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**GRADE**

**Pathfinder**

**Course Catalog**

**2026 - 2027 School Year**

**#BrickByBrick**

# Learning Labs Mission & Vision Statement

We offer homeschool families a variety of unique, year-long classes to enrich their educational experience. Our classes incorporate academics and the arts to inspire individual interests and passions. Our nurturing staff partners with parents to support educational progress in a safe environment that encourages positive social development.

## Curriculum Key



After each of our class descriptions, you will see a KEY like this:

All of our classes have elective content, and many include core content. See the explanation below to help you choose classes for your child.

E - Covers **ELA CORE** Requirements

e - Supplements **ELA AT HOME** Curriculum

M - Covers **MATH CORE** Requirements

m - Supplements **MATH AT HOME** Curriculum

S - Covers **SCIENCE CORE** Requirements

s - Supplements **SCIENCE AT HOME** Curriculum

SS - Covers **SOCIAL STUDIES CORE** Requirements

ss - Supplements **SOCIAL STUDIES AT HOME** Curriculum

# Learning Labs Policies

When you enroll your child in a Learning Labs class, you will be asked to agree to the following:

[Learning Labs Parent Agreement](#)

\*Please read thoroughly before signing up for any classes.

Please see the [Student & Parent Handbook](#) for information about:

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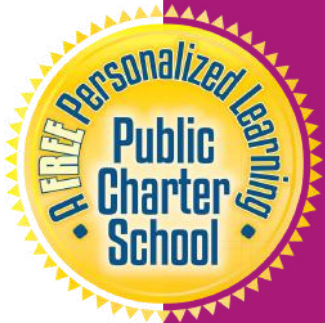
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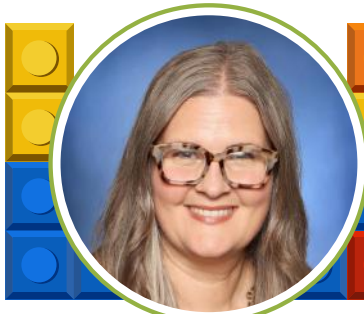
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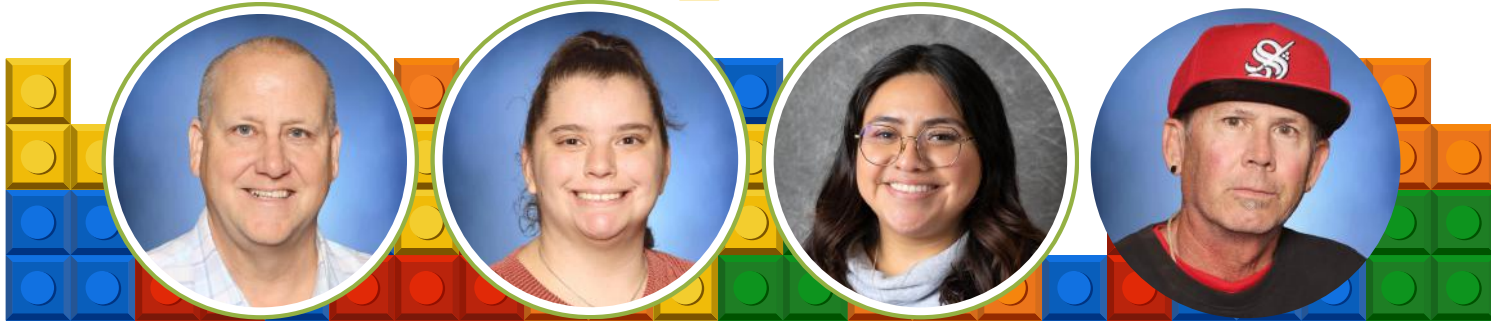
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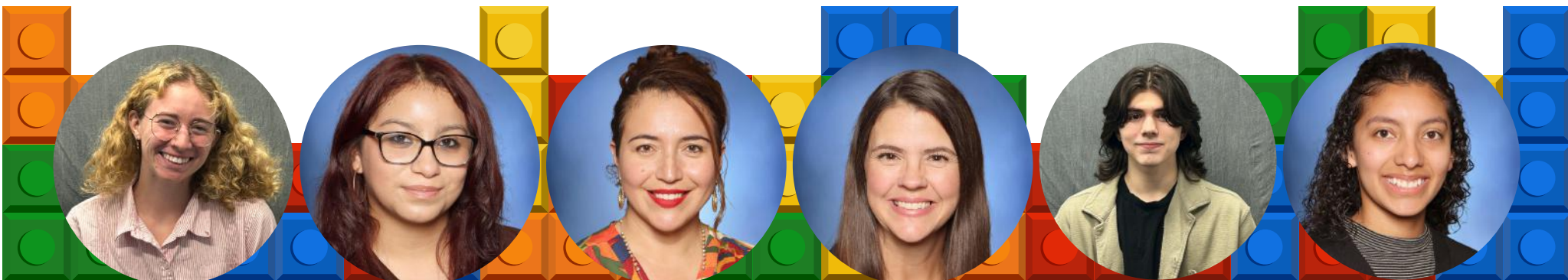
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# Pathfinder Learning Lab Information

Our Pathfinder Learning Lab provides enrichment and core academic classes for 5-8 Homeschool, Montessori Voyage, and Venture students. The Learning Labs help families connect with other independent-learning students to create a strong support system. Families enjoy the non-traditional choice of independent study while benefiting from time-honored school activities. Our Pathfinder location participates in activities such as school pictures, open houses, 8th-grade promotions, and other fun school events. Through events, outreach, activities, and guest speakers, learning lab students use the community as the classroom throughout the year.

The Learning Lab schedule is full of classes that offer hands-on, engaging activities that make learning fun! Students can choose classes that cater to their passions and interests, and/or choose classes that meet specific academic goals.

Please continue through the pages of this book to see the class offerings and descriptions for the 2026-27 school year.

**\*Venture and Montessori Voyage students are limited to one block per week.**

Classes are offered for 5th - 8th grades, Monday - Thursday.

Morning Classes ~ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Lunch ~ 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Afternoon classes ~ 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM



For more information or to register for classes, go to [Springs Marketplace](#) on your MySprings Apps page.



Located at:

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The Pathfinder Learning Lab is run by Principal Shawn McManus, who is responsible for safety, discipline, and the day-to-day operations at the student center. If you have specific questions about the school site, don't hesitate to contact the student center.

Learning Labs offerings and class schedules are created by our Homeschool Leadership team. For specific questions, you may contact:  
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# 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Class Choices

\*Chemistry & Latin A (for CCoR students only)

Imagination Makers: Creative Writing AND Creative Artists Studio

Early American Architects: Foundations of U.S. History AND Colonial Arts & Crafts

Brick to Broadway: Building a Performance  
AND Behind the Curtain Creations

Mission Possible: STEM & Logic Lab AND Game On! Logic & Strategy Games

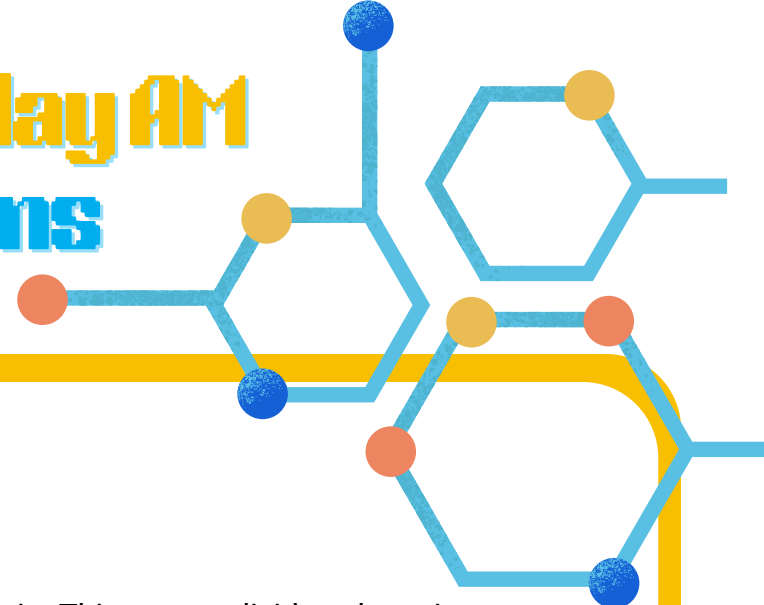
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## \*Chemistry & Latin A

Build your students' science knowledge and language skills with Chemistry and Latin. This course divides class time equally between chemistry and Latin, with half of each class block devoted to each subject. Students will be placed in class based on their CCOR Latin experience: Latin Year 1 or Latin Year 2.

In chemistry, students will complete science experiments while exploring topics such as the periodic table, atoms, matter, solutions, chemical reactions, acids and bases, organic chemistry, and chemistry in everyday life. In Latin, students will build grammar, vocabulary, and translation skills through the study of verbs, nouns, adjectives, and other foundational Latin concepts appropriate to their level.

Students are expected to attend class one day per week and review Latin concepts daily. Parents will help guide students at home as they practice and review what was taught in class. The teacher will provide instruction, assignments, and support for both students and parents throughout the year.

**All class materials will be provided.**

**\*Students must bring their school-issued Chromebook, notebook, and assignments to class.**

**\*Student MUST be enrolled in the Classical Community of Riverside to enroll in this class.**



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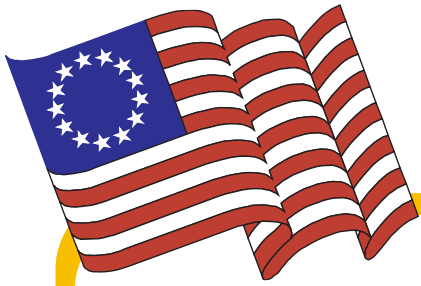
## Creative Artists Studio

In Creative Artists Studio, students strengthen their artistic skills while exploring a variety of techniques, styles, and materials. Students will build on foundational skills such as drawing, shading, color theory, composition, and perspective, while experimenting with painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Students will also study well-known artists and art movements, using them as inspiration to create more detailed and thoughtful artwork. Emphasis is placed on creativity, craftsmanship, and developing a personal artistic style.

### Projects--

- Artist Portfolio: Students compile a collection of their work showcasing growth in technique, creativity, and effort.
- Artist-Inspired Project: Students create a detailed piece inspired by a studied artist, applying specific techniques and styles.

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## Early American Architects: Foundations of U.S. History

In Early American Architects, students explore the foundations of U.S. history from early civilizations to the birth of the nation. The course begins with pre-European societies, including Native American groups such as the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and continues with the journeys and impact of early European explorers. Students then dive into colonial life in the Thirteen Colonies, examining daily routines, culture, and challenges faced by settlers. The class also explores the causes and key events of the American Revolution, leading to the founding of the United States. Through engaging lessons, discussions, and hands-on projects, students build an understanding of how people, ideas, and events shaped early America.

### Projects--

- Map of Early America: Label colonies, regions, and important locations.
- Early America Timeline Project: Students create a visual timeline from early Native American societies through the American Revolution, highlighting key events and people.
- Explorer Research Poster: Learn about an early explorer and present their journey and impact.

