

K-8 GRADE RIVERSIDE COURSE CATALOG

2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

#SPRINGS DreamTeam

LEARNING CENTER 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: **s, m, e**

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 CENTER POLICIES



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

[Learning Center Parent Agreement](#)

Please read thoroughly before signing up for any classes.

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

Cell Phone Use- Page 42

Dress Code Policy- Pages 42 & 43

Internet Use Policy- Page 44

Student Behavior Expectations and Discipline- Page 46

Student Support (Counseling & Special Education)- Pages 48-51

Parent Involvement and Volunteering- Pages 112-113

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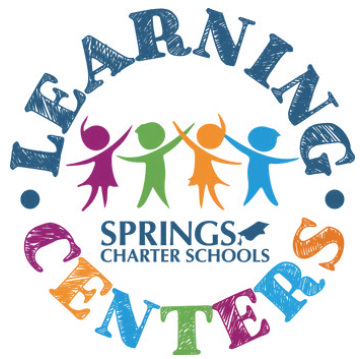
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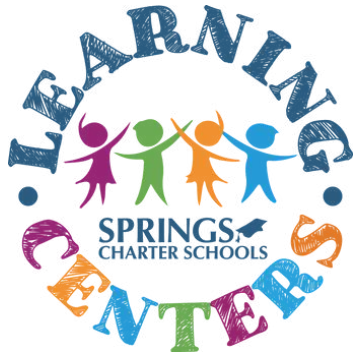
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RIVERSIDE LEARNING CENTER INFORMATION

Our Riverside Learning Center provides enrichment and core academic classes for K-4 Homeschool, Montessori Voyage, and Venture students. The Learning Center helps 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 Riverside location participates in activities such as school pictures, open houses, kindergarten promotions, as well as other fun school events. Through events, outreach, activities, and guest speakers, learning center students use the community as the classroom throughout the year.

The Learning Center 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 2025-26 school year.

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

Classes are offered for K-8th grades on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Morning Classes ~ 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Lunch ~ 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Afternoon classes ~ 12:15 PM - 2:45 PM

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



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The Riverside Learning Center is run by Principal Gina Corby-Potter, 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 Center offerings and class schedules are created by our Homeschool Leadership team. For specific questions, you may contact:
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KINDERGARTEN & K-1ST GRADE CLASS CHOICES

TUESDAY 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM	<i>The Daily Kickoff AND Math MVPs (Most Valuable Problem Solvers!)</i>
TUESDAY 12:15 PM - 2:45 PM	<i>Game Time Tales AND All-Star Artists</i>
THURSDAY 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM	<i>Sound Squad Phonics AND Full Court Press Writing</i>
THURSDAY 12:15 PM - 2:45 PM	<i>The STEAM Team AND Rising Stars Social Skills</i>

***KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE STUDENTS ONLY HAVE ONE OPTION IN EACH BLOCK.
YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR ONE OR TWO 2.5 HOUR BLOCKS PER DAY.***

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KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE TUESDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

THE DAILY KICKOFF AND MATH MVPS (MOST VALUABLE PROBLEM SOLVERS!)

Get ready to kick off each morning like a champion in The Daily Kickoff! This engaging Morning Meeting will set the tone for a day of learning with fun, interactive activities that build early literacy and numeracy skills. Each day, students will record the date in their interactive playbooks, discover the number and letter of the day, and strengthen number sense, letter recognition, and phonics through hands-on practice. Students will also track the changing seasons, observe daily weather patterns, and engage in calendar time with songs, stories, and movement activities. In Math MVPs, students will develop essential math skills through hands-on activities, games, and creative projects that bring math concepts to life. They will explore foundational math concepts like counting, addition, subtraction, number recognition, shapes, and patterns through engaging problem-solving tasks and math-based games. Students will also practice math in real-world contexts, such as measuring, sorting, and organizing objects. By tackling math challenges with their peers, they'll build confidence and develop a solid foundation that meets kindergarten and first-grade math standards, preparing them for more complex concepts in the future.

