their imagination wherever it leads. There are no assignments or limits—just space, supplies, and time to create freely. Open Studio encourages curiosity, self-expression, and problem-solving, giving young artists a joyful environment to explore their creativity, take risks, and make something uniquely their own. It's the perfect way to end the day with color, inspiration, and fun!

Teacher: Val Smith

Prehistoric Art Adventures

Feed your inner paleontologist and artist in this hands-on exploration of the Mesozoic Era! Prehistoric Art Adventures is a creative science & art course designed for 3rd to 5th graders who want to dive deep into the world of dinosaurs and prehistoric giants while mastering the art of the field journal. Sketching, inking, watercolor, and journaling of fossil-fueled facts. Class objectives: a completed prehistoric field journal filled with student artwork and a wealth of scientific data. It's the perfect blend of STEM and creative expression for curious minds.

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Run Club

Run Club is a weekly class where elementary students will get moving, have fun, and challenge themselves! Each session includes warm-ups, running games, and exciting challenges designed to help kids improve their speed, endurance, and agility. Students will track their progress as they try to beat their personal bests in sprints and long-distance activities, all in a supportive and playful environment. The class also offers the opportunity to participate in a local kids' marathon, giving students a real-world goal to celebrate their hard work and achievements. Perfect for children who love running, friendly competition, and staying active while having a blast!

Teacher: Emily Archer

Science Explorers with Mr. Bond & the Science Guys

Get ready for a year of discovery, experiments, and hands-on fun with Mr. Bond and the Science Guys! This full-year class is divided into two exciting semesters. In **Funky Physics**, students explore the forces of nature and the science of motion through engaging experiments involving magnetism, inertia, gravity, electricity, air pressure, and even safe explosions—Sir Isaac Newton would be proud! During the second semester, **Biology Club**, students will dive into the wonders of life, exploring biology from the tiniest cells to the largest ecosystems on Earth. Through hands-on investigations, students will examine microorganisms, learn about animal behavior, and discover the incredible diversity of species that make up our planet. Throughout the year, students will engage in collaborative experiments, playful exploration, and real-world science that sparks curiosity, builds critical thinking skills, and nurtures a lifelong love of STEAM and the natural world.

Teacher: Mr. Bond & the Science Guys

Spanish

¡Hola! In this lively and playful Spanish class, 3rd-5th grade students will explore the language through songs, stories, games, and movement. Each month, students will focus on a new theme—greetings, animals, weather, holidays, food, and more—bringing the language to life in fun and engaging ways. Children will play interactive games, act out stories, sing catchy songs, and even try tasting foods from Spanish-speaking countries! No prior Spanish experience is needed, and the class is designed to make learning a positive, joyful experience for young learners. Students will build confidence in listening, speaking, and understanding Spanish while having a blast exploring the culture, creativity, and fun of the language. This year-long class is perfect for little amigos ready to sing, play, taste, and discover the world of Spanish!

Teacher: Jennifer Manivong

Sports Sampler

Got a kid that needs to move? Our sports sampler class is a fun introduction to a multitude of sports such as soccer, baseball, and basketball. Each unit will include an introduction to the basic rules of the game and an opportunity to PLAY! This class will take place outside but will move inside in the event of heavy rain or snow.

Teacher: LPG Sports Academy

Theater

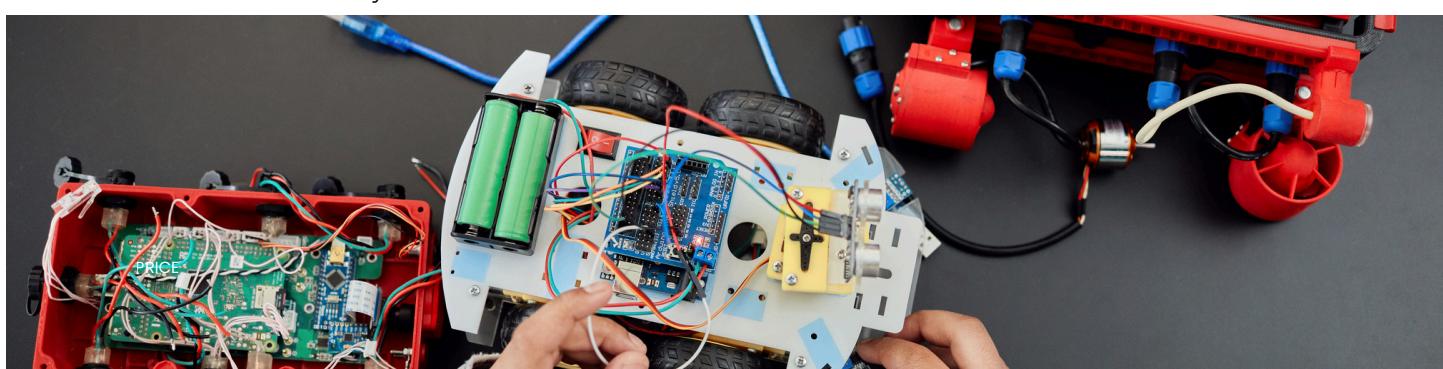
In this playful and engaging theatrical arts class, students will learn the art of theater through drama games, improvisation, and creative exploration. Using movement, voice, and imagination, students will build confidence, practice collaboration, and learn the fundamentals of storytelling and performance. As the semester progresses, students will work together to create an original short play from the ground up—developing characters, shaping a story, building props, and rehearsing scenes as an ensemble. By the end of the semester, students will have strengthened their creative writing skills, teamwork, and stage presence while bringing a brand-new, student-created play to life. The class will culminate in a performance featured in our annual Spring Performing Arts Showcase.

Teacher: Nashville Children's Theater

Time Travelers: Medieval & Renaissance Adventures

Step back in time with this exciting 3rd-5th grade history class, where students will explore the Middle Ages and the Renaissance through fun, hands-on activities! Each week, children will engage in imaginative projects like medieval STEM challenges, creating and testing "knights' weapons," enjoying themed feasts, and taking part in knighting ceremonies. During the Renaissance portion of the year, students will try their hands at invention-making, painting, and even creating a class play inspired by Shakespeare. Lessons are designed to be age-appropriate, playful, and immersive, allowing young learners to experience history through doing, creating, and exploring. This full-year class encourages curiosity, teamwork, and creativity while helping children build a love for history in a way they can see, touch, and enjoy. It's a year-long adventure through castles, inventions, and stories that brings history to life for young minds!