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## Colonial Arts & Crafts

Students bring early American life to life through hands-on arts and crafts projects. Using simple materials and creative techniques, young learners explore the everyday objects, tools, and traditions of colonial communities. Projects help students understand history while developing fine motor skills, creativity, and problem-solving.

### Projects--

- Colonial Mini Artifacts: Create paper, clay, or fabric replicas of colonial objects such as lanterns, baskets, or simple tools.
- Colonial Weaving or Braiding: Create small woven mats, friendship bracelets, or simple braids inspired by colonial techniques

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## **Brick to Broadway: Building a Performance AND Behind the Curtain Creations**

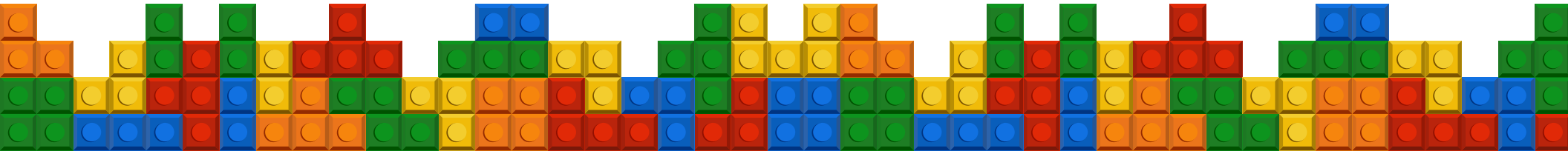
This class introduces students to the excitement of theater, helping them develop confidence, poise, collaboration skills, and creative expression. Students explore acting, improvisation, vocal performance, and basic choreography, learning how performance techniques can bring characters and stories to life. Through scene work, skits, and ensemble performances, students gain hands-on experience in both performing and working as a team. This class emphasizes creativity, self-expression, and problem-solving in a fun, supportive environment. Behind the Curtain Creations gives students the opportunity to design costumes, create props, and explore theatrical makeup. Using recycled and everyday materials, students learn to paint sets and backdrops, craft masks and accessories, and bring characters to life visually. Students may also support Learning Lab musical theater productions by contributing to costumes, props, and makeup.

### **Projects--**

- Culminating Performance: Students will prepare and present a full live performance in front of an audience.
- Theatrical Design Showcase: Students will create a mini-exhibit displaying their best work, including costume sketches, painted backdrops, and handmade props. They will present their pieces, explaining their creative process and inspirations.



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## Mission Possible: STEM & Logic Lab

In Mission Possible: STEM & Logic Lab (Advanced), students engage in complex, team-based challenges using Mission.io, where they analyze data, think critically, and make strategic decisions in real-world scenarios. Students will also participate in advanced puzzles, brainteasers, escape room challenges, and strategy-based activities that promote logical reasoning, collaboration, and problem-solving. Emphasis is placed on evaluating multiple solutions, supporting ideas with evidence, and refining ideas through reflection.

### Projects--

- Mission.io Strategic Challenges: Solve multi-step, collaborative missions.
- Escape Room & Logic Challenges: Apply reasoning and teamwork to solve complex puzzles.
- Design Your Own Mission: Students will have the opportunity to design their own Mission.io-style challenge, creating a storyline, problem, and set of clues for classmates to solve.

**\*Students taking this class will be required to bring a school-issued Chromebook to class.**

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## Game On! Logic & Strategy Games

In this fun class students sharpen their critical thinking, problem-solving, and strategic planning skills through a variety of classic and modern board games. Students learn to think ahead, analyze patterns, and make smart decisions while having fun in a collaborative environment. Students rotate through games such as chess and checkers, Qwirkle, Blokus, Quarto, Mastermind, and Battleship, practicing logic, deduction, and creative strategy. The class also emphasizes sportsmanship, focus, patience, and adaptability, helping students grow both as thinkers and team players.

### Projects--

- Strategy Journals: Reflect on lessons learned, winning strategies, and ways to improve.
- Team Challenge Showcase: Students will work in small groups to create their own collaborative game! They will design the rules, set up the gameplay, and teach it to their classmates.

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## Tuesday 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

### Class Choices

**\*I CAN! Math Connect (Hybrid Class- 2 days in person & 2 days virtual) AND  
Project-Based Learning (5/6)**

**Building Champions: Sports & Fitness AND  
D<sup>3</sup>: Drafting, Design & Development**

**Tuttle Twins Book Club: Economics Lab AND  
Real World Ready: Life Skills & Financial Literacy**

**Brick to Broadway: Building a Performance  
AND Behind the Curtain Creations**



**Science Explorers: Earth & Space AND  
Pixar in a Box**

**Please choose ONE of the classes above. You may sign up for one or two 2.5-hour blocks per day.**

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**\*I CAN! Math Connect - Students must sign up to attend 4 days of instruction - 2 in person and 2 virtually  
SEE FULL I CAN! Math Connect Hybrid Schedule**

[One Page Schedule](#)

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### \*I CAN! Math Connect (Hybrid Class- 2 days in person & 2 days virtual)

I CAN! Math Connect: Hybrid In-Person + Live Virtual Learning with I CAN! Math Teacher  
(2 days in person at the Learning Lab and 2 days online with I CAN! Math teacher)

Master the I CAN!s in Math in this engaging hybrid learning program. Students participate in two in-person sessions at the Learning Lab and two virtual sessions with the same teacher, providing four days of instruction each week. On the fifth day, students complete a structured lesson at home with parent support, reinforcing concepts learned in class. This program includes personalized lessons, small-group instruction, hands-on activities, and an online math component, designed to help students build confidence, fluency, and problem-solving skills. Parents support home learning and can communicate with the teacher via phone or email. The teacher assigns, guides, and assesses all work, and a Roles & Responsibilities form is signed by the parent and TOR to clarify expectations.

**\*Students taking this class will purchase the iReady Classroom books through Marketplace and are required to bring their school-issued Chromebook and math textbook to class each day they attend.**

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**\*\*Students must enroll in Part 1 and Part 2 at the Learning Lab, but attend all 4 days regularly to continue enrollment in this class.**

**\*\*\* See \*I CAN! Math Connect schedule for the two days of virtual math instruction.**



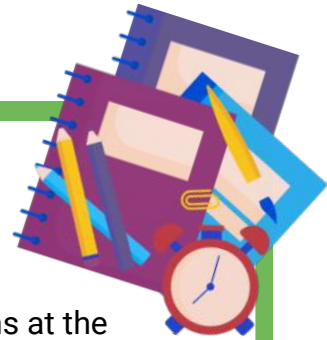
### Project-Based Learning (5/6)

This class helps students learn math by doing, not just solving problems on paper. Through engaging, hands-on projects, students explore how math connects to everyday life—such as designing spaces, managing money, and planning real-world activities. Students apply skills like fractions, decimals, multi-digit operations, measurement, and introductory geometry in meaningful ways. Each project encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving while building confidence and a strong foundation in math."

#### Projects--

- Design Your Dream Room: Students use area, perimeter, measurement, and basic geometry to design a functional and creative room layout.
- Lemonade Stand Business: Students apply operations with decimals and whole numbers to budget, price items, and calculate profit.
- Fraction Pizza Project: Students design a pizza using fractions to represent toppings and solve fraction-based problems.

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## Building Champions: Sports & Fitness

In Building Champions: Sports & Fitness, students develop skills in team sports, individual fitness, and overall athleticism while building confidence, cooperation, and resilience. Through games, fitness challenges, and skill-building activities, they practice communication, strategy, and sportsmanship. The class emphasizes strength, agility, endurance, balance, and coordination, helping students set personal goals and gain a lifelong appreciation for fitness.

### Projects--

- Team Sports: Basketball, soccer, volleyball, kickball, and flag football.
- Fitness Circuits: Obstacle courses, agility drills, jump rope challenges, and core strength exercises.
- Personal Fitness Goals: Track and improve individual strength, speed, and endurance.

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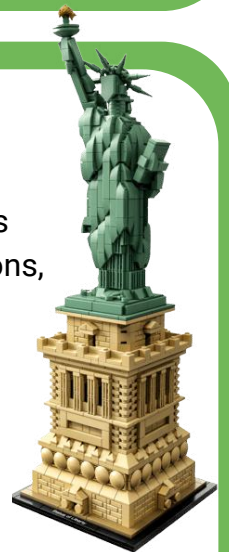
## D<sup>3</sup>: Drafting, Design & Development

In D<sup>3</sup> (D Cubed), students explore the world of design, drafting, and creative development while applying practical skills in drawing, measuring, scaling, budgeting, building, and presenting original creations. Students work on projects across a variety of categories, such as outdoor spaces, buildings, vehicles, fashion/outfits, amusement park attractions, inventions, or original objects. The class emphasizes creative problem-solving, planning, and collaboration, guiding students from initial concept to finished product. Students refine their designs, learn presentation skills, and gain confidence in showcasing their work.

### Projects--

- Design Sketches & Drafting: Plan and draw detailed designs with measurements and scaling.
- Prototype/Model Building: Create 3D models using paper, cardboard, or other materials.
- Budgeting & Materials Planning: Estimate costs and resources for each project.

**\*Students taking this class will be required to bring a school-issued Chromebook to class**



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## Tuttle Twins Book Club: Economics Lab

In Tuttle Twins Economics Lab, students explore economic principles and real-world decision-making through the Tuttle Twins books. They learn concepts like free markets, entrepreneurship, trade, scarcity, and personal responsibility while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Through reading, discussion, and hands-on simulations, students apply economic ideas to real-life scenarios, practice decision-making, and collaborate on projects such as market simulations, business plans, and case studies.

### Projects--

- Economics Response Journal: Analyze key ideas from each book and connect them to real-world examples
- Business & Entrepreneurship Project: Develop a product or service, create a plan, and present it
- Market Simulation & Trade Game: Experience supply, demand, and negotiation through interactive activities

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## Real World Ready: Life Skills & Financial Literacy

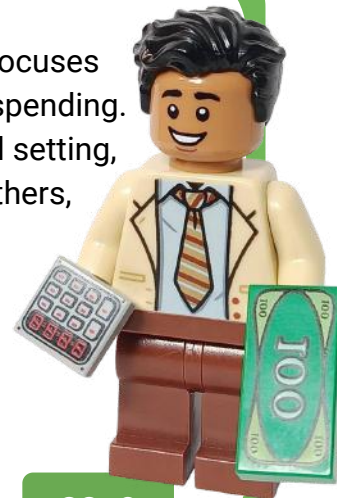
In Real World Ready, students develop practical skills to prepare for independence and future success. This class focuses on financial literacy and real-world responsibility, including budgeting, saving, banking, earning income, and smart spending. Students also build essential non-financial life skills, such as time management, organization, communication, goal setting, and problem-solving. They will practice skills like planning ahead, working through challenges, collaborating with others, and making responsible decisions in everyday situations.

### Projects--

- **Personal Budget Project: Create and manage a realistic monthly budget**
- Career Exploration Project: Research jobs, skills, and future pathways
- Goal-Setting Plan: Learn to set SMART goals, create an achievement plan, self-monitor progress, and reflect on success!