Major Projects:

- Playbook of Learning – Each student will create and maintain a personal playbook to track letters, numbers, and daily discoveries throughout the course.
- Weather Reporters – Students will take turns as the class meteorologists, recording and presenting the daily weather like sports commentators covering game-day conditions.
- Math Board Game Creation – Design a math game using the skills learned in class.
- Math Adventure Storybook – Write and illustrate a math-themed story, solving problems along the way.

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GAME TIME TALES AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

In this fun and creative class, students will dive into seasonal reading adventures and art exploration, meeting kindergarten and first-grade standards in language arts and visual arts.

In Game Time Tales, students will read books about seasons, holidays, and historical events such as Autumn trees, Thanksgiving, and Earth Day. As they explore these stories, they'll practice important reading skills like comprehension, sequencing, and vocabulary development.

In All-Star Artists, students will experiment with colors, shapes, and materials, creating imaginative pieces inspired by the stories they read. They'll explore basic art concepts like color mixing, shape recognition, and texture while developing fine motor skills. These activities combine to help students score big in both literacy and art, developing their skills like all-star athletes in a game of creativity!

Major Projects:

- Seasonal Storybook Creation – Create a storybook with illustrations and a short narrative about a favorite holiday or season.
- Holiday Celebration Project – Work together to design a class display that celebrates the books and crafts explored.
- Hall of Fame Artist Portfolio – Research a famous artist, create a report, and make art inspired by their style.
- My Favorite Things Collage – Create a collage with pictures and materials that represent favorite things, like colors and activities.

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KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE THURSDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

SOUND SQUAD PHONICS AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

In this dynamic class, students will build strong reading and writing skills through a phonics-based approach and engaging writing activities. Using the well-loved Letterland curriculum, they'll explore letter-sound relationships through fun characters and stories that make learning come alive. The interactive characters help reinforce the sounds of each letter, making it easier for students to connect the written word to its sound, which strengthens their reading, spelling, and phonics foundation.

As beginning writers, students will practice writing simple words, sentences, and stories, developing essential skills in storytelling and expressing their ideas. They'll engage in fun writing prompts, drawing pictures to support their writing and developing their creativity. They'll also work on organizing their thoughts and using proper letter formation, punctuation, and capitalization, giving them the tools to communicate effectively. The class will emphasize the joy of writing and reading as students gain confidence in their abilities to tackle new writing challenges and grow as independent learners.

Major Projects:

- Letterland Character Booklet – Illustrate and write simple words for each Letterland character to reinforce phonics skills.
- Phonics Word Wall – Contribute word cards to a class phonics wall, showcasing learned vocabulary.
- My Story Book – Create a simple personal storybook, drawing pictures and writing a few sentences to tell a story.
- Opinion Draw & Tell – Choose a favorite thing and draw a picture, writing a sentence about why they like it.

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THE STEAM TEAM AND RISING STARS SOCIAL SKILLS

Get ready for hands-on, interactive, and maybe even messy learning! In The STEAM Team, students will dive into the exciting world of science, engineering, math, and creativity through engaging experiments, building projects, and exploration. Each month will bring a new STEM challenge that sparks curiosity and creativity. This class is designed to ignite a love for learning while meeting kindergarten and first-grade science standards in a fun cross-curricular way.

In Rising Stars Social Skills, young learners will develop essential social-emotional skills through teamwork, movement, and interactive activities. Students will practice communication, problem-solving, resilience, and kindness in a fun and engaging environment. Through role-playing, cooperative games, and mindfulness exercises, they will build confidence, learn to navigate emotions, and strengthen friendships. Lessons will focus on key skills like active listening, teamwork, self-regulation, and a growth mindset—helping students become champions in both the classroom and in life!

Major Projects:

- STEAM Showcase – Design and build a simple machine, musical instrument, or bridge/tower using STEAM principles.
- STEAM Storybook Challenge – Solve a problem from a favorite story, like building a sturdy house for "The Three Little Pigs".
- Teammate Trading Cards – Each student creates a card with their "team strengths" (e.g., good listener, helper, problem-solver) and trades with classmates to recognize each other's positive qualities.
- Goal-Setting Playbook – Students make mini "playbooks" with personal and social goals, using drawings and short phrases to illustrate how they will work toward them.