Teacher: Lily Lewis



3RD- 5TH CLASS OFFERINGS

VEX Robotics & Coding

In VEX Robotics, students dive into hands-on engineering and coding using one of our most trusted and engaging robotics programs. Working with VEX robots and VEXcode, students will design, build, and program robots to complete fun challenges and solve real-world style problems. Coding is done using a block-based system similar to Scratch, making it approachable while still building strong logic and problem-solving skills. As the year progresses, students will test ideas, troubleshoot designs, and collaborate with teammates as they refine their robots and programs. This class encourages creativity, critical thinking, and perseverance while giving students a strong foundation in both engineering and programming—no prior experience required.

Teacher: iCode

Violin

In our group violin class, we'll have a lot of fun learning to play beautiful music together! Whether you're a beginner or have already started, we'll practice how to hold the violin, make the bow move smoothly, and play simple songs. You'll also learn how to listen to the music, follow the beat, and play with your friends in the class. Join us for a fun and supportive introduction to violin with friends!

Teacher: Lydia Tabor

WanderPonder

If you can imagine Mr. Rogers, Mary Poppins, Mrs. Piggle Wiggle, Levar Burton (Reading Rainbow) and Miss Frizzle all bundled up together, that might give you an idea of the energy and presence Christina brings to this class. WanderPonder is an outdoor/indoor collaborative learning experience. Christina's aim is to provide tangible, sensorial experiences with the goal that each child discovers deeper, meaningful and memorable connections between self and their environment. Christina curates curiosity-driven, open-ended, flexible lessons that include science, the seasons, nature, the weather, and celebrations while weaving in a touch of whimsy and wisdom. Through this framework she gently guides each child toward a sense of well-being, curiosity, awe, wonder, intuition, creativity. This class is a full 50 minutes of indoor/outdoor collaborative learning where Christina and the students get to be part science guide, naturalist, wanderer, storyteller, part ponderer and helper. Through WanderPonder activities the children engage in a full-bodied, full-hearted, full-minded exploration in both their "inner and outer space."

Teacher: Christina Woodall

Wilderness Survival

For kids who love being outside, this hands-on class turns the great outdoors into a place for adventure and discovery! 3rd-5th grade students will learn the basics of wilderness survival in fun and engaging ways—building shelters, exploring with a compass, filtering water, and practicing simple first-aid skills. Each week offers exciting challenges that help children develop confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving while enjoying nature. Lessons are designed to be age-appropriate, interactive, and full of opportunities to explore, imagine, and try new things in a safe and supportive environment. This full-year class is perfect for young adventurers ready to learn, play, and connect with the natural world! This class takes place outside unless it is raining or extremely cold.

Teacher: Alecia Walgrave

Woodworking A & B

Students will begin with the use of hand tools and learning the basics of measuring, fastening, and sawing as they create and assemble through our project-based curriculum. They will progress to the use of light power tools, learning to read and create plans for their work, and learning when accuracy matters. In learning to read plans, we focus on how to realize a two-dimensional drawing into a three-dimensional object while incorporating lessons in applied geometry. While part of our goal is to teach students the mechanics of how to create with wood as a primary material, this is really a vehicle for building self-confidence, patience, perseverance, and understanding that making mistakes is part of the learning process. For 26-27, we will offer 2 sections of Woodworking - A & B. There are no pre-requisites for either section of Woodworking.

A Projects - Wall Art/Key Holder with Geometric Shapes, Hinged Miter Box, Wooden Sword

B Projects - Mantle Clock, Hat/Keepsake Box, Wooden Shield

Teachers: Travis Allen & Evan Lacy (The Forge Nashville)

World Geography & Cultures

In World Geography, 3rd-5th grade students will embark on a fun journey to discover the world and the people, places, and cultures that make it special. Each week, children will learn about different countries through stories, hands-on activities, games, and creative projects. Students will explore traditional crafts, learn about foods, animals, and celebrations, and try interactive challenges inspired by the places they visit. This class encourages curiosity, imagination, and a love for learning about the wider world, all in a playful, age-appropriate way. By the end of the year, young explorers will have a growing understanding of the world around them—and a sense of excitement for the adventures that come with learning about new places!

Teacher: Natalie Erickson

Writer's Workshop 2/3

Hello, young writers! Welcome to a class where your imagination can run wild, your words can take flight, and your stories can come to life! In Writing Workshop, we'll explore all kinds of writing – from exciting adventures to magical stories, and even poems that make you smile. You'll learn how to share your ideas clearly, write with confidence, and most importantly, have fun with your words! We'll work together to brainstorm, write, revise, and celebrate our creations. Whether you're writing a short story, a letter, or a poem, every word you write will be part of your own unique adventure. Let's write, create, and share! (We have several sections of writing - Grades K-2, Grades 2/3, and Grades 4/5 - to allow more differentiation in instruction for student's specific needs. Please feel free to place your student in the grade band you feel best fits.)

Teacher: Natalie Erickson

Writer's Workshop 4/5

In Writer's Workshop, your ideas will come to life, and your words will shine! In this class, we'll dive deep into the world of writing—whether it's crafting exciting stories, sharing your thoughts and research in essays, or experimenting with poetry. Through reading excerpts of good writing, we will explore different writing styles, learn new techniques, practice literary devices, and give each other helpful feedback to make our writing even stronger. This is a space to express yourself, get inspired, and grow as a writer. Together, we will brainstorm, draft, revise, and celebrate everything you create. Get ready to unlock your full writing potential and have fun doing it! Let's write, learn, and create amazing poems, stories, and formal writing pieces! Weekly emails will be sent home with suggested optional homework. (We are offering two sections of writing this year - Grades 2/3 and Grades 4/5 to allow more differentiation in instruction for student's specific needs. Please feel free to place your student in the grade band you feel best fits.)

Teacher: Kendra Andrus

6TH-12TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Advanced Acting (6th-12th)

Advanced Acting is designed for students who want to take their performance skills to the next level. Building on foundational acting techniques, students will focus on scene study, character development, improvisation, and emotional authenticity, while also learning essential audition skills such as preparing monologues, cold reading, and showcasing their strengths on stage. The class emphasizes collaboration, critical feedback, and creative risk-taking as students explore complex scripts and ensemble work. Through exercises, rehearsals, and performances, students will refine their craft, deepen their understanding of dramatic techniques, and gain confidence both on stage and off. By the end of the course, students will have strengthened their acting abilities, honed their expressive skills, and developed a professional approach to both performing and auditioning.