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## Science Explorers: Earth & Space

Students will investigate the systems of our planet and the universe through hands-on experiments, data analysis, and inquiry-based learning. Students explore topics such as Earth's structure, plate tectonics, weather and climate, natural hazards, the solar system, and astronomy, developing critical thinking, observation, and scientific reasoning skills. Classes emphasize modeling, data collection, and evidence-based explanations, allowing students to make connections between Earth's systems, space phenomena, and energy transfer. Students also practice scientific communication, presenting their findings through writing, diagrams, and presentations.

### Projects--

- Weather & Climate Investigation: Track temperature, precipitation, and wind; analyze patterns and predict future weather events.
- Solar System & Moon Exploration: Create scale models of the solar system, lunar phases, and eclipses.
- Natural Hazard Research Project: Research a natural disaster, explain the science behind it, and propose preparedness solutions.

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## Pixar in a Box

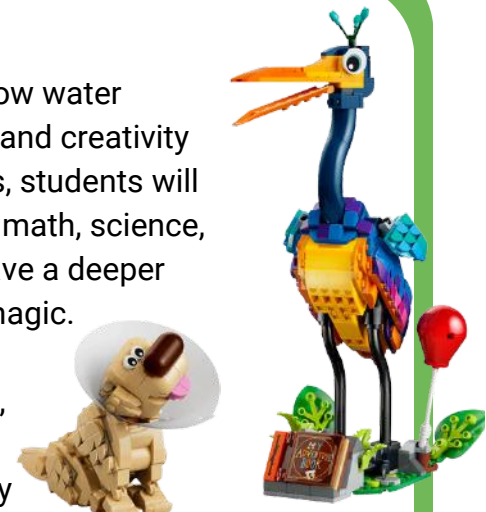
Step into the world of animation and discover the magic behind Pixar films! Have you ever wondered how water ripples realistically or how fire flickers on screen? In this class, students will explore the science, math, and creativity that bring animated movies to life using Pixar in a Box from Khan Academy. Through hands-on projects, students will animate bouncing balls, design swarms of robots, and create virtual fireworks, applying concepts from math, science, computer science, and storytelling—just like real Pixar artists! By the end of the course, students will have a deeper understanding of the animation pipeline and how different disciplines come together to create movie magic.

### Projects--

- Animated Short Scene: Students will use what they've learned to create a short animated sequence, incorporating motion, physics, and storytelling elements.
- Behind-the-Scenes Presentation: Students will showcase their creative process, explaining how they applied animation techniques, problem-solving strategies, and real-world math and science concepts.

**\*Students taking this class will be required to bring a school-issued Chromebook to class**

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## Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Class Choices

**Kid TED Talks: Find Your Voice AND  
Passion Project: Explore, Create, Present**

**Imagination Makers: Creative Writing AND  
Ultimate Builders Lab: Engineering & Robotics**

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## Kid TED Talks: Find Your Voice

In this unique class, students build confidence and skill in public speaking, presentation, and communication. Through engaging activities, they practice speaking clearly, projecting their voice, using body language, and organizing ideas. Students also learn to research, write, and present short talks—including their very own “Kid TED Talks”—on topics they are passionate about. The class emphasizes self-expression, creativity, and poise, helping students feel confident sharing ideas in front of peers. Students also develop listening, feedback, and critical thinking skills as they watch and discuss each other’s presentations.

### Projects--

- Mini TED Talks: Students research a topic and give a short presentation to the class.
- Speech Warm-Ups & Confidence Exercises: Voice projection, gestures, and posture practice.
- Storytelling & Persuasive Speaking: Practice engaging an audience with stories or arguments.
- Participate in Springs Speech Meet.



## Passion Project: Explore, Create, Present

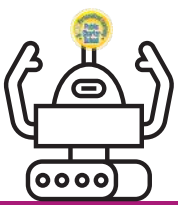
In Passion Project, students choose a topic that excites them and design a personalized research and creation project. They develop skills in long-term planning, problem-solving, reflection, and revision while learning that education can be personal, meaningful, and creative. Students are encouraged to present their projects using models, online presentations, videos, or other teacher-approved formats, giving them opportunities to share their work, explain their process, and showcase their learning.

### Projects--

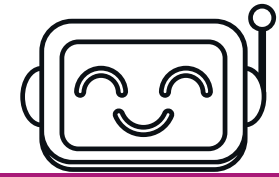
- Project Proposal & Planning: Choose a topic, outline goals, and create a timeline.
- Research & Development: Gather information, test ideas, and document findings.
- Creative Presentation: Build models, craft digital presentations, or develop other formats to share work.
- Reflection & Revision: Evaluate progress, make improvements, and problem-solve challenges.
- Final Showcase: Present projects to peers, teachers, and possibly families, demonstrating learning and creativity.

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## Ultimate Builders Lab: Engineering & Robotics

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### Projects--

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## Tuttle Twins Book Club: Economics Lab

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### **Projects--**

- Economics Response Journal: Analyze key ideas from each book and connect them to real-world examples
- Business & Entrepreneurship Project: Develop a product or service, create a plan, and present it
- Market Simulation & Trade Game: Experience supply, demand, and negotiation through interactive activities

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## Real World Ready: Life Skills & Financial Literacy

In Real World Ready, students develop practical skills to prepare for independence and future success. This class focuses on financial literacy and real-world responsibility, including budgeting, saving, banking, earning income, and smart spending. Students also build essential non-financial life skills, such as time management, organization, communication, goal setting, and problem-solving. They will practice skills like planning ahead, working through challenges, collaborating with others, and making responsible decisions in everyday situations.

### **Projects--**

- Personal Budget Project: Create and manage a realistic monthly budget
- Career Exploration Project: Research jobs, skills, and future pathways
- Goal-Setting Plan: Learn to set SMART goals, create an achievement plan, self-monitor progress and reflect on success!

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# 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Thursday AM

## Class Descriptions

### Science Explorers: Earth & Space

Students will investigate the systems of our planet and the universe through hands-on experiments, data analysis, and inquiry-based learning. Students explore topics such as Earth's structure, plate tectonics, weather and climate, natural hazards, the solar system, and astronomy, developing critical thinking, observation, and scientific reasoning skills. Classes emphasize modeling, data collection, and evidence-based explanations, allowing students to make connections between Earth's systems, space phenomena, and energy transfer. Students also practice scientific communication, presenting their findings through writing, diagrams, and presentations.

#### Projects--

- Weather & Climate Investigation: Track temperature, precipitation, and wind; analyze patterns and predict future weather events.
- Solar System & Moon Exploration: Create scale models of the solar system, lunar phases, and eclipses.
- Natural Hazard Research Project: Research a natural disaster, explain the science behind it, and propose preparedness solutions.

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### Pixar in a Box

Step into the world of animation and discover the magic behind Pixar films! Have you ever wondered how water ripples realistically or how fire flickers on screen? In this class, students will explore the science, math, and creativity that bring animated movies to life using Pixar in a Box from Khan Academy. Through hands-on projects, students will animate bouncing balls, design swarms of robots, and create virtual fireworks, applying concepts from math, science, computer science, and storytelling—just like real Pixar artists! By the end of the course, students will have a deeper understanding of the animation pipeline and how different disciplines come together to create movie magic.

#### Projects--

- Animated Short Scene: Students will use what they've learned to create a short animated sequence, incorporating motion, physics, and storytelling elements.
- Behind-the-Scenes Presentation: Students will showcase their creative process, explaining how they applied animation techniques, problem-solving strategies, and real-world math and science concepts.

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# 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

## Thursday 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

### Class Choices



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Game On! Logic & Strategy Games**

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**Acting & Improv AND  
Spotlight Scripts: Theatrical Storytelling**

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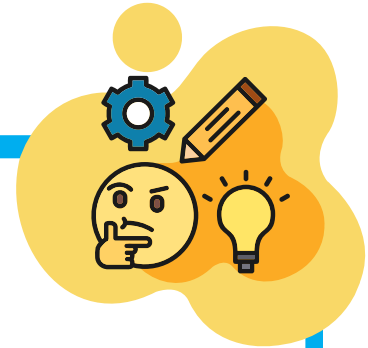
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# 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Thursday PM Class Descriptions



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## Game On! Logic & Strategy Games

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# 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Thursday PM Class Descriptions

## Acting & Improv

Step into the spotlight and let your creativity shine! In Acting & Improv, students will build confidence while learning how to create characters, perform monologues, and connect with an audience. Through fun improv games and scene work, students will think on their feet, stay in character, and bring stories to life. With plenty of laughter and teamwork, students will grow as performers and communicators—all while having a blast!

### Projects--

- Original One-Act Play: Students will write, direct, and perform their own one-act plays, showcasing both their storytelling and acting abilities.
- Improv & Monologue Showcase: A live performance featuring a mix of comedic and dramatic improv scenes alongside polished monologues.

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## Spotlight Scripts: Theatrical Storytelling

Spotlight Scripts: Theatrical Storytelling is an engaging, creative writing class where students will craft compelling scripts and bring their stories to life on stage. Through character development exercises, students will create dynamic protagonists and antagonists with rich backstories, unique voices, and meaningful motivations. They will learn to build immersive settings using vivid descriptions that transport audiences into the heart of their stories. As they explore dialogue, stage directions, and plot structure, students will develop short plays and dramatic scenes. The class will culminate in a script showcase, where students will present their final pieces through live performances or dramatic readings, celebrating their journey from page to stage.

### Projects--

- Original One-Act Play – Students write, direct, and perform their own one-act plays, showcasing their scriptwriting and acting skills.
- Script-to-Screen Project – Students write, act in, and film short scenes, practicing on-camera acting and performance critique.

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## Early American Architects: Foundations of U.S. History

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### Projects--

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## Colonial Arts & Crafts

Students bring early American life to life through hands-on arts and crafts projects. Using simple materials and creative techniques, young learners explore the everyday objects, tools, and traditions of colonial communities. Projects help students understand history while developing fine motor skills, creativity, and problem-solving.

### Projects--

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## Mission Possible: STEM & Logic Lab

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### Projects--

- Mission.io Strategic Challenges: Solve multi-step, collaborative missions.
- Escape Room & Logic Challenges: Apply reasoning and teamwork to solve complex puzzles.
- Design Your Own Mission: Students will have the opportunity to design their own Mission.io-style challenge, creating a storyline, problem, and set of clues for classmates to solve.

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## Blueprint for Writing: Building Confident Writers

In this writing class, students strengthen and expand their writing skills using WriteScore resources. Students focus on crafting clear paragraphs, organizing multi-paragraph pieces, and using strong grammar, vocabulary, and sentence variety. Through guided practice and creative assignments, students learn to develop ideas, support their writing with details, and revise their work for clarity and quality. This class builds confidence and prepares students for more advanced academic writing.