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*1ST & 2ND GRADE **TUESDAY AM** CLASS CHOICES*

(CHOOSE ONE)

Nifty Fifty United States AND Full Court Press Writing

Game Time Tales AND All-Star Artists

The LEGO League AND Teamwork Triumphs & PE Fun

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1ST & 2ND GRADE TUESDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

NIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

My County, 'Tis of Thee, sweet land of liberty! In this fun, hands-on class, young learners will explore all 50 states through maps, landmarks, history, and traditions. Whether landing at Ellis Island, scaling the Appalachian Mountains, or panning for gold in California, students will discover what makes each state unique. Aligned with early elementary social studies standards, this class covers: Geography – States, capitals, and major landmarks. Civics – National symbols, patriotic songs, and U.S. holidays. History & Culture – Important events, famous figures, and state traditions. Through reading, writing art, and science, students will bring history to life with creative projects. As first and second-grade writers, students will practice writing simple sentences, short stories, and personal narratives, developing skills in storytelling and expressing their ideas. They'll engage in fun writing prompts, drawing pictures to support their writing and boosting creativity. Students will focus on organizing their thoughts, using correct letter formation, punctuation, and capitalization. The class will highlight the joy of writing and reading as students build confidence in their abilities and grow as independent writers.

Major Projects:

- Road Trip Across America Scrapbook – A collection of drawings, facts, and state symbols from their journey.
- Stars & Stripes Showcase – A fun presentation where students highlight a chosen state with a poster, diorama, or booklet.
- Personal Narrative Collection– Students will write and refine a series of personal narrative pieces, showcasing their growth as storytellers.
- Opinion Editorial – Students will choose a topic they care about, write an editorial defending their point of view, and present their arguments with well-organized evidence.

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Major Projects:

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- My Favorite Things Collage – Create a collage with pictures and materials that represent favorite things, like colors and activities.

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1ST & 2ND GRADE TUESDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



THE LEGO LEAGUE AND TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & PE FUN

Get ready to build, create, and explore in this hands-on LEGO class! Young builders will use their imagination to design exciting structures, solve fun challenges, and bring their ideas to life. From bridges to castles, every class is an adventure in creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork! In Teamwork Triumphs & PE Fun, young athletes will get moving, play together, and build teamwork skills through fun, active games! Students will develop coordination, cooperation, and sportsmanship while participating in relay races, parachute play, obstacle courses, and group challenges. They'll practice following directions, taking turns, and working together in a supportive and energetic environment. This class is all about staying active, building confidence, and having fun!

Major Projects:

- LEGO Exploration Build – Students will use LEGO bricks to build bridges, towers, or moving structures while exploring balance, strength, and motion.
- Animal Creations – Students will use LEGOs to build favorite animals or invent a new one!
- Storytelling with Legos – Students will build a scene and create a story to go with it.
- Team Spirit Week – Students will design their own team uniforms, create team cheers, and participate in friendly competitions to show off their team spirit.
- Obstacle Course Design – Students will work in groups to design and build an obstacle course that the class will try to complete together, using teamwork and communication to navigate it.

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*1ST & 2ND GRADE **TUESDAY PM** CLASS CHOICES*

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Full Court Press Writing AND Collaborative Game Playing

The STEAM Team AND Math MVPs (Most Valuable Problem Solvers!)