Teacher: Nashville Children's Theater

Advanced Cooking & Baking (8th-12th)

Advanced Cooking & Baking is a hands-on, skill-building class designed for high school students who are ready to take their culinary abilities to the next level. Students will deepen their understanding of cooking and baking techniques while learning about kitchen safety, tools, and professional methods used in real-world culinary settings. Throughout the year, students will plan and prepare more complex recipes, experiment with flavors and presentation, and practice precision skills such as knife work, timing, and temperature control. The class balances instruction with plenty of time in the kitchen, allowing students to work independently and collaboratively as they refine their craft. By the end of the course, students will gain confidence, creativity, and practical culinary skills they can use for a lifetime.

Teacher: Jason Lockman

Advanced Filmmaking (7th-12th)

Are you ready to take your creative movie making skills to the next level? Students in our Advanced Filmmaking course will develop their screenwriting, cinematography, lighting and editing skills, producing award-winning short films and videos. Your films will be submitted to the All American High School Film Festival. Any digital camera, including iPhones and iPads, can be used to fulfill the class assignments. Film Production 1 is a prerequisite. Students will also need the Filmic Pro App downloaded to your smartphone or tablet device – the paid version is recommended. Several projects will be assigned for students to work on outside of class. Some students may be invited to participate in filming school events.

Teacher: Rebecca Stone

Algebra I

Algebra 1 builds the foundation for high school mathematics and supports long-term success on standardized exams such as the ACT and SAT. This course focuses on linear relationships, equations and inequalities, functions, systems, and problem solving, all aligned with Tennessee state standards. Instruction includes whole-group lessons, small-group support, and one-on-one guidance as needed. Students are expected to engage actively in class and take increasing ownership of their learning through independent practice. To be successful, students should plan to complete approximately 3-4 hours of independent practice outside of class time each week, reinforcing skills and building fluency. Through consistent practice, mathematical reasoning, and exposure to multi-step and test-style problems, students develop the skills and confidence needed for Geometry 1, Honors Geometry, portions of Algebra 2, and the math sections of the ACT and SAT. This class meets twice a week (Monday & Wednesday) and the instructor will provide work for students to complete at home throughout the week. Students should have completed Pre-Algebra before taking this class.

Teacher: Candyce Roberson



American Sign Language I (6th-12th)

In ASL I, students will embark on an enriching journey into the world of visual communication and Deaf culture. Through engaging lessons, interactive activities, and hands-on practice, students will learn the fundamentals of ASL, including vocabulary, grammar, and basic conversation skills. From fingerspelling to expressing emotions and concepts through sign, students will develop the ability to communicate effectively using this beautiful and expressive language. With a focus on cultural sensitivity and appreciation, students will also gain insight into the Deaf community and learn about the history, traditions, and contributions of Deaf individuals. **HS credit will require practice work to be completed outside of class. Optional practice work will be given to all students.

Teacher: Angie Gomez

American Sign Language II (6th-12th)

In ASL 2, high school students will build on the foundational skills learned in ASL 1, expanding their ability to communicate fluently and confidently in American Sign Language. Through more advanced vocabulary, grammar, and conversational techniques, students will deepen their understanding of ASL structure and begin to explore more complex topics such as storytelling, facial expressions, and non-manual signals. The course will continue to emphasize cultural awareness, helping students appreciate the nuances of Deaf culture and engage with the Deaf community in a respectful and meaningful way. With greater emphasis on real-life conversations and group interaction, students will work towards becoming more proficient in using ASL for a variety of practical and social situations, while continuing to gain insight into the rich history and traditions of the Deaf world. Students in ASL II must have taken ASL I. **HS credit will require practice work to be completed outside of class.

Optional practice work will be given to all students.

Teacher: Angie Gomez

American Sign Language III (6th-12th)

American Sign Language 3 is a continuation course designed for students who have successfully completed ASL 1 and ASL 2 and are ready to deepen their fluency. This class places a strong emphasis on conversational ASL, helping students become more confident and expressive in real-world signing situations. Students will expand their vocabulary, refine grammar and sentence structure, and work on signing with greater clarity, accuracy, and natural flow. Through dialogues, group discussions, storytelling, and interactive activities, students will practice understanding and responding in ASL without relying on spoken English. By the end of the course, students will be better equipped to engage in meaningful conversations and continue advancing toward ASL proficiency. **HS credit will require practice work to be completed outside of class.

Optional practice work will be given to all students.

Teacher: Angie Gomez

6TH-12TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Archery (6th-12th)

This NASP-approved Archery class offers students a safe, structured, and engaging introduction to the sport of archery. Students will learn proper range safety, equipment use, shooting form, and the fundamentals of scoring and competition rules while developing focus, discipline, and confidence. Each class session balances instruction with plenty of hands-on practice time, allowing students to steadily build skill and consistency. As the year progresses, students who are interested will have the opportunity to participate in optional archery tournaments, putting their skills to the test in a supportive competitive setting. Classes are typically held outdoors, with indoor space available during heavy rain or snow. All archery equipment is provided—no prior experience required.

Teacher: Tracy Ratliff

Baking (6th-12th)

In this class, we'll take our baking and decorating skills to a new level while building our confidence in the kitchen. Expect to focus on technique with a hands-on application of the fundamentals of baking. Our weekly classes will center on in-depth techniques and complex recipes. It's time to create masterpieces, and expand our artistry as bakers and decorators. Let's Bake the world a better place!

Teacher: Liz Rosko

Career Development/Internship (9th-12th)

In our high school Career Development and Internship class, students will gain the skills and knowledge they need to prepare for the workforce and explore their future career paths. The class will focus on building essential job readiness skills, such as resume writing, interview techniques, communication, and time management, all while helping students identify their strengths and career interests. Through guided activities and career assessments, students will gain insight into various industries and job roles that align with their passions. Additionally, students will receive support in securing internships with local businesses, giving them hands-on experience in a professional environment. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 1 hour or less/week. Internship placements will require additional hours outside of class.

Teacher: Rebecca Stone

Chess & Card Game Club (6th-12th)

Chess is the classic thinking person's game! Students learn openings, traps, and strategies while growing in a variety of skills, including visualization, critical thinking, good sportsmanship, and problem solving. Each class would also offer plenty of playing time. In addition to chess, this year we are adding in the world of classic card games! In this interactive and social class, students will discover and play timeless card games that have been enjoyed by people of all ages for generations. From popular favorites like Poker and Blackjack to strategy games like Malarkey and Egyptian Rat Cube, students will learn the rules, tactics, and cultural context of these beloved games.