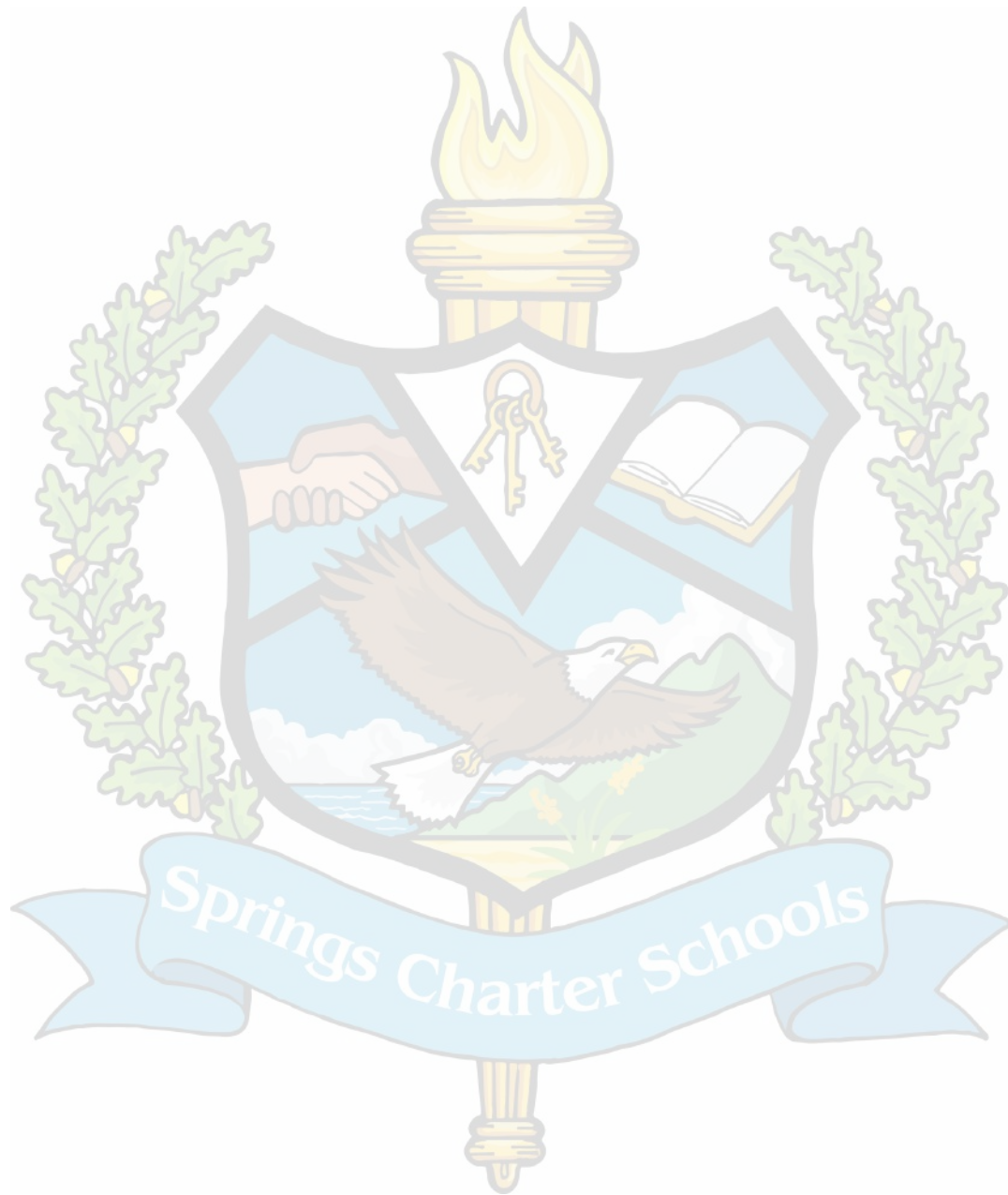
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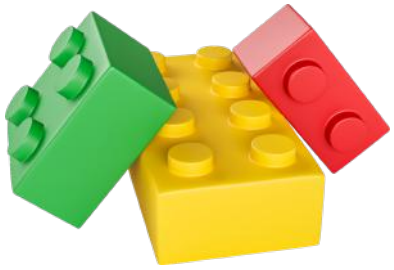
- Writing Portfolio: A collection of revised pieces showing growth in structure, detail, and style.
- Multi-Paragraph Writing Project: Students complete a structured piece (narrative, opinion, or informational) with introduction, body, and conclusion.

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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Class Choices

**\*I CAN! Math Connect (Hybrid Class- 2 days in person & 2 days virtual)  
AND Project-Based Learning (7/8)**

**Imagination Makers: Creative Writing AND  
Creative Artists Studio**

**Early American Architects: Foundations of U.S. History AND  
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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Tuesday AM Class

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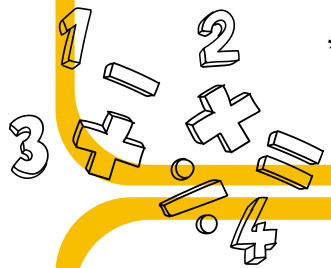
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### **Project-Based Learning (7/8)**

This class helps students deepen their understanding of math through real-world, project-based experiences. Students explore how math is used in areas like design, finance, and data analysis while applying concepts such as ratios and proportions, integers, expressions and equations, geometry, and introductory algebra. Through collaborative projects, students strengthen critical thinking and problem-solving skills while learning to explain and justify their mathematical reasoning.

#### **Projects--**

- Design Your Dream House: Students use scale drawings, area, surface area, and proportional reasoning to create a detailed home design.
- Small Business Project: Students develop a business plan, using equations, percentages, and budgeting to analyze costs, pricing, and profit.
- Real-World Data Project: Students collect and analyze data, create graphs, and use statistics (mean, median, range) to draw conclusions and present findings.

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## Imagination Makers: Creative Writing

Students will refine their storytelling skills and explore more complex narrative forms. Students craft short stories, poetry, scripts, and creative essays while developing voice, style, and plot structure. The class emphasizes character development, theme, dialogue, and descriptive language. Students also analyze exemplary literature and use it to inspire their own writing. Students use LEGO builds to model complex scenes, plot developments, and character interactions, supporting deeper visualization and storytelling. Peer workshops and revision cycles help students strengthen and polish their work.

### Projects--

- Creative Writing Portfolio: A compilation of short stories, poems, or essays showcasing growth and creativity.
- Extended Narrative or Script: Students write a longer story, play, or narrative poem with detailed plot, character development, and descriptive elements.
- LEGO Storyboarding Project: Students design a series of LEGO scenes to map out key moments in their story (beginning, rising action, climax, resolution), then use their builds as a visual guide to write and revise a more detailed, structured narrative.

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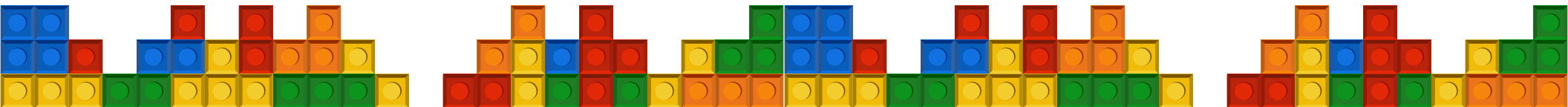
## Brick to Broadway: Building a Performance AND Behind the Curtain Creations

This class introduces students to the excitement of theater, helping them develop confidence, poise, collaboration skills, and creative expression. Students explore acting, improvisation, vocal performance, and basic choreography, learning how performance techniques can bring characters and stories to life. Through scene work, skits, and ensemble performances, students gain hands-on experience in both performing and working as a team. This class emphasizes creativity, self-expression, and problem-solving in a fun, supportive environment. Behind the Curtain Creations gives students the opportunity to design costumes, create props, and explore theatrical makeup. Using recycled and everyday materials, students learn to paint sets and backdrops, craft masks and accessories, and bring characters to life visually. Students may also support Learning Lab musical theater productions by contributing to costumes, props, and makeup.

### Projects--

- Culminating Performance: Students will prepare and present a full live performance in front of an audience.
- Theatrical Design Showcase: Students will create a mini-exhibit displaying their best work, including costume sketches, painted backdrops, and handmade props. They will present their pieces, explaining their creative process and inspirations.

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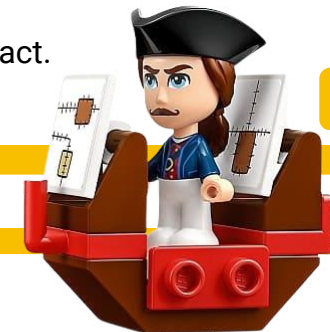


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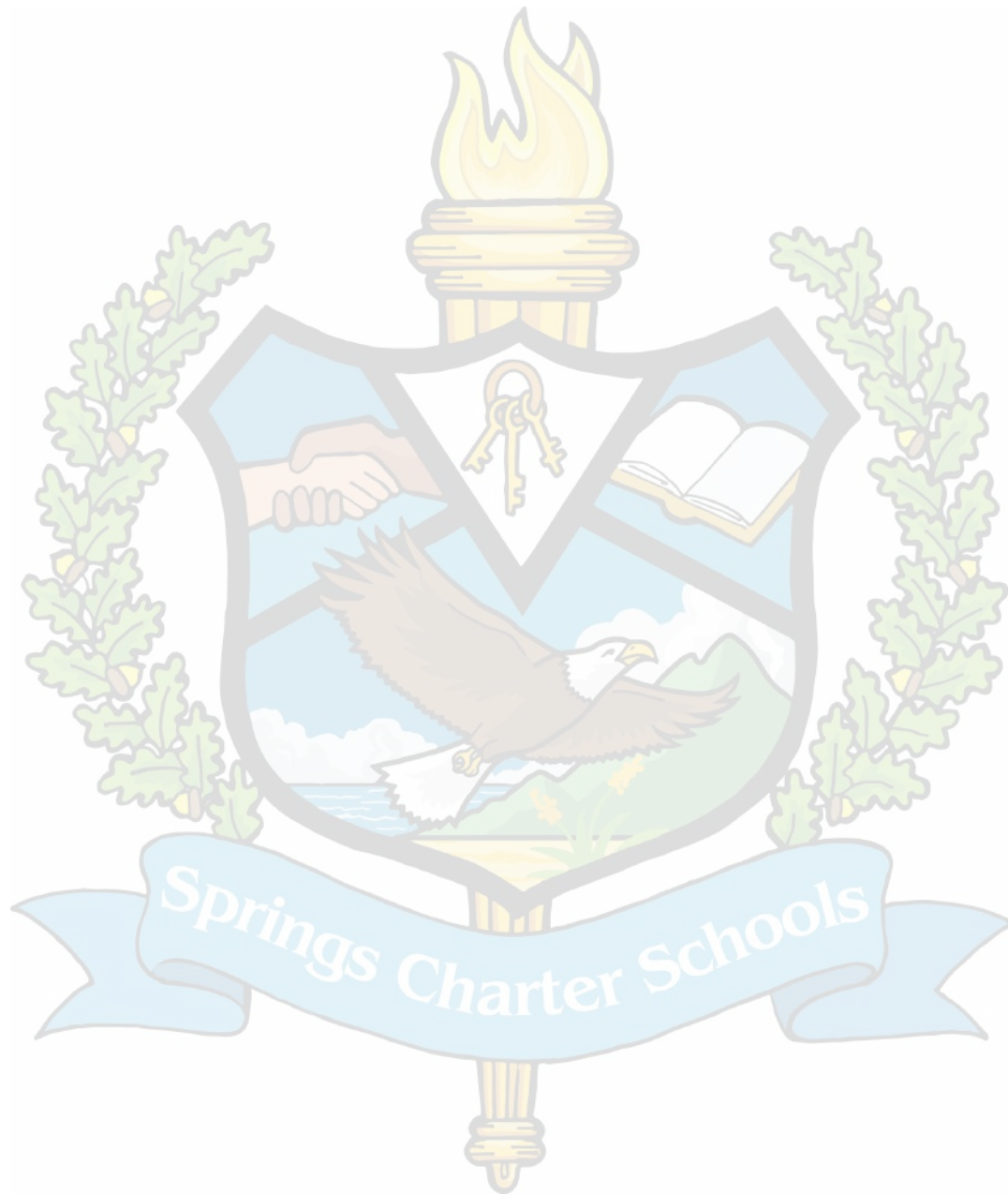
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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