Game Time Tales AND All-Star Artists

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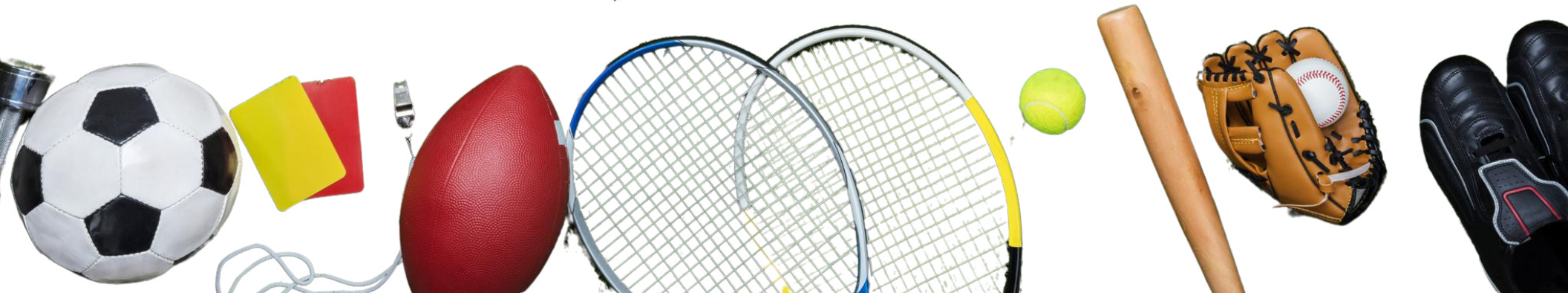
FULL COURT PRESS WRITING AND COLLABORATIVE GAME PLAYING

As growing writers, students will practice writing more detailed sentences, short stories, and personal narratives, developing skills in storytelling and expressing their ideas. They'll engage in fun writing prompts, drawing pictures to support their writing and boosting creativity. Students will focus on organizing their thoughts, using correct letter formation, punctuation, and capitalization. The class will highlight the joy of writing and reading as students build confidence in their abilities and grow as independent writers. In addition, students will learn how to play fun, cooperative games that build teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. Through group activities, movement games, and strategy-based challenges, students will practice taking turns, encouraging others, and working together to achieve a common goal. This class promotes sportsmanship, creativity, and confidence while making playtime both exciting and meaningful!

Major Projects:

- Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine a series of personal narrative pieces, showcasing their growth as storytellers.
- Informative Research Presentation – Students will research a topic of interest, write an informative essay, and present their findings to the class, incorporating visual aids to support their research.
- Team Game Challenge– 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. At the end of the class, teams will present and play each other's games in a fun showcase event.

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THE STEAM TEAM AND MATH MVPS (MOST VALUABLE PROBLEM SOLVERS!)

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Major Projects:

- STEAM Challenge Fair – Work in teams to create a project that blends at least two STEAM fields and present it at a fun fair-like event.
- Innovation Showcase – Design and build a simple machine, musical instrument, or robot, using STEAM principles, and present it to the class.
- Math Board Game Creation– Design and create a math board game that incorporates learned skills.
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1ST & 2ND GRADE THURSDAY AM CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE)

All-Star Artists AND Math MVPs (Most Valuable Problem Solvers!)

Jump Into Spanish AND Musical Playbook

Big League News AND Rising Stars Social Skills

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ALL-STAR ARTISTS AND MATH MVPS (MOST VALUABLE PROBLEM SOLVERS!)

In All-Star Artists, students will unleash their creativity in an art class designed to develop their skills through experimentation with different techniques, styles, and materials. They'll explore various forms of art, such as painting, sculpture, and collage, allowing them to express their ideas and reflections. Students will not only refine their artistic abilities but also learn how to convey their personal interpretations and creativity through their artwork. In Math MVPs, students will also develop essential math skills through hands-on activities, games, and creative projects that bring first and second-grade math concepts to life. They will explore key skills like addition and subtraction within 100, place value, measuring lengths, telling time, and solving word problems. Students will engage in fun problem-solving tasks, learning to organize data and identify patterns. They'll practice applying math in real-world situations, such as measuring objects and understanding money. By working on math challenges with their peers, students will gain confidence and strengthen their math foundation, preparing them for more complex concepts ahead.

Major Projects:

- Artistic Time Capsule – Create a mixed-media self-portrait and artwork representing who they are now, including favorite colors, interests, and emotions.
- Hall of Fame Artist Report & Portfolio – Research a famous artist and create artwork inspired by their techniques.
- Math Board Game Creation – Design and create a math board game that incorporates learned skills.
- Math Adventure Storybook – Write and illustrate a math-themed storybook with problem-solving challenges.