Class Objectives

- Learn the rules and objectives of classic card games
- Develop social skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork through gameplay
- Improve critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities
- Understand the cultural and historical context of classic card games
- Make new friends and have fun in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Choir (3rd-12th)

In our choir class, students in grades 3 through 12 will have the exciting opportunity to explore their voices and sing together as a group. We'll learn how to sing in parts and practice reading music as we refine our vocal technique.. By the end of the class, you'll be ready to share the music you've worked on with an audience at our student showcase, celebrating all the hard work and teamwork we've put in!

Teacher: Matthew Marcus

Computer Science (8th-12th)

Now a required class for high schoolers in Tennessee, Computer Science serves as a foundational exploration into the world of programming, providing students with the essential logic and syntax required to excel in the modern digital landscape. Through the use of Python—a premier language in both industry and research—students will master core computational concepts such as variables, control flow, and modular programming. The curriculum extends beyond traditional software development to include an introduction to data science, where students learn to leverage specialized libraries for data manipulation, basic statistical analysis, and exploratory visualization. This course emphasizes practical problem-solving and algorithmic thinking, equipping students with the technical fluency and analytical rigor necessary for postsecondary success in computer science, data analytics, and related STEM fields. Above all, we aim to have fun. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 1 hour or less/week.

Teacher: Brent Greene

Connecting with Nature (6th-12th)

This is a nature appreciation class that encourages curiosity, self-discovery, and digging in the dirt! This class will move with the seasons, appreciating each for what it offers, as we combine outdoor education with journaling, literature, and art activities. With the goal of connecting to the wonders of the world around us, we will cultivate indoor and outdoor gardens, build terrariums and fairy gardens, create cyanotypes, and calm our minds through landscape painting and mindfulness walks. We will build self-awareness, learn emotional regulation tools, and team building skills through our exploration of the natural world. Nature is the ultimate teacher and everyone feels better after being outside!

Teacher: Rachel Parker

Cooking (6th-8th)

In our Middle School Cooking class, taught by a professional chef, students will embark on a culinary adventure, learning to cook dishes from cultures around the world! Each class will focus on a different cuisine, where students will get hands-on experience preparing authentic recipes, learning cooking techniques, and exploring the history and traditions behind the food. From Italian pastas to Japanese sushi, Indian curries to Mexican street food, students will gain a deeper appreciation for diverse flavors and ingredients. Alongside mastering cooking skills, they'll also learn important kitchen safety, teamwork, and presentation techniques. By the end of the course, students will not only have delicious dishes to share but will also develop the confidence and creativity to experiment in the kitchen, bringing a taste of the world to their own homes!

Teacher: Jason Lockman

6TH-12TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Cosplay Studio (6th-12th)

Step into the world of Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Anime in Cosplay Studio, where creativity meets craftsmanship! In this hands-on class, students will learn how to design and build props, costumes, and armor inspired by their favorite futuristic and fantastical worlds—think blasters, bantha sticks, high-tech swords, and epic costumes. This class introduces techniques in prop making, costume construction, and creative problem-solving, giving students the skills to bring imaginative characters from anime, sci-fi and fantasy to life. By the end of the course, participants will have crafted their own unique pieces while gaining confidence, technical skills, and a deeper understanding of the art behind cosplay.

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Dungeons & Dragons (Role Playing Games) (6th-12th)

Imaginations ignite in a world of adventure and friendship. Dungeons & Dragons is a game that encourages imaginative storytelling, creative problem-solving, and teamwork. Students will learn about this wildly popular game, themselves and others as they play face to face in a creative, social atmosphere. Players will fine tune social skills like assertive communication, reading nonverbal cues, conflict resolution, identity exploration, self-esteem development and more. For beginners and all skill levels.

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Environmental Science (8th-12th)

High School Environmental Science explores the natural world and the complex relationships between humans and the environment. Students will investigate ecosystems, biodiversity, climate change, renewable resources, and environmental challenges facing our planet today. Through hands-on experiments, field observations, and research projects, students will develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while learning to analyze real-world environmental issues. The course emphasizes both scientific understanding and practical applications, helping students consider solutions for a sustainable future. Students will also complete weekly homework and several projects throughout the year to deepen their knowledge and apply what they've learned in meaningful ways. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 2-3 hrs/week.

Teacher: Jansen Gibson

Fashion Design (6th-12th)

In Fashion Design, students will explore the world of style and creativity while learning about influential fashion designers and the ideas that shaped their work. Students will apply design principles to hands-on projects, creating clothing, accessories, and original fashion pieces that showcase their personal style. The class provides instruction in basic sewing techniques and teaches students how to operate a sewing machine, which they will use to bring some of their designs to life. Along the way, students will gain skills in sketching, fabric selection, and garment construction, while building confidence, creativity, and an understanding of the design process from concept to finished product.

Teacher: Rowena Aldridge

Fencing (6th-12th)

En garde! Fencing class gives students a chance to learn the art of swordplay in a safe and engaging environment. Led by experienced instructors, this class will introduce participants to the fundamentals of footwork, blade work, and strategy in both individual and team settings. Whether you're a complete beginner or have some experience, our program is designed to accommodate all skill levels and ages. Through drills, sparring sessions, and structured lessons, students will develop agility, coordination, and mental acuity while honing their fencing techniques. Join us and embark on an exciting journey into the world of fencing, where discipline, sportsmanship, and camaraderie flourish. Students who are interested in competing in local fencing competitions can also attend Saturday training sessions with Saif to prepare.

Teacher: Saif Fencing Academy

Fiber Arts (6th-12th)

In this handwork class, students will learn many foundational skills for various fiber arts. Students will have the opportunity to learn sewing, knitting, and crochet. We dive deep into each area so students can learn perseverance through each project and joy when a project is completed. Handwork encourages students to cross the midline of their bodies and visualize the steps to complete a project. This strengthens neural pathways, reinforces math skills, and provides opportunities for light meditation or an “out breath” in the school day. Students are encouraged to use their own creativity, while we all might make the same project, each student’s work will be different from their neighbor’s. Projects in this class are on a three year loop, so your student can take the class three years in a row and not repeat a project. Skills for 26-27 include learning the anatomy of a sewing machine, learning to use a sewing machine and trouble shoot, color theory, and hand sewing. Projects for 26-27 include lap quilts and cross stitch designs.

Teacher: Katie Filer

Geometry

High School Geometry introduces students to the study of shapes, sizes, and the relationships between points, lines, angles, and figures. Students will explore key concepts such as congruence, similarity, circles, triangles, polygons, and three-dimensional solids, while developing logical reasoning and problem-solving skills through proofs and real-world applications. The course emphasizes critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and precision, helping students understand how geometric concepts are used in art, architecture, engineering, and everyday life. By combining theory with practical problem-solving, students will gain a strong foundation in geometry that prepares them for more advanced math courses in the future. This class meets twice a week (Monday & Wednesday) and the instructor will provide work for students to complete at home throughout the week. Students should have completed Algebra 1 before taking this class.