## Tuesday 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

### Class Choices

\*Chemistry & Latin B  
(for CCoR students only)

Building Champions: Sports & Fitness AND  
D<sup>3</sup>: Drafting, Design & Development

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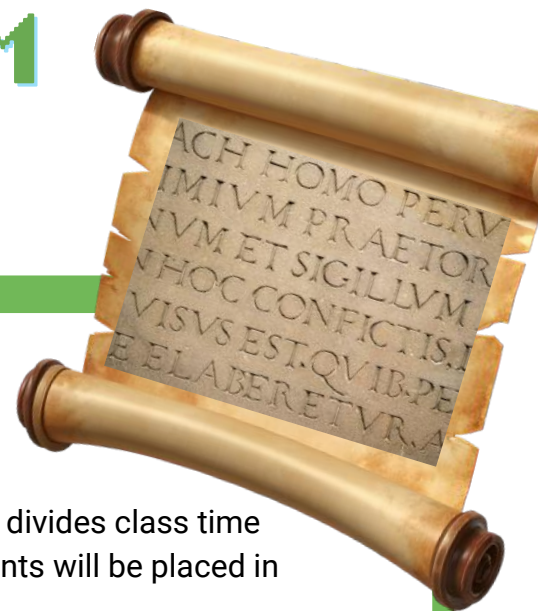
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## \*Chemistry & Latin B

Build your students' science knowledge and language skills with Chemistry and Latin. This course divides class time equally between chemistry and Latin, with half of each class block devoted to each subject. Students will be placed in class based on their CCOR Latin experience: Latin Year 1 or Latin Year 2.

In chemistry, students will complete science experiments while exploring topics such as the periodic table, atoms, matter, solutions, chemical reactions, acids and bases, organic chemistry, and chemistry in everyday life. In Latin, students will build grammar, vocabulary, and translation skills through the study of verbs, nouns, adjectives, and other foundational Latin concepts appropriate to their level.

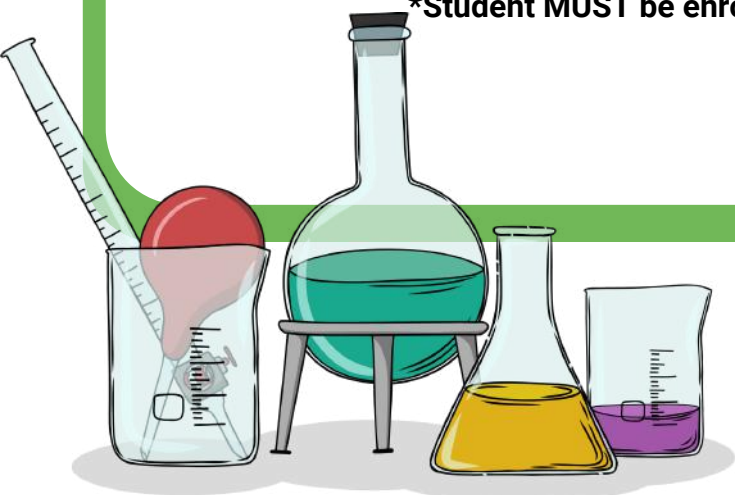
Students are expected to attend class one day per week and review Latin concepts daily. Parents will help guide students at home as they practice and review what was taught in class. The teacher will provide instruction, assignments, and support for both students and parents throughout the year.

**All class materials will be provided.**

**\*Students must bring their school-issued Chromebook, notebook, and assignments to class.**

**\*Student MUST be enrolled in the Classical Community of Riverside to enroll in this class.**

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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Tuesday PM Class Descriptions



## Building Champions: Sports & Fitness

In Building Champions: Sports & Fitness, students develop skills in team sports, individual fitness, and overall athleticism while building confidence, cooperation, and resilience. Through games, fitness challenges, and skill-building activities, they practice communication, strategy, and sportsmanship. The class emphasizes strength, agility, endurance, balance, and coordination, helping students set personal goals and gain a lifelong appreciation for fitness.

### Projects--

- Team Sports: Basketball, soccer, volleyball, kickball, and flag football.
- Fitness Circuits: Obstacle courses, agility drills, jump rope challenges, and core strength exercises.
- Personal Fitness Goals: Track and improve individual strength, speed, and endurance.

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## D<sup>3</sup>: Drafting, Design & Development

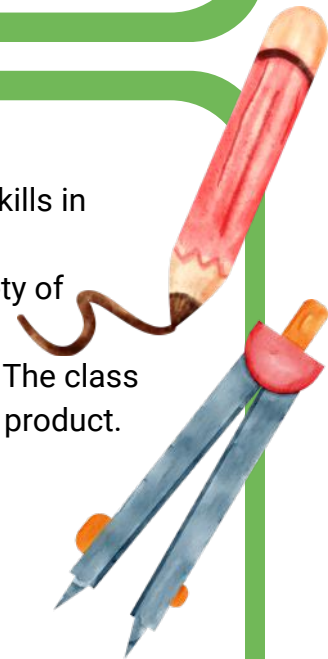
In D<sup>3</sup> (D Cubed), students explore the world of design, drafting, and creative development while applying practical skills in drawing, measuring, scaling, budgeting, building, and presenting original creations. Students work on projects across a variety of categories, such as outdoor spaces, buildings, vehicles, fashion/outfits, amusement park attractions, inventions, or original objects. The class emphasizes creative problem-solving, planning, and collaboration, guiding students from initial concept to finished product. Students refine their designs, learn presentation skills, and gain confidence in showcasing their work.

### Projects--

- Design Sketches & Drafting: Plan and draw detailed designs with measurements and scaling.
- Prototype/Model Building: Create 3D models using paper, cardboard, or other materials.
- Budgeting & Materials Planning: Estimate costs and resources for each project.

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## Real World Ready: Life Skills & Financial Literacy

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### Projects--

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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Tuesday PM

## Class Descriptions

### Brick to Broadway: Building a Performance AND Behind the Curtain Creations

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#### Projects--

- Culminating Performance: Students will prepare and present a full live performance in front of an audience.
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### Projects--

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### Projects--

- Animated Short Scene: Students will use what they've learned to create a short animated sequence, incorporating motion, physics, and storytelling elements.
- Behind-the-Scenes Presentation: Students will showcase their creative process, explaining how they applied animation techniques, problem-solving strategies, and real-world math and science concepts.

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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

## Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Class Choices

**\*I CAN! Math Connect (Hybrid Class- 2 days in person & 2 days virtual) AND  
Game On! Logic & Strategy Games**

**Imagination Makers: Creative Writing AND  
Ultimate Builders Lab: Engineering & Robotics**

**Tuttle Twins Book Club: Economics Lab AND  
Real World Ready: Life Skills & Financial Literacy**

**Science Explorers: Earth & Space AND  
Pixar in a Box**

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AND Behind the Curtain Creations**  
**\*\*This class is offered to only 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students\*\***



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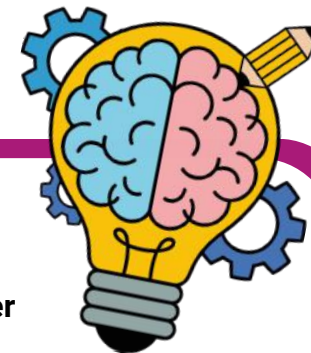
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SEE FULL I CAN! Math Connect Hybrid Schedule**

[One Page Schedule](#)

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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Thursday AM Class Descriptions



## \*I CAN! Math Connect

(Hybrid Class- 2 days in person & 2 days virtual)

**I CAN! Math Connect: Hybrid In-Person + Live Virtual Learning with I CAN! Math Teacher  
(2 days in person at the Learning Lab and 2 days online with I CAN! Math teacher)**

Master the I CAN!s in Math in this engaging hybrid learning program. Students participate in two in-person sessions at the Learning Lab and two virtual sessions with the same teacher, providing four days of instruction each week. On the fifth day, students complete a structured lesson at home with parent support, reinforcing concepts learned in class. This program includes personalized lessons, small-group instruction, hands-on activities, and an online math component, designed to help students build confidence, fluency, and problem-solving skills. Parents support home learning and can communicate with the teacher via phone or email. The teacher assigns, guides, and assesses all work, and a Roles & Responsibilities form is signed by the parent and TOR to clarify expectations.

**\*Students taking this class will purchase the iReady Classroom books through Marketplace and are required to bring their school-issued Chromebook and math textbook to class each day they attend.**

**\*\*Students must enroll in Part 1 and Part 2 at the Learning Lab, but attend all 4 days regularly to continue enrollment in this class.**

**\*\*\* See [\\*I CAN! Math Connect schedule for the two days of virtual math instruction.](#)**

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## Game On! Logic & Strategy Games

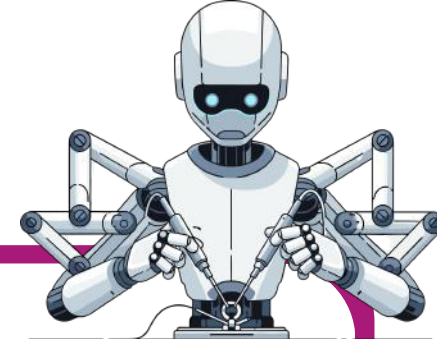
In this fun class students sharpen their critical thinking, problem-solving, and strategic planning skills through a variety of classic and modern board games. Students learn to think ahead, analyze patterns, and make smart decisions while having fun in a collaborative environment. Students rotate through games such as chess and checkers, Qwirkle, Blokus, Quarto, Mastermind, and Battleship, practicing logic, deduction, and creative strategy. The class also emphasizes sportsmanship, focus, patience, and adaptability, helping students grow both as thinkers and team players.

### Projects--

- Strategy Journals: Reflect on lessons learned, winning strategies, and ways to improve.
- Team Challenge Showcase: Students will work in small groups to create their own collaborative game! They will design the rules, set up the gameplay, and teach it to their classmates.