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JUMP INTO SPANISH AND MUSICAL PLAYBOOK

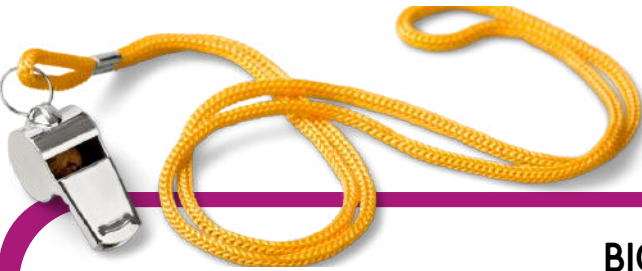
¡Bienvenidos! This interactive and engaging Spanish class is designed for young learners to build confidence in speaking, listening, and understanding basic Spanish. Through songs, games, movement, storytelling, and hands-on activities, students will explore essential vocabulary, common phrases, and cultural elements in a fun and meaningful way. Each lesson will focus on themes such as greetings, numbers, colors, family, animals, food, and daily routines, using interactive storytelling and role-playing to bring the language to life. Students will also tap into their creativity through music, where they'll learn about rhythm, tempo, and composition through singing, dancing, and playing instruments. They'll engage with music by exploring different sounds and rhythms, while also developing their coordination and motor skills. Students will express themselves through musical storytelling and work on creating their own melodies and rhythms, fostering a love for both music and movement.

Major Projects:

- Mi Libro de Español – Students will create an illustrated book showcasing key vocabulary and phrases learned in class.
- Spanish Market Day – Students will role-play buying and selling in a lively market, using Spanish for numbers, food, and basic conversations.
- Musical Performance – Collaborate to create a musical performance, combining singing, dancing, and/or instruments.
- Classroom Music Parade – Students will create simple instruments (like shakers or tambourines) and perform a group parade to showcase their rhythm and music skills.

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1ST & 2ND GRADE THURSDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



BIG LEAGUE NEWS AND RISING STARS SOCIAL SKILLS

Step up to the plate and discover the world around us with Big League News! In this exciting class, students will explore fun, nonfiction stories through Scholastic News Magazines. They'll learn about cool topics like animals, seasons, and communities while developing reading and comprehension skills. Each class is full of interactive activities, games, and projects that make learning about the world engaging and fun. Students will practice identifying important details, making connections to their lives, and using their creativity to bring the news to life!

In Rising Star Social Skills, young learners will develop essential social-emotional skills through teamwork, movement, and interactive activities. Students will practice communication, problem-solving, resilience, and kindness in a fun and engaging environment. Through role-playing, cooperative games, and mindfulness exercises, they will build confidence, learn to navigate emotions, and strengthen friendships. Lessons will focus on key skills like active listening, teamwork, self-regulation, and a growth mindset—helping students become champions in both the classroom and in life!

Major Projects:

- Our Big League News Magazine – Students will help create a class magazine filled with drawings, short stories, and articles about what they've learned. They'll write their own short pieces on a topic they enjoy and help make colorful pictures to go with the articles.
- Headline Art– Students will create their own headlines and illustrations for a "news story" they are excited about, building their skills in creative expression while connecting with real-world topics.
- Teammate Trading Cards – Each student creates a card with their "team strengths" (e.g., good listener, helper, problem-solver) and trades with classmates to recognize each other's positive qualities.
- Goal-Setting Playbook – Students make mini "playbooks" with personal and social goals, using drawings and short phrases to illustrate how they will work toward them.

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The Literacy Lineup AND Teamwork Triumphs & PE Fun

The Signing Squad AND The STEAM Team

Nifty Fifty United States AND Full Court Press Writing

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THE LITERACY LINEUP AND TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & PE FUN

Literacy Lineup is an exciting reading adventure where young learners explore different types of stories and texts! Using engaging resources like Scholastic Magazines and Epic Books, students will discover nonfiction articles, fiction stories, and fun poems. They will build reading comprehension, strengthen vocabulary, and practice sharing their ideas through discussions and activities. Students will also develop phonics and decoding skills through word-building games, phonics readers, and interactive activities that help them become confident, fluent readers. Blending sounds, recognizing word patterns, and practicing sight words will be a regular part of our literacy lineup!