Teacher: Jansen Gibson



6TH-12TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Human Geography (6th-12th)

In Human Geography, students explore how people interact with the world around them and how geography shapes cultures, economies, and societies. The class examines topics such as population patterns, urban development, migration, cultural practices, resource use, and the impact of human activity on the environment. Students will analyze maps, data, and case studies to understand global trends and the connections between people and place. Through discussions, projects, and critical thinking exercises, students will develop a deeper awareness of the world, gain skills in spatial analysis, and learn to see how geography influences history, politics, and daily life. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 1-2 hrs/week.

Teacher: Rowena Aldridge

Improv (6th-12th)

Middle and high school students will embark on an exhilarating journey into the world of improvisational theater. In this class, students will unleash their creativity, spontaneity, and teamwork through a series of engaging exercises, games, and performances. From improvising scenes and characters to developing quick wit and improvisational skills, students will hone their ability to think on their feet and adapt to any situation. Whether you're a seasoned performer or new to the stage, Improv offers a vibrant and inclusive environment where every voice is valued and every idea is celebrated. Students will grow in self confidence, public speaking, and collaboration through this class.

Teacher: Oddity Improv

Interior Design (6th-12th)

Discover the world of interior design and decorating in this fun, hands-on class! Learn how to transform spaces with color, furniture, and decor, while exploring the principles of design, style trends, and creative problem-solving. Students will use hands-on and digital techniques throughout the class. Whether you're dreaming of redesigning your room or exploring a career in design, this class will help you develop the skills to make any space look amazing! This class will not assign weekly homework, but may assign occasional projects for students to complete at home.

Teacher: Rebekah Larson

Introduction to Engineering (8th-12th)

Introduction to Engineering provides a comprehensive foundation for students aspiring to professional careers in STEM. This course introduces the core engineering design process, fundamental sketching, and technical drawing techniques before transitioning into more rigorous concepts such as complex machine ratios, energy principles including Ohm's Law, and the analysis of diverse engineering disciplines. By executing collaborative team projects and mastering professional communication, students develop the critical problem-solving skills and academic insights necessary for success in postsecondary engineering and technology programs. Above all, we aim to have fun.

Teacher: Brent Greene

Intro to Philosophy (7th-12th)

In Intro to Philosophy, students will explore some of life's biggest questions and the ideas that have shaped human thought for centuries. From ethics and morality to logic, knowledge, and the nature of reality, students will engage in thoughtful discussions, debates, and reflective writing. This class encourages critical thinking, reasoning, and open-minded exploration as students learn to analyze different perspectives and develop their own ideas. By examining the questions that have challenged thinkers from around the world, students will strengthen their ability to think deeply, communicate clearly, and approach complex problems with curiosity and insight. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 1 hour or less/week.

Teacher: John Dvorachek

Intro to Film Production (7th-12th)

Students will be introduced to video production & cinematography, while creating short professional video projects. Projects include but are not limited to commercials, music videos, PSA's and film. They complete all phases of the production process including planning, capturing, and editing. Students will receive a better understanding of video and film industry careers and techniques, while participating in project-based learning. Any digital camera, including iPhones and iPads, can be used to fulfill the class assignments. Occasional projects may be assigned outside of class.

Teacher: Rebecca Stone

Jam Band

In our Jam Band class, students will experience the thrill of playing in a real band, learning how to collaborate and perform music together. Whether you're on guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, or vocals, you'll work with your classmates to learn songs, develop your skills, and create your own music. The class will cover essential topics like rhythm, harmony, dynamics, and stage presence, helping students understand how all the instruments come together to create powerful, energetic performances. Students should have some experience playing their instrument of choice, but all levels are encouraged to participate. By the end of the course, students will have the confidence and experience to perform as a cohesive band, ready to rock out in front of an audience at our Curve Spring Performing Arts Showcase! This class has middle school and high school levels available.

Language Arts (6th-8th)

Stories have lasting power: power to teach, power to heal, power to inspire, and power to transform. In this class, middle school students will encounter the power of stories in various genres like memoir/biography, fantasy/sci-fi, realism, short stories, and poetry. We will read books and discuss and analyze them, write personal reflections about them, and create our own stories through journaling. Students will have quarterly major projects in which they will write their own stories: one-pager book report, 3-5 paragraph essays, speech with research, and personal narrative. This class will include vocabulary, an online grammar program, and picture books and poetry. This year will feature *Song for a Whale*, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *The Giver*, *The Wednesday Wars* and *Shakespeare*, *Our Town*, and a memoir. Students will do 2-3 hours of homework outside of class and will need to use Google Classroom.

Teacher: Kendra Andrus

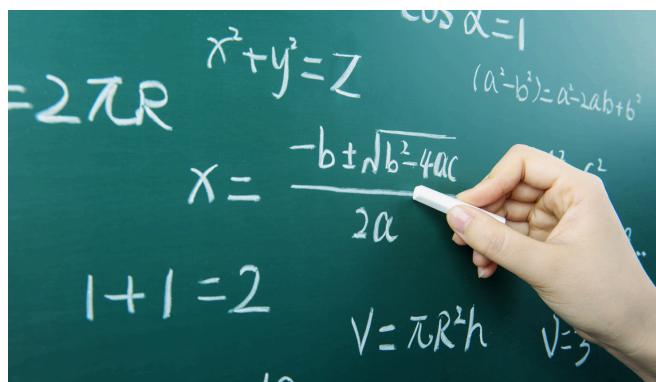
Language Arts (9th-12th)

Find your voice and learn to use it well—your voice matters! This language arts class will include reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar. Each semester, high school students will read 2-3 whole books and 1-2 short stories. In addition, they will read various poetry, speeches, articles, and plays. Numerous genres will be covered including classics and contemporary, fiction and non-fiction. This year will feature *1984*, *Frankenstein*, *The Book Thief*, *Night*, and *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Students will write weekly one-paragraph personal reflections or literary analyses. Four larger projects/essays will be due quarterly. Class time each week will be centered around reading comprehension quizzes, creative writing prompts, and discussion as we learn how to read deeply, think widely, and express ourselves distinctly. Grammar will be completed through weekly lessons online. Students will do 3-4 hours of homework outside of class and will need to use Google Classroom. This course is designed to satisfy one high school English credit.