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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Thursday AM Class Descriptions



## Imagination Makers: Creative Writing

Students will refine their storytelling skills and explore more complex narrative forms. Students craft short stories, poetry, scripts, and creative essays while developing voice, style, and plot structure. The class emphasizes character development, theme, dialogue, and descriptive language. Students also analyze exemplary literature and use it to inspire their own writing. Students use LEGO builds to model complex scenes, plot developments, and character interactions, supporting deeper visualization and storytelling. Peer workshops and revision cycles help students strengthen and polish their work.

### Projects--

- Creative Writing Portfolio: A compilation of short stories, poems, or essays showcasing growth and creativity.
- Extended Narrative or Script: Students write a longer story, play, or narrative poem with detailed plot, character development, and descriptive elements.
- LEGO Storyboarding Project: Students design a series of LEGO scenes to map out key moments in their story (beginning, rising action, climax, resolution), then use their builds as a visual guide to write and revise a more detailed, structured narrative.

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## Tuttle Twins Book Club: Economics Lab

In Tuttle Twins Economics Lab, students explore economic principles and real-world decision-making through the Tuttle Twins books. They learn concepts like free markets, entrepreneurship, trade, scarcity, and personal responsibility while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Through reading, discussion, and hands-on simulations, students apply economic ideas to real-life scenarios, practice decision-making, and collaborate on projects such as market simulations, business plans, and case studies.

### Projects--

- Economics Response Journal: Analyze key ideas from each book and connect them to real-world examples
- Business & Entrepreneurship Project: Develop a product or service, create a plan, and present it
- Market Simulation & Trade Game: Experience supply, demand, and negotiation through interactive activities

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## Real World Ready: Life Skills & Financial Literacy

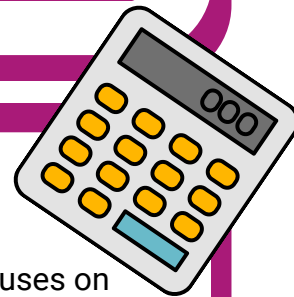
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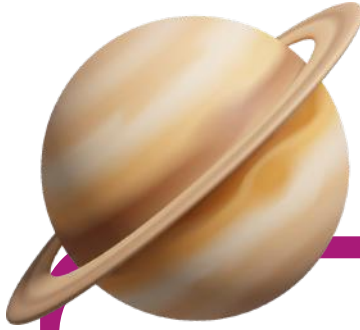
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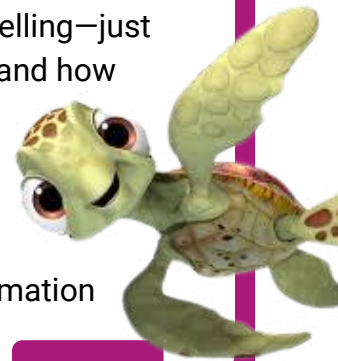
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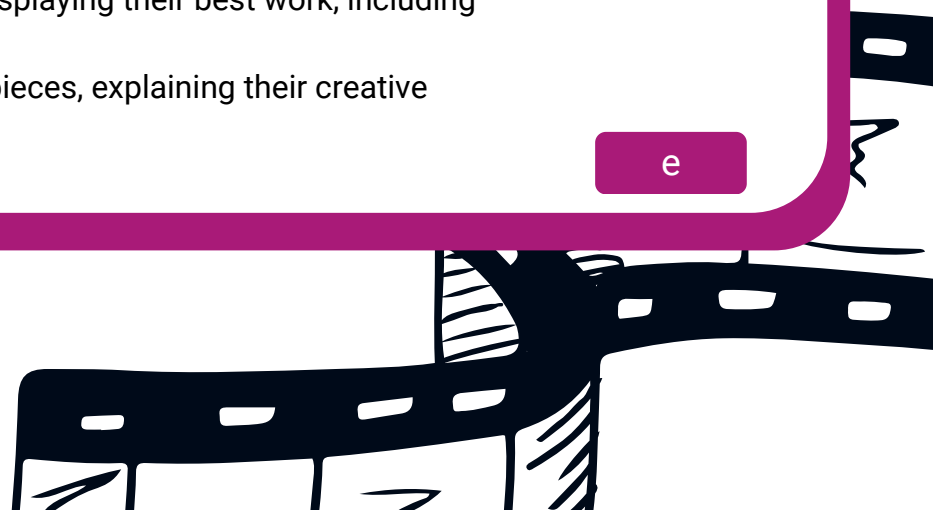
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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

## Thursday 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

### Class Choices

Kid TED Talks: Find Your Voice AND  
Passion Project: Explore, Create, Present

Ultimate Builders Lab: Engineering & Robotics AND  
Creative Artists Studio

Acting & Improv AND  
Spotlight Scripts: Theatrical Storytelling

Early American Architects: Foundations of U.S. History AND  
Colonial Arts & Crafts

Mission Possible: STEM & Logic Lab AND  
Blueprint for Writing: Building Confident Writers



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# 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Thursday PM

## Class Descriptions



### Kid TED Talks: Find Your Voice

In this unique class, students build confidence and skill in public speaking, presentation, and communication. Through engaging activities, they practice speaking clearly, projecting their voice, using body language, and organizing ideas. Students also learn to research, write, and present short talks—including their very own “Kid TED Talks”—on topics they are passionate about. The class emphasizes self-expression, creativity, and poise, helping students feel confident sharing ideas in front of peers. Students also develop listening, feedback, and critical thinking skills as they watch and discuss each other’s presentations.

#### Projects--

- Mini TED Talks: Students research a topic and give a short presentation to the class.
- Speech Warm-Ups & Confidence Exercises: Voice projection, gestures, and posture practice.
- Storytelling & Persuasive Speaking: Practice engaging an audience with stories or arguments.
- Participate in Springs Speech Meet.

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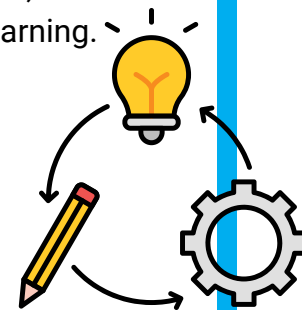
### Passion Project: Explore, Create, Present

In Passion Project, students choose a topic that excites them and design a personalized research and creation project. They develop skills in long-term planning, problem-solving, reflection, and revision while learning that education can be personal, meaningful, and creative. Students are encouraged to present their projects using models, online presentations, videos, or other teacher-approved formats, giving them opportunities to share their work, explain their process, and showcase their learning.

#### Projects--

- Project Proposal & Planning: Choose a topic, outline goals, and create a timeline.
- Research & Development: Gather information, test ideas, and document findings.
- Creative Presentation: Build models, craft digital presentations, or develop other formats to share work.
- Reflection & Revision: Evaluate progress, make improvements, and problem-solve challenges.
- Final Showcase: Present projects to peers, teachers, and possibly families, demonstrating learning and creativity.

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## Creative Artists Studio

In Creative Artists Studio, students strengthen their artistic skills while exploring a variety of techniques, styles, and materials. Students will build on foundational skills such as drawing, shading, color theory, composition, and perspective, while experimenting with painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Students will also study well-known artists and art movements, using them as inspiration to create more detailed and thoughtful artwork. Emphasis is placed on creativity, craftsmanship, and developing a personal artistic style.

### Projects--

- Artist Portfolio: Students compile a collection of their work showcasing growth in technique, creativity, and effort.
- Artist-Inspired Project: Students create a detailed piece inspired by a studied artist, applying specific techniques and styles.

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## Acting & Improv

Step into the spotlight and let your creativity shine! In Acting & Improv, students will build confidence while learning how to create characters, perform monologues, and connect with an audience. Through fun improv games and scene work, students will think on their feet, stay in character, and bring stories to life. With plenty of laughter and teamwork, students will grow as performers and communicators—all while having a blast!

### Projects--

- Original One-Act Play: Students will write, direct, and perform their own one-act plays, showcasing both their storytelling and acting abilities.
- Improv & Monologue Showcase: A live performance featuring a mix of comedic and dramatic improv scenes alongside polished monologues.

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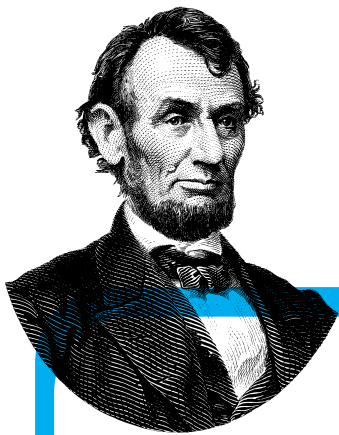
## Spotlight Scripts: Theatrical Storytelling

Spotlight Scripts: Theatrical Storytelling is an engaging, creative writing class where students will craft compelling scripts and bring their stories to life on stage. Through character development exercises, students will create dynamic protagonists and antagonists with rich backstories, unique voices, and meaningful motivations. They will learn to build immersive settings using vivid descriptions that transport audiences into the heart of their stories. As they explore dialogue, stage directions, and plot structure, students will develop short plays and dramatic scenes. The class will culminate in a script showcase, where students will present their final pieces through live performances or dramatic readings, celebrating their journey from page to stage.

### Projects--

- Original One-Act Play – Students write, direct, and perform their own one-act plays, showcasing their scriptwriting and acting skills.
- Script-to-Screen Project – Students write, act in, and film short scenes, practicing on-camera acting and performance critique.

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# 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Thursday PM Class Descriptions

## Early American Architects: Foundations of U.S. History

In Early American Architects, students explore the foundations of U.S. history from early civilizations to the birth of the nation. The course begins with pre-European societies, including Native American groups such as the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and continues with the journeys and impact of early European explorers. Students then dive into colonial life in the Thirteen Colonies, examining daily routines, culture, and challenges faced by settlers. The class also explores the causes and key events of the American Revolution, leading to the founding of the United States. Through engaging lessons, discussions, and hands-on projects, students build an understanding of how people, ideas, and events shaped early America.

### Projects--

- Map of Early America: Label colonies, regions, and important locations.
- Early America Timeline Project: Students create a visual timeline from early Native American societies through the American Revolution, highlighting key events and people.
- Explorer Research Poster: Learn about an early explorer and present their journey and impact.

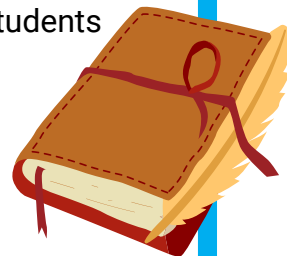
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## Colonial Arts & Crafts

Students bring early American life to life through hands-on arts and crafts projects. Using simple materials and creative techniques, young learners explore the everyday objects, tools, and traditions of colonial communities. Projects help students understand history while developing fine motor skills, creativity, and problem-solving.