In Teamwork Triumphs & PE Fun, young athletes will get moving, play together, and build teamwork skills through fun, active games! Students will develop coordination, cooperation, and sportsmanship while participating in relay races, parachute play, obstacle courses, and group challenges. They'll practice following directions, taking turns, and working together in a supportive and energetic environment. This class is all about staying active, building confidence, and having fun!

Major Projects:

- Genre Exploration Poster – Students will pick a type of story (such as fairy tales, biographies, or adventure stories) and create a colorful poster with pictures, fun facts, and their favorite books from that genre.
- Phonics Fun Book – Students will create their own mini phonics book, filled with word families, rhyming words, and sight words they've learned, using pictures and sentences to show their understanding.
- Team Spirit Week – Students will design their own team uniforms, create team cheers, and participate in friendly competitions to show off their team spirit.
- Obstacle Course Design– Students will work in groups to design and build an obstacle course that the class will try to complete together, using teamwork and communication to navigate it.

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THE SIGNING SQUAD AND THE STEAM TEAM

Join us for an engaging introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) using the "Signing Time" curriculum! This class combines music, movement, and storytelling to teach essential signs related to school, colors, feelings, family, and social interactions. Students will also learn the ASL alphabet, numbers, and basic conversational skills through interactive games, songs, and hands-on activities. In addition, they will explore Deaf culture, fostering an appreciation for diverse communication styles and inclusivity.

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Major Projects:

- ASL Storytelling Showcase – Students will create and present an ASL storytelling performance. They may sign a well-known story, perform an original narrative, or translate a favorite song into ASL.
- STEAM Challenge Fair – Students will work in teams to create a project that blends at least two STEAM fields and present it at a fun fair-like event.
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- Stars & Stripes Showcase – A fun presentation where students highlight a chosen state with a poster, diorama, or booklet.
- Personal Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine a series of personal narrative pieces, showcasing their growth as storytellers.
- Opinion Editorial – Students will choose a topic they care about, write an editorial defending their point of view, and present their arguments with well-organized evidence.

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3RD & 4TH GRADE **TUESDAY AM** CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE)

***I CAN! Math (Part 1) AND Mathletes**

A History Playbook: The Golden State AND All-Star Artists

The Signing Squad AND The STEAM Team

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3RD & 4TH GRADE TUESDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

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In addition in Mathletes and Math Project-Based Learning, students will strengthen their math skills through fun and friendly competitions, hands-on activities, and project-based learning. Weekly challenges will range from individual tasks to team events, where students will solve complex problems, race against the clock, and build creative solutions. They'll explore math concepts in a dynamic and interactive way, all while participating in exciting, real-world math projects.

Major Projects:

- Math in Action – Students will design a scale model of a community, applying measurement, geometry, and budgeting skills to calculate area, perimeter, and costs.
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THE SIGNING SQUAD AND THE STEAM TEAM

Join us for an engaging introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) using the "Signing Time" curriculum! This class combines music, movement, and storytelling to teach essential signs related to school, colors, feelings, family, and social interactions. Students will also learn the ASL alphabet, numbers, and basic conversational skills through interactive games, songs, and hands-on activities. In addition, they will explore Deaf culture, fostering an appreciation for diverse communication styles and inclusivity.

Get ready for hands-on, interactive, and maybe even messy learning! In The STEAM Team, students will dive into the exciting world of science, engineering, math, and creativity through engaging experiments, building projects, and exploration. Each month will bring a new STEM challenge that sparks curiosity and creativity. Throughout the course, students will meet grade-level science and engineering standards, exploring topics such as forces and motion, material properties, and ecosystems. By combining creativity with critical thinking, students will strengthen their understanding of both scientific and engineering concepts while building valuable problem-solving skills.

Major Projects:

- ASL Storytelling Showcase – Students will create and present an ASL storytelling performance. They may sign a well-known story, perform an original narrative, or translate a favorite song into ASL.
- STEAM Challenge Fair – Work in teams to create a project that blends at least two STEAM fields and present it at a fun fair-like event.
- Innovation Showcase – Design and build a simple machine, musical instrument, or robot, using STEAM principles and present it to the class.