Teacher: Kendra Andrus



6TH-12TH CLASS OFFERINGS



Middle School Math

Our middle school math class integrates concepts from both grade levels to support students at varying stages of readiness and to prepare them for Pre-Algebra. Instruction focuses on strengthening foundational skills while introducing grade-level and above-grade-level concepts in alignment with Tennessee state standards. Classes include whole-group instruction, small-group work, and one-on-one support as needed. Lessons are reinforced through games, visual models, manipulatives, and guided practice to build understanding and confidence. As students mature mathematically, increased emphasis is placed on mathematical reasoning, explaining thinking, and applying concepts to multi-step problems. Instruction is intentionally flexible, allowing time to address skill gaps while also providing enrichment opportunities for students who are ready to move ahead. This approach ensures each student is supported, challenged, and prepared for the transition into Pre-Algebra. This class meets twice a week (Monday & Wednesday) and the instructor will provide work for students to complete at home throughout the week.

Teacher: Candyce Roberson

Live Broadcasting (6th-12th)

Live Broadcasting is a hands-on, high-energy class where students dive into the world of live streaming, news reporting, and on-camera communication. Teens will learn essential skills like scripting, interviewing, camera presence, and real-time problem solving, all while creating engaging content. This class is perfect for aspiring journalists, content creators, or any student looking to build confidence, creativity, and poise in front of the camera. Emphasis is placed on collaboration, creativity, and real-world production workflows. Through practice and collaboration, students gain real-world experience in producing live broadcasts that inform, entertain, and connect with an audience.

Teacher: Rebecca Stone

Middle School Chemistry (6th-8th)

In this hands-on chemistry class, students will explore the fascinating world of matter, energy, and chemical reactions. Through experiments, demonstrations, and interactive activities, students will learn the fundamentals of chemistry, including atoms and molecules, states of matter, acids and bases, and the principles behind chemical changes. Classes are designed to spark curiosity, encourage critical thinking, and make abstract concepts come alive with real-world applications. Students will work collaboratively to test hypotheses, observe results, and analyze data, building both scientific understanding and problem-solving skills. Weekly homework assignments and several creative projects throughout the year will reinforce concepts and give students the opportunity to apply what they've learned in creative ways. This course provides a strong foundation in chemistry while inspiring a sense of wonder about the natural world. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 2-3 hrs/week.

Teacher: Jansen Gibson

Middle School History: Middle Ages to Renaissance (6th-8th)

This course explores the rich history of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, highlighting the social, political, and cultural changes that shaped Europe. Students will study the rise and fall of kingdoms, the development of feudal society, and the innovations in art, science, and thought that defined the Renaissance. Through reading, discussion, and analysis of primary and secondary sources, students will examine historical events, influential figures, and the ideas that transformed medieval life into the early modern world. Students will also complete hands-on activities and projects that will amplify their learning. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, understanding multiple perspectives, and connecting historical developments to their lasting impact on society today. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 1 hour or less/week.

Teacher: Rowena Aldridge

Mock Trial (9th-12th)

In Mock Trial, students will learn how to understand, plan, and lead a trial in an actual courtroom as either attorneys or witnesses in cases written by the Tennessee Bar Association. Students will learn how to make opening and closing statements, write direct and cross-examinations, how to utilize rules of evidence, and how to act in character as a witness from an official affidavit. Members of this class should be prepared to be available for the Davidson County competition (usually the last Friday and Saturday in February), the State competition on the last Friday and Saturday in March, and the same in April. This is a high school only class. Per the competition rules, students must be in grades 9-12 to participate. Estimated work outside of class: 1 hr or less/week. Additional meetings outside of class may be scheduled for extra team practices - typically on Fridays.

Teacher: Jansen Gibson

Musical Theater (6th-12th)

Join us for a full musical theater show! Each semester will be filled with learning scripts, music, choreography, blocking, costume and set creation and will end with a full performance. Students in 6rd-12th grade are eligible to participate. Everyone who signs up will be in the show! Auditions for roles will be held on the first day of class. (Audition prep information will be emailed out ahead of time.) Weekly rehearsal is a 2 hour block and students must be present weekly. There will be additional rehearsals called the week of the show as well. Students will be expected to practice their lines and music at home outside of class.

Director: Anna Clark

Mythology & World Religions (7th-12th)

Myths are an important part of every culture in the world and are used to explain natural phenomena, where people come from, how civilizations develop and conquer, and why and how people live. In this class, students will journey through the world's major religions and explore the various beliefs that have shaped human understanding of existence, morality, and communal life. We will understand world history through the lens of the world belief systems that have shaped it. The first semester of this course will cover the major mythologies: Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and Norse. The second semester will cover the major world religions through studying their foundational beliefs and practices as well as reading excerpts from their sacred texts. Students will get a basic understanding of the timeline of religions in world history and their notable famous sites and landmarks across the world. The focus will be academic, seeking to grow in understanding and respect of various belief systems. Through a combination of reading, videos, discussion, written reflection, projects, and oration, students will acquire critical thinking skills and a fuller understanding of the world we live in. Students will have up to 3 hours of homework a week and must use Google Classroom for homework and teacher communication. This class will count as a full humanities or history elective for high school credit.

Teacher: Kendra Andrus

6TH-12TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Painting the Masters (6th-12th)

In Painting the Masters, students will explore the techniques and styles of some of the world's most influential artists while creating their own original works. By studying and replicating the methods of renowned painters—from the bold brushstrokes of Van Gogh to the delicate realism of Vermeer—students will gain a deeper understanding of color, composition, texture, and artistic expression. Each project combines hands-on painting with lessons in art history, allowing students to learn both the “how” and the “why” behind the masters’ work. Through practice, experimentation, and guidance, students will develop their technical skills, personal style, and appreciation for the enduring power of painting.

Teacher: Mel McLellan

Photography & Yearbook (7th-12th)

In this creative and collaborative class, students will explore the art of photography and the craft of yearbook design while learning to tell stories that matter. Students will practice photography basics like composition, lighting, and editing, experiment with different techniques, and capture authentic moments that document their school community. They'll also learn design principles, project planning, and teamwork as they create eye-catching yearbook pages and manage coverage of school events. This hands-on class helps students develop technical skills, creative vision, and collaborative abilities, culminating in a finished yearbook that reflects their unique perspective. Students should have basic computer skills and access to a digital camera or smartphone and a computer or laptop; some work outside of class will also be required to bring the yearbook to life.