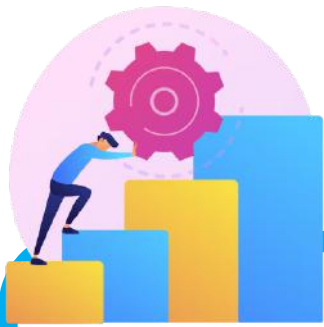
### Projects--

- Colonial Mini Artifacts: Create paper, clay, or fabric replicas of colonial objects such as lanterns, baskets, or simple tools.
- Colonial Weaving or Braiding: Create small woven mats, friendship bracelets, or simple braids inspired by colonial techniques



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## Mission Possible: STEM & Logic Lab

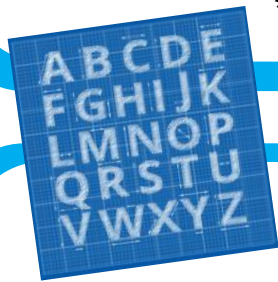
In Mission Possible: STEM & Logic Lab (Advanced), students engage in complex, team-based challenges using Mission.io, where they analyze data, think critically, and make strategic decisions in real-world scenarios. Students will also participate in advanced puzzles, brainteasers, escape room challenges, and strategy-based activities that promote logical reasoning, collaboration, and problem-solving. Emphasis is placed on evaluating multiple solutions, supporting ideas with evidence, and refining ideas through reflection.

### Projects--

- Mission.io Strategic Challenges: Solve multi-step, collaborative missions.
- Escape Room & Logic Challenges: Apply reasoning and teamwork to solve complex puzzles.
- Design Your Own Mission: Students will have the opportunity to design their own Mission.io-style challenge, creating a storyline, problem, and set of clues for classmates to solve.

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## Blueprint for Writing: Building Confident Writers

In this writing class, students strengthen and expand their writing skills using WriteScore resources. Students focus on crafting clear paragraphs, organizing multi-paragraph pieces, and using strong grammar, vocabulary, and sentence variety. Through guided practice and creative assignments, students learn to develop ideas, support their writing with details, and revise their work for clarity and quality. This class builds confidence and prepares students for more advanced academic writing.

### Projects--

- Writing Portfolio: A collection of revised pieces showing growth in structure, detail, and style.
- Multi-Paragraph Writing Project: Students complete a structured piece (narrative, opinion, or informational) with introduction, body, and conclusion.

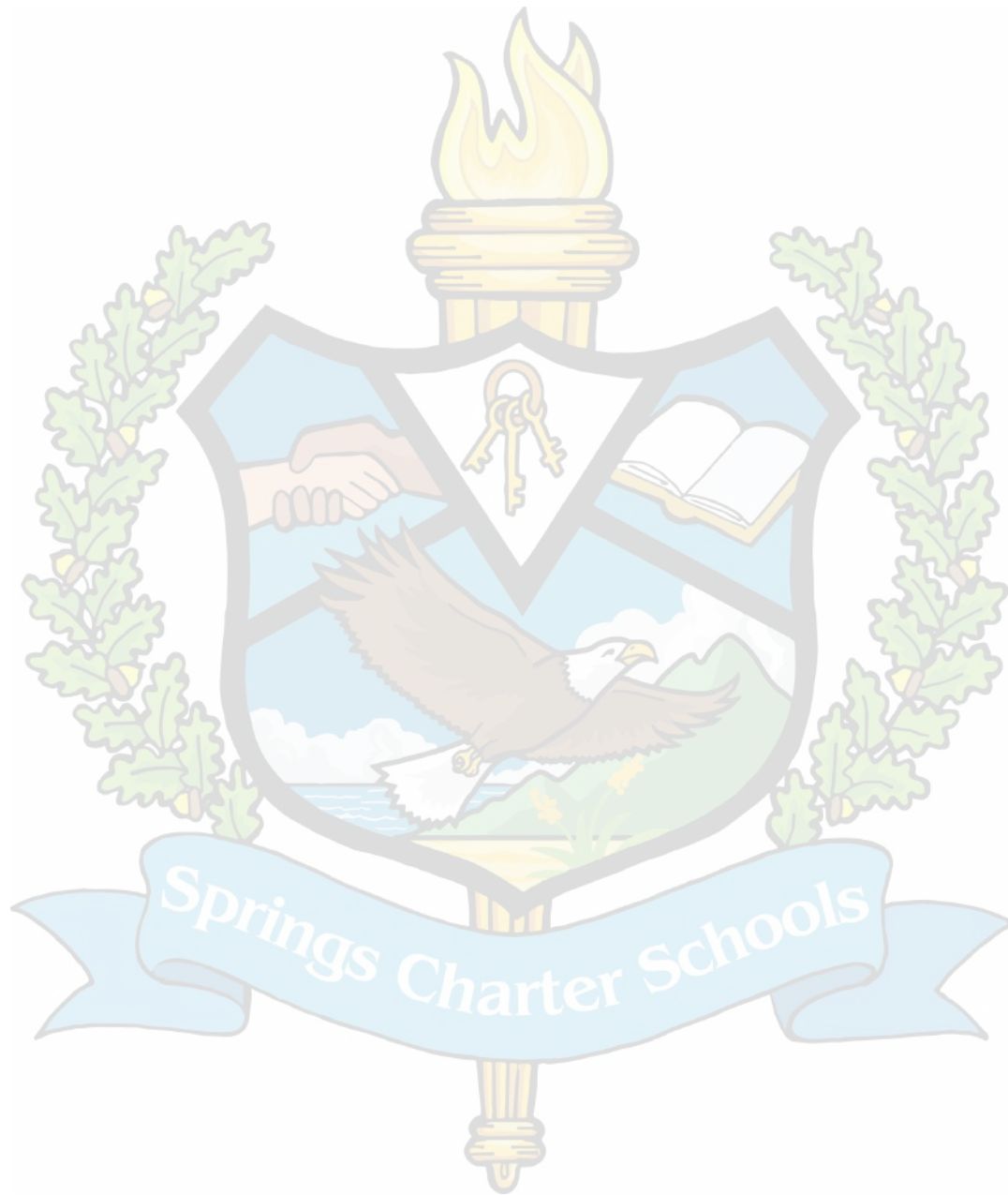
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**I CAN! Math Connect**  
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	<b>5th-6th</b> <i>Racquel Reynaga</i>	<b>7th-8th</b> <i>Amanda Symonds</i>
<b>Monday Virtual 9:00-10:10</b>	<b>5th Grade</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>
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# Classical Community of Riverside

## Course Offerings

\*Blue Classes Go Together, and Green classes Go together.

\*Humanities (ELA & History) and Saxon Math are required classes,  
and students MUST attend both days.

\*You will NOT register for these in Marketplace. Your student will be automatically  
assigned when you complete your Program Transfer.

\*Students will receive at-home assignments for these subjects.

\*Tuesday is an OPTIONAL Elective day.

\*See your choices below and register for these classes in Marketplace.

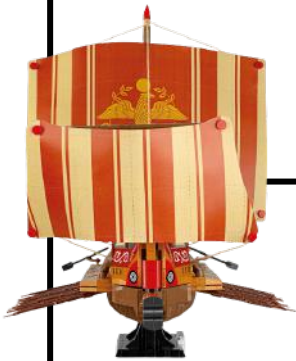


# Classical Community of Riverside

## 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Monday/Wednesday

### Course Offerings

**MONDAY**  
**9:00 - 11:30**



**MONDAY**  
**12:00 - 2:30**

**\*Humanities: (ELA & History)**  
*Jessica McIntyre*

**\*Saxon Math & Art**  
*Michelle Deering*

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**\*Humanities: (ELA & History)**  
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**\*All Monday AND Wednesday classes are required and automatically part of the CCOR**  
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# Classical Community of Riverside

## 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Course Descriptions

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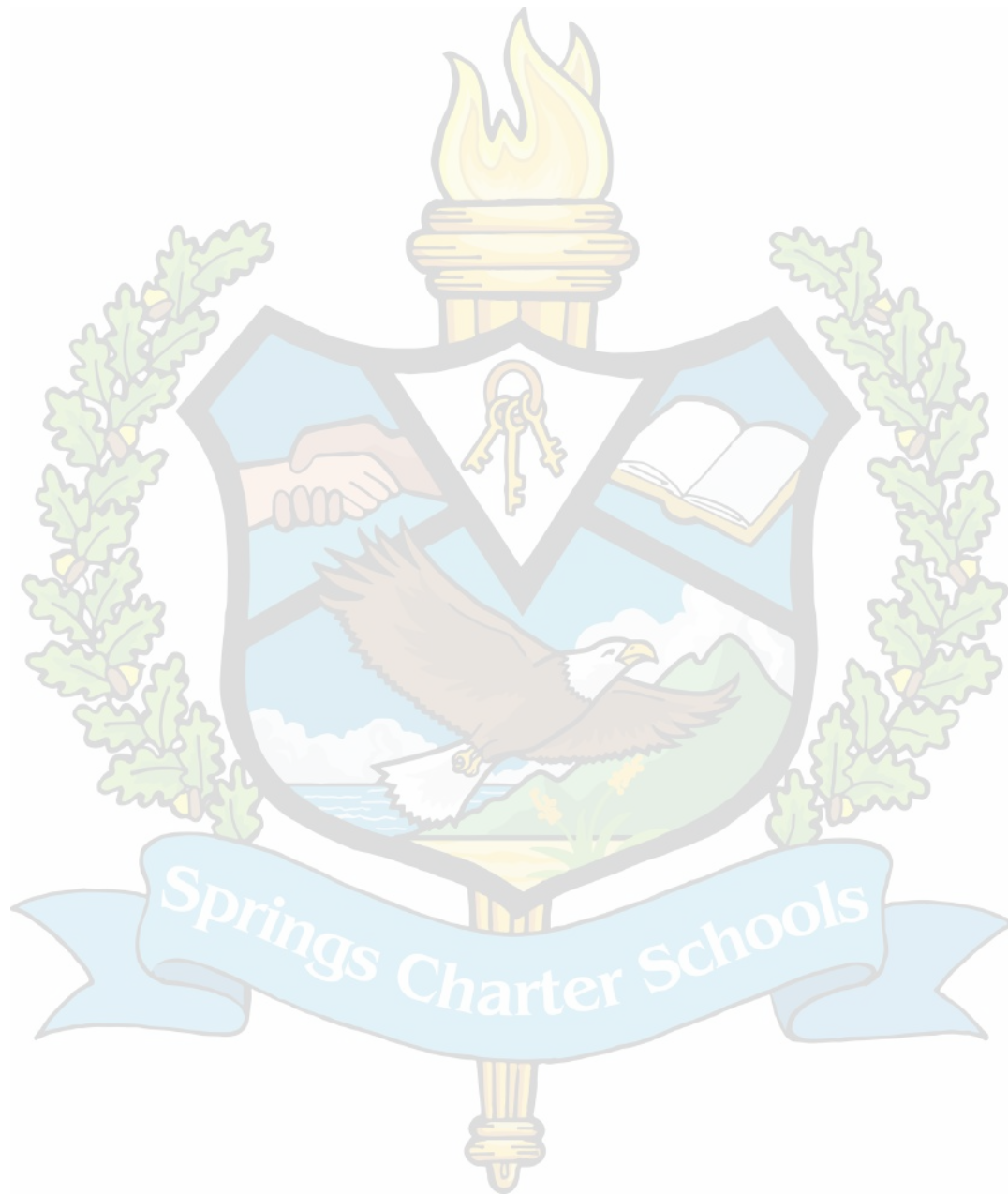


