

2017 ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Readiness and Movement ABC's

This **all morning** class will give students experience in working independently, sharing, taking turns, using fine and gross motor skills, identifying colors, using numbers, cutting, pre-reading, etc. It will be especially beneficial for students who have no pre-school experience.

Grade 1

Reading and Math Skills

This class will give students who have completed kindergarten more experiences with reading and math concepts in order to increase their readiness for first grade. Lessons are designed around targeted skills which include phonemic awareness, vocabulary, decoding, addition, subtraction, and number concepts.

Music, Movement and Drama

This is a class for students who enjoy music and simple dance movements, rhythm instruments, elements of story-telling, and acting out songs and stories.

Simple Spanish

Students will learn very simple conversational patterns, the names of colors and numbers, and the names of family relationships (mother, sister, and so forth).

English Language Learners (ELL) Levels 1 & 2

Students who are learning English as an additional language, and have been identified as ELL Level 1 or Level 2, will participate in activities to promote English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Lessons will focus on building academic vocabulary, grammar, and oral proficiency. Language will be taught through content concepts and themes.

Grades 2-3

Reading and Math Skills Grade 2

This class will give students who have completed first grade more experiences with reading and math skills to increase their readiness for second grade. Lessons address targeted skills which include vocabulary, phonemic awareness, fluency, place value, addition and subtraction.

Reading and Math Skills Grade 3

This class will give students who have completed second grade more experiences with reading and math skills to increase their readiness for third grade. Lessons address targeted skills which include vocabulary, fluency, reading comprehension, fractions, and multiplication.

Music, Movement and Drama

This is a class for students who enjoy music and simple dance movements, rhythm instruments, elements of story-telling, and acting out songs and stories.

Puzzles and Logic

Let's get logical! Using Lego type bricks, students will explore communication concepts and teamwork. Other hands-on activities will foster critical thinking and problem-solving as students study science and engineering processes through the building of structures to withstand outside forces, the discovery of patterns, and the creation of concrete models from abstract concepts.

Author Exploration

Learn about authors by reading his or her books, researching their history, and exploring their professional websites. Students will explore genres, writing styles, and illustrations. In some cases the students will be able to communicate with and interview authors using digital tools, social media, or Skype. This course includes reading, writing, illustrating, and the use of digital tools for communication.

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Spanish

Students will practice simple conversations (please and thank you) and learn the names of simple shapes and some animals. They may listen to some classic children's stories in Spanish to develop an ear for fluency.

Grades 4-5

Reading and Math Skills Grade 4

This class will give students who have completed third grade more experiences with reading comprehension, writing, fractions, division, and equations to increase their readiness for fourth grade.

Reading and Math Skills Grade 5

This class will give students who have completed fourth grade more experiences with reading comprehension, writing, fractions, decimals, exponents, and order of operations to increase their readiness for fifth grade.

Writing Workshop

This class is for students who already enjoy writing and want to refine their skills. Students will explore various types of writing such as fiction, poetry, and informational. The workshop will provide practice from the brainstorming stage to editing and publication.

Music Explosion!!

This class will explore vocal and instrumental music, plus some music composition software. Students do not need to have any prior musical experience to take part.

What's Your Canvas?

Students learn to express themselves through physical art forms such as drawing, painting, sculpting, and more. Each activity focuses on a specific style or era of art in order to expand a student's appreciation of artistic expression, terminology, famous artists and influential movements in architecture.

Spanish

Students will learn the names of various foods and various general public buildings (library, school, store, etc.). They will practice simple conversations. They may learn some simple Spanish poems. They will become acquainted with the culture of some countries where Spanish is the primary language.

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High Ability Learners (HAL)

Grade 1-Face to Face!

See the Faces of the world from a different perspective! The differentiated curriculum in this course will foster life-long learning. Students will explore faces in art, astronomy and geometry. Faces in various cultures will be studied through myths, folktales and fairy tales from around the world.

Grades 2-3- #Symbolsaroundtheworld

This course presents a study of today's practical symbols, as well as ancient symbols from Chinese and Mayan cultures. Students will compare shields of old with modern day mascots, investigate symbols of other societies and identify patriotic symbols. A search and study of practical symbols such as symbols for traffic, weather and maps will be conducted. As students discover both concrete and abstract symbols they will learn to appreciate the things they represent in the world. Through the use of rich literature, hands on discovery lessons, and practical application students will discover the symbols around them and learn how these symbols apply to their everyday life.

Grades 4-5-Questioning Minds Want to Know

Who's on first? To be or not to be? The more people learn, the more curious they become. Coming up with the right questions involves vigorous thinking, looking at things from new angles and prioritizing which are the most important questions to get to the heart of the matter. Students will learn about Socrates and his ideas of asking questions to find deeper truth. They will create a school newspaper using the 5W's. Students will use comedy to create a humorous skit, only using questions! Finally, students will discover how society has changed because people dare to ask bold questions.