Teacher: Mel McLellan

Physics (9th-12th)

High School Physics introduces students to the fundamental principles that govern the physical world. Through hands-on experiments, demonstrations, and problem-solving activities, students will explore topics such as motion, forces, energy, electricity, magnetism, and waves. The course emphasizes critical thinking, mathematical reasoning, and the scientific method, helping students understand how to analyze and predict real-world phenomena. By combining theory with practical application, students will develop a strong foundation in physics while building skills in observation, experimentation, and analytical reasoning that will serve them in future STEM studies. Students should have taken Algebra 1 before registering for this course. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 2-3 hrs/week.

Teacher: Jansen Gibson

Pop Media & Cultural Art (6th-12th)

Pop Media & Cultural Art explores the fascinating world of cartoons, illustration, and popular media as a window into the times in which they were created. From political cartoons and pamphlets of the 1700s and 1800s to the golden age of animation, children's books, and iconic TV shows like *The Jetsons*, *Scooby-Doo*, *Daria*, *Sailor Moon*, and *Gravity Falls*, students will study how humor, style, and cultural trends have evolved—and what has stayed the same. Through discussion, analysis, and examples across centuries, students will learn how “popular” or “low-brow” art reflects the values, concerns, and creativity of its era, as well as how these works continue to influence and entertain us today. This class encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and an appreciation for the rich storytelling and artistry in everyday media.

Teacher: Lily Lewis



Pre-Algebra

Pre-Algebra bridges upper elementary and middle school math with the skills students need for success in Algebra. This course reinforces key standards from 5th through 7th grade while introducing pre-algebra concepts that build fluency, confidence, and mathematical reasoning. Instruction emphasizes number sense, operations, expressions, equations, ratios, and problem solving, all aligned with Tennessee state standards. Students engage in whole-group instruction, small-group support, and individual guidance, with lessons supported by visual models, manipulatives, guided practice, and real-world applications. For students who participate in state testing, this class provides intentional preparation through standards-based practice, multi-step problem solving, and opportunities to explain mathematical thinking. By strengthening foundational skills while introducing algebra-readiness concepts, Pre-Algebra prepares students for a smooth and confident transition into Algebra. This class meets twice a week (Monday & Wednesday) and the instructor will provide work for students to complete at home throughout the week.

Teacher: Candyce Roberson

Science of Magic (6th-8th)

Is it magic—or is it science? In The Science of Magic, students will explore the fascinating intersection of both! This hands-on class examines the clever applications of physics, chemistry, mathematics, psychology, and human perception that make magic tricks possible. Students will go beyond simple entertainment to analyze how classic illusions work, experimenting with mechanics, patterns, probability, and misdirection. Along the way, they'll practice performing their own impressive tricks while developing important skills in scientific observation, analytical thinking, and persuasive communication. By the end of the course, students will not only wow their audience but also gain a deeper understanding of the science behind the spectacle.

Teacher: Alecia Walgrave

Songwriting (6th-12th)

Students in songwriting class will explore the art and craft of creating their own original music. They will learn how to develop lyrics, melodies, and chord progressions while experimenting with structure, rhythm, and musical style. The class encourages creativity, self-expression, and collaboration, giving students opportunities to write individually and with peers. Along the way, students will gain a deeper understanding of the songwriting process, learn techniques for refining their work, and have the chance to perform or record their songs. By the end of the course, students will leave with original compositions and the skills to continue creating music on their own.

Teacher: Lydia Tabor

6TH-12TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Spanish I (6th-12th)

Spanish I is a lively, hands-on introduction to the Spanish language where students will start speaking and understanding Spanish from day one! Through games, stories, songs, movement, drawing, and interactive activities, students will explore vocabulary, basic grammar, and the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries in a fun and engaging way. Lessons are designed to make learning natural and enjoyable, and every student is encouraged to participate and communicate in a supportive, positive environment. No prior Spanish experience is needed! High school students will have the option to complete short assignments at home to earn 1 foreign language credit, with an estimated 2 hours of work per week.

Teacher: Jennifer Manivong

Spanish II (6th-12th)

Spanish II builds on the skills students learned in Spanish I, helping them speak, understand, read, and write more confidently in Spanish. Through games, stories, songs, movement, and interactive activities, students will expand their vocabulary, practice more complex grammar naturally, and explore the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. Class activities are designed to be hands-on and engaging, giving students plenty of opportunities to communicate in Spanish every day. High school students can also complete assignments at home to earn 1 foreign language credit, with an estimated 2 hours of work per week. This class continues to foster a supportive, positive environment where all students feel encouraged to explore the language and express themselves in Spanish.

Teacher: Jennifer Manivong

STEAM (6th-8th)

STEAM class will be a hands-on experience. Each week students will be presented with materials and design challenges that incorporate different aspects of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). Students will be encouraged to think critically and creatively about how to design and improve their projects. If you have a student who loves being creative, hot glue, and cardboard, this could be the class for you! This class does not assign out of class homework.

Teacher: Jansen Gibson

Strength Training & Conditioning (8th-12th)

Strength Training & Conditioning is a dynamic, hands-on class designed to help students build strength, improve fitness, and develop healthy exercise habits. Students will learn proper techniques for resistance training, bodyweight exercises, and functional movements, incorporating hand-held weights to safely increase strength and endurance. The class also includes cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility, and core work to create a well-rounded fitness program. Throughout the course, students will set personal goals, track progress, and develop discipline, confidence, and lifelong healthy habits.

Teacher: John Dvorachek



Studio Art (6th-12th)

Take your artistic skills to the next level in our 90-minute advanced studio art class. In this immersive and interactive class, you'll dive deep into a variety of artistic mediums, including painting, drawing, sculpture, and mixed media. With a focus on fun and self-expression, you'll have the freedom to explore your imagination, try new techniques, and develop your unique artistic style. Join us for an unforgettable artistic adventure!

Teacher: Andrew Rose

Theater Tech: Behind the Scenes Magic (6th-12th)

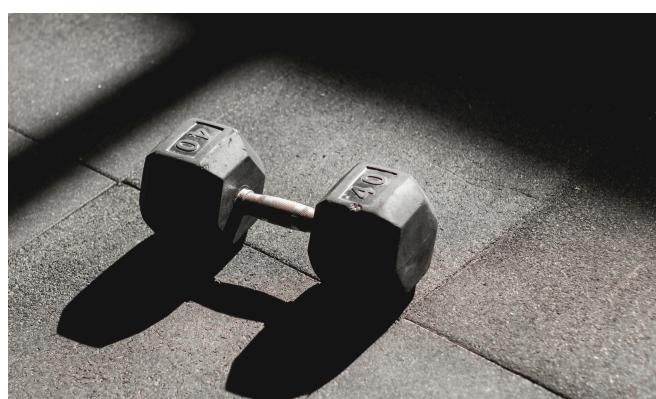
Step into the exciting world of theater production in this hands-on class designed for students who want to create the magic that happens behind the curtain! From building and painting sets to creating props, mastering stage lighting and sound, and exploring basic stage makeup techniques, this class covers it all. Students will work as part of a creative team to bring the school's theatrical productions to life. They'll learn the fundamentals of set construction, design principles, and safe tool use. We'll dive into the art of lighting and sound design to enhance the mood and storytelling of a performance. This class is perfect for anyone who loves to build, create, and collaborate. By the end of the year, students will have hands-on experience in theater production and a chance to see their hard work come to life on stage. Let's make the magic happen! This class will not involve "homework" but students will be invited to attend tech week rehearsals and performances for our musical theater productions as "stage crew." For 26-27, we will have 2 sections of Theater Tech. Students can choose to enroll in our Monday class or our Wednesday class.