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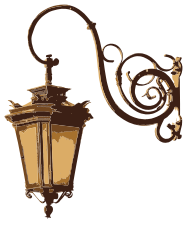
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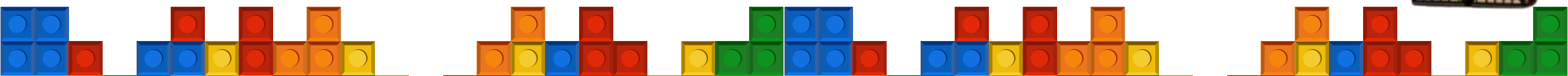
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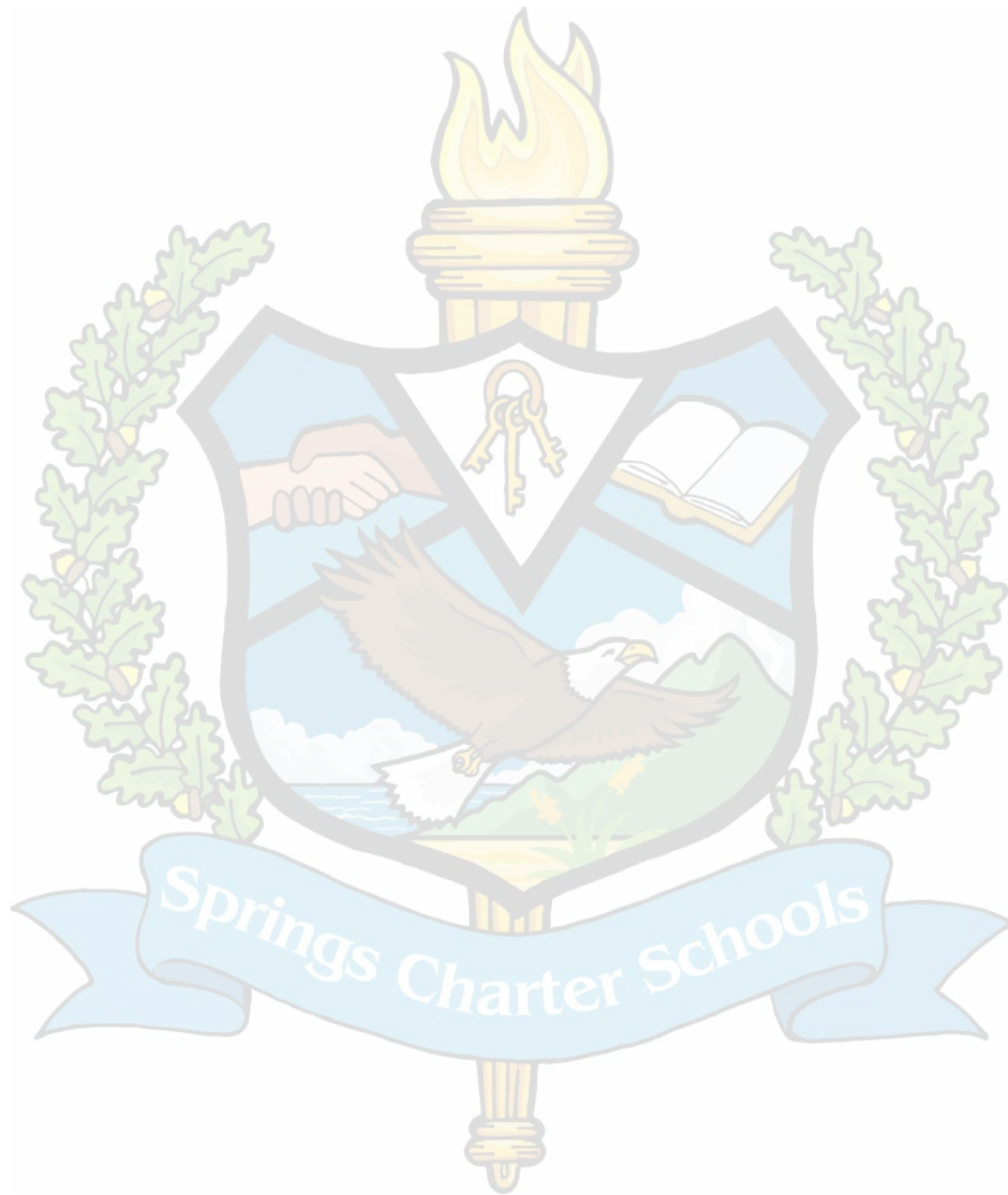
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### Class Descriptions

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# Classical Community of Riverside

## 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Monday/Wednesday

### Course Offerings

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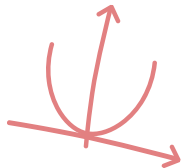
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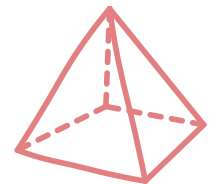
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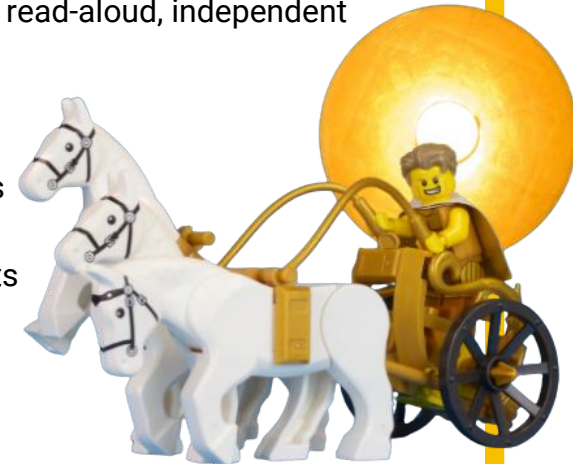
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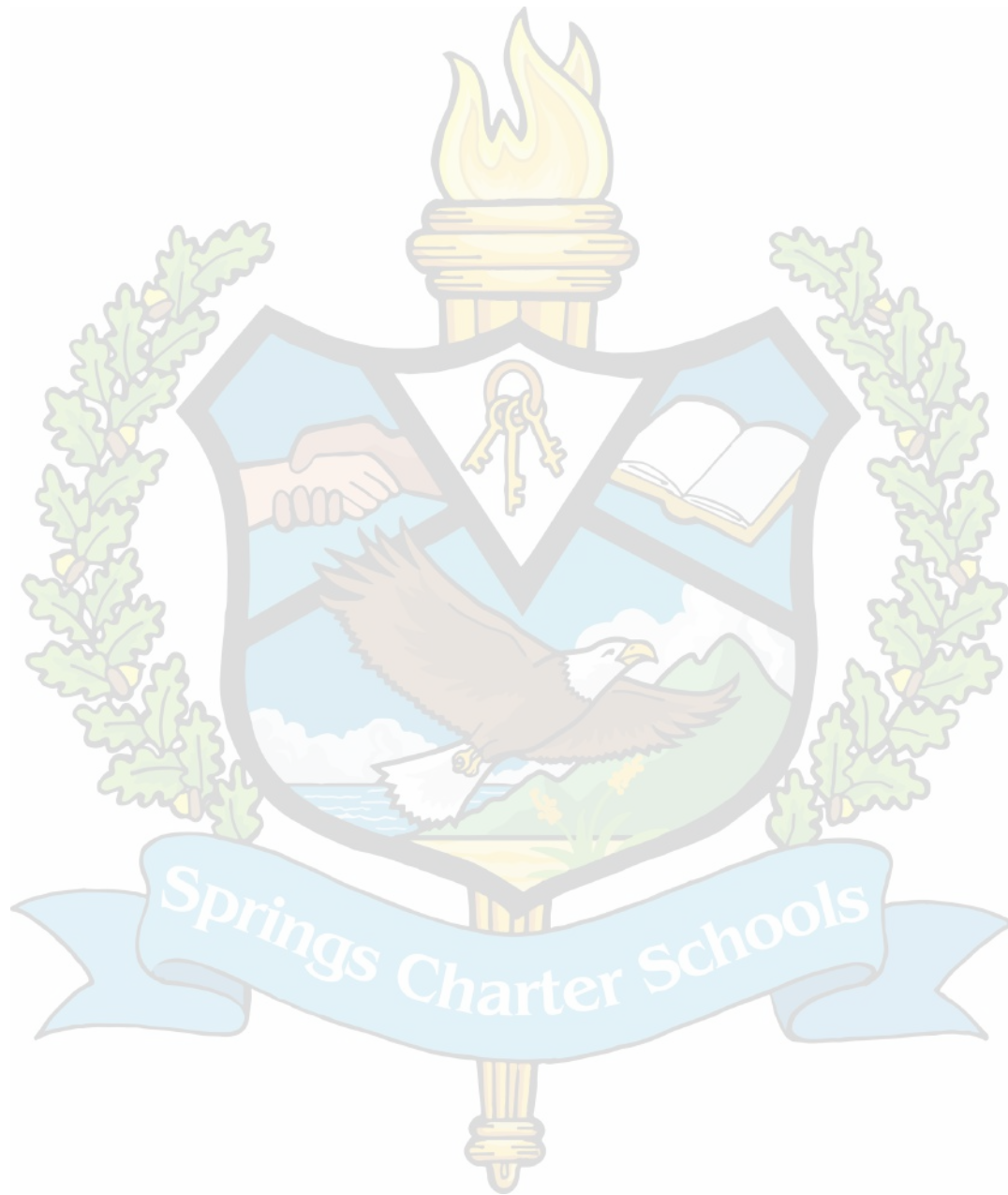
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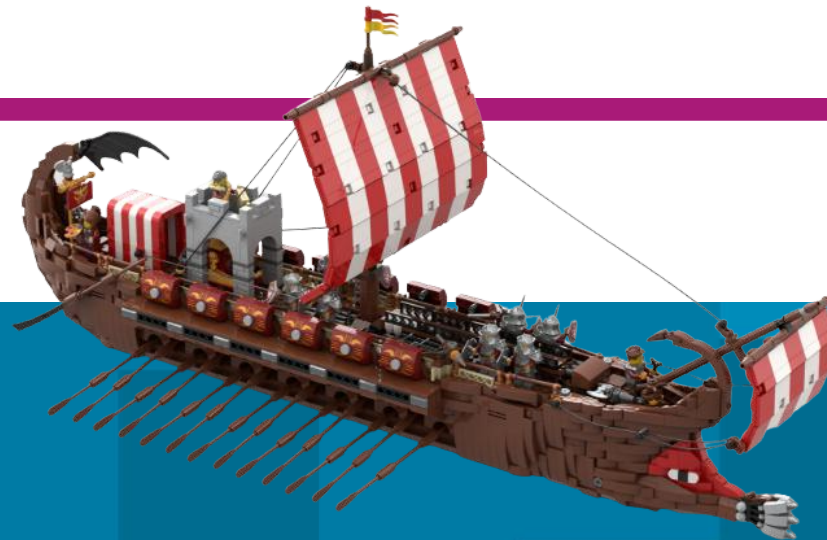
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