Teacher: Mel McLellan

Website Development & HTML (6th-9th)

In HTML & Web Development, students will learn how to design and build their own websites from the ground up while exploring how the web actually works. Using HTML and introductory front-end tools, students will create pages that combine structure, content, images, links, and basic styling to bring their ideas to life. Along the way, they'll learn how websites are organized, how hosting works, and how creative problem-solving plays a role in digital design. Projects will be hands-on and student-driven, encouraging experimentation and personal expression while building practical, real-world skills. By the end of the course, students will have a working website and a strong foundation in web design that they can continue to build on in future tech courses.

Teacher: iCode



6TH-12TH CLASS OFFERINGS

Wilderness Survival (6th-12th)

Designed for teens who love adventure and the outdoors, **Wilderness Survival** is a hands-on class that teaches practical skills for navigating and thriving in the wild. Students will learn advanced survival techniques, including building shelters, using a compass, filtering water, and practicing basic outdoor first aid. Each session emphasizes teamwork, problem-solving, and confidence-building as students put their skills into practice in real outdoor settings. Classes are fully experiential—students will spend most of their time outside exploring, experimenting, and learning by doing. No out-of-class work is required, making this a fun, active, and immersive way for teens to connect with nature and gain skills they'll remember for a lifetime.

Teacher: Alecia Walgrave

Woodworking A & B (6th-12th)

Students will begin with the use of hand tools and learning the basics of measuring, fastening, and sawing as they create and assemble through our project-based curriculum. They will progress to the use of power tools, learning to read and create plans for their work, and learning when accuracy matters. In learning to read plans, we focus on how to realize a two-dimensional drawing into a three-dimensional object while incorporating lessons in applied geometry. While part of our goal is to teach students the mechanics of how to create with wood as a primary material, this is really a vehicle for building self-confidence, patience, perseverance, and understanding that making mistakes is part of the learning process. For 26-27, we will offer 2 sections of Woodworking - A & B. There are no pre-requisites for either section of Woodworking.

A Projects - Wall Art/Key Holder with Geometric Shapes, Hinged Miter Box, Wooden Sword

B Projects - Mantle Clock, Hat/Keepsake Box, Wooden Shield

Teachers: Travis Allen & Evan Lacy (The Forge Nashville)



World History (9th-12th)

This High School World History course offers an engaging exploration of global history from the dawn of human civilization to the modern era. Students will examine the rise and fall of empires, the development of kingdoms, the emergence of nation-states, and the complex forces that have shaped our world. Through a combination of historical and cultural anthropological perspectives, students will learn to distinguish between what is factually known, what is interpreted, and what remains uncertain in the historical record. The course also emphasizes the importance of perspective, exploring how history is often recorded differently depending on who is telling the story. Far from a focus on memorizing dates and facts, this class encourages critical thinking, analysis, and curiosity—helping students see history as a dynamic, sometimes surprising, and deeply human story. This class will require some reading each week outside of class. Estimated out-of-class homework time: 1-2 hrs/week.

Teacher: John Dvorachek



Yoga & Mindfulness (6th-12th)

This class will introduce the 8 limbs of yoga as we flow through poses, breathing techniques, mindfulness activities, yoga-based games, and meditations. All classes are designed to promote curiosity, playfulness, and a strong sense of community. Tools for self-awareness and stress management will be woven into each class to bring our minds closer to the present moment. Balance, strength, and flexibility will grow for the mind as well as the body as we discuss how to build a practice of self-care that is enjoyable and long-lasting.

Teacher: Rachel Parker



ADD ON OPTIONS

Club Time

Many of our students enjoy having a free hour to connect with friends. We offer a supervised free period called “club time” every hour for our K-5th grade students. Our club time room is equipped with games, toys, and craft supplies that students can peruse. When weather allows, club time students may also head outside together. Our club time teacher supervises and engages students but students are allowed to self-direct their time.



Private Music Lessons

The Curve partners with local music studios to provide private music lessons for our students throughout the day. Each lesson is 30 minutes in length. Students can choose from guitar, piano, bass, drums, ukulele, violin, or voice. Most of our students sign up for a private music lesson and club time for the remaining 30 minutes of the hour before their next class. Private music lesson students are invited to participate in the Curve performing arts showcase and may also choose to perform in the Liberty Music Academy recitals each semester.

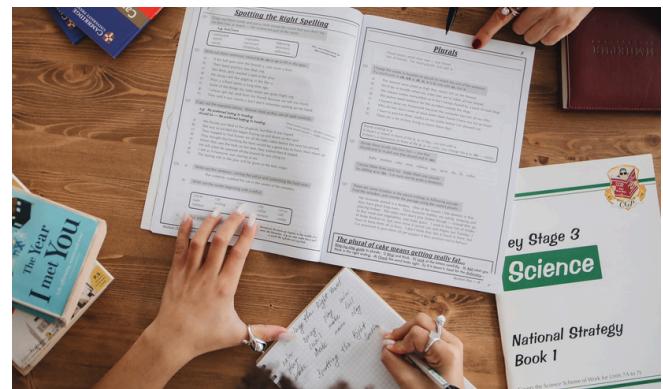


Study Hall

We are offering quiet study hall periods a few times each week for our middle and high school students. Each student can bring school work or a book from home to enjoy quietly during study hall. Students will be supervised by our study hall teacher at all times. Currently study hall will be offered only at 11 AM on Monday and Wednesday.

Tutoring

One on one tutoring is offered on select days and times. The schedule and pricing will be announced closer to the start of the school year.



DISCOUNTS

There are several volunteer roles available for the 26-27 school year that come with a tuition discount. We need weekly helpers at lunch, in K-2 classes, and with our daily clean up. If your family is interested in a volunteer role, please email us for more information. info@nashvillehomeschoolers.com