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A HISTORY PLAYBOOK: THE GOLDEN STATE AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

In this dynamic class, students will explore the rich history of California, journeying through key moments from the Indigenous peoples and Spanish missions to the Gold Rush and the rise of agriculture, technology, and entertainment. They'll learn about California's diverse cultures, significant historical events, and how the state has evolved over time. Students will explore how local history in their county connects to broader statewide developments through project-based learning. Using primary sources, maps, and interactive activities, they will analyze how local geography, culture, economy, and government have contributed to the state's growth and transformation. *This class is part of a three-year social studies cycle that will include Early America and the Revolution, as well as Building a Nation and Westward Expansion.

Alongside their historical studies, students will unleash their creativity in an art class designed to develop their skills through experimentation with different techniques, styles, and materials. They'll explore various forms of art, such as painting, sculpture, and collage, allowing them to express their ideas and reflections. Students will not only refine their artistic abilities but also learn how to convey their personal interpretations and creativity through their artwork.

Major Projects:

- California History Interactive Map – Create a map highlighting key historical events, locations, and people with drawings and interactive elements.
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- Hall of Fame Artist Report & Portfolio – Research a famous artist and create artwork inspired by their techniques.

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3RD & 4TH GRADE **TUESDAY PM** CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE)

The LEGO League AND Collaborative Game Playing

Spanish in Action: Level 2 AND Musical Playbook

Magic Tree House Book Club AND Full Court Press Writing

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3RD & 4TH GRADE TUESDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

THE LEGO LEAGUE AND COLLABORATIVE GAME PLAYING

Get ready to build, create, and explore in this hands-on LEGO class! Young builders will use their imagination to design exciting structures, solve fun challenges, and bring their ideas to life. From bridges to castles, every class is an adventure in creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork! In addition, students will learn how to play fun, cooperative games that build teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. Through group activities, movement games, and strategy-based challenges, students will practice taking turns, encouraging others, and working together to achieve a common goal. This class promotes sportsmanship, creativity, and confidence while making playtime both exciting and meaningful!

Major Projects:

- LEGO Exploration Build – Students will use LEGO bricks to build bridges, towers, or moving structures while exploring balance, strength, and motion.
- Animal Creations – Students will use LEGOs to build their favorite animals or invent a new one!
- Storytelling with Legos – Students will build a scene and create a story to go with it.
- Team Game Challenge– 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. At the end of the class, teams will present and play each other's games in a fun showcase event.

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SPANISH IN ACTION: LEVEL 2 AND MUSICAL PLAYBOOK

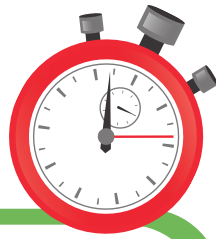
This dynamic Spanish Level 2 class is designed for elementary students who have basic knowledge of the language and want to expand their skills in conversation, listening comprehension, and reading. Through songs, games, movement, storytelling, and hands-on activities, students will reinforce and build upon their vocabulary and grammar structures in more complex contexts. Lessons will cover topics such as personal descriptions, daily activities, weather, places in the community, school, clothing, and useful expressions for communication. Fluency will be encouraged through role-playing, dialogues, and interactive projects. Students will also tap into their creativity through music, where they'll learn about rhythm, tempo, and composition through singing, dancing, and playing instruments. They'll engage with music by exploring different sounds and rhythms, while also developing their coordination and motor skills. Students will express themselves through musical storytelling and work on creating their own melodies and rhythms, fostering a love for both music and movement.

Major Projects:

- My Spanish Journal – Students will write and illustrate entries about their daily lives, using phrases and vocabulary learned in class.
- Spanish Market Day – Students will participate in a market simulation, enhancing their ability to buy and sell with more detailed conversations in Spanish.
- Musical Performance – Collaborate to create a musical performance, combining singing, dancing, and/or instruments.
- Classroom Music Parade – Students will create simple instruments (like shakers or tambourines) and perform a group parade to showcase their rhythm and music skills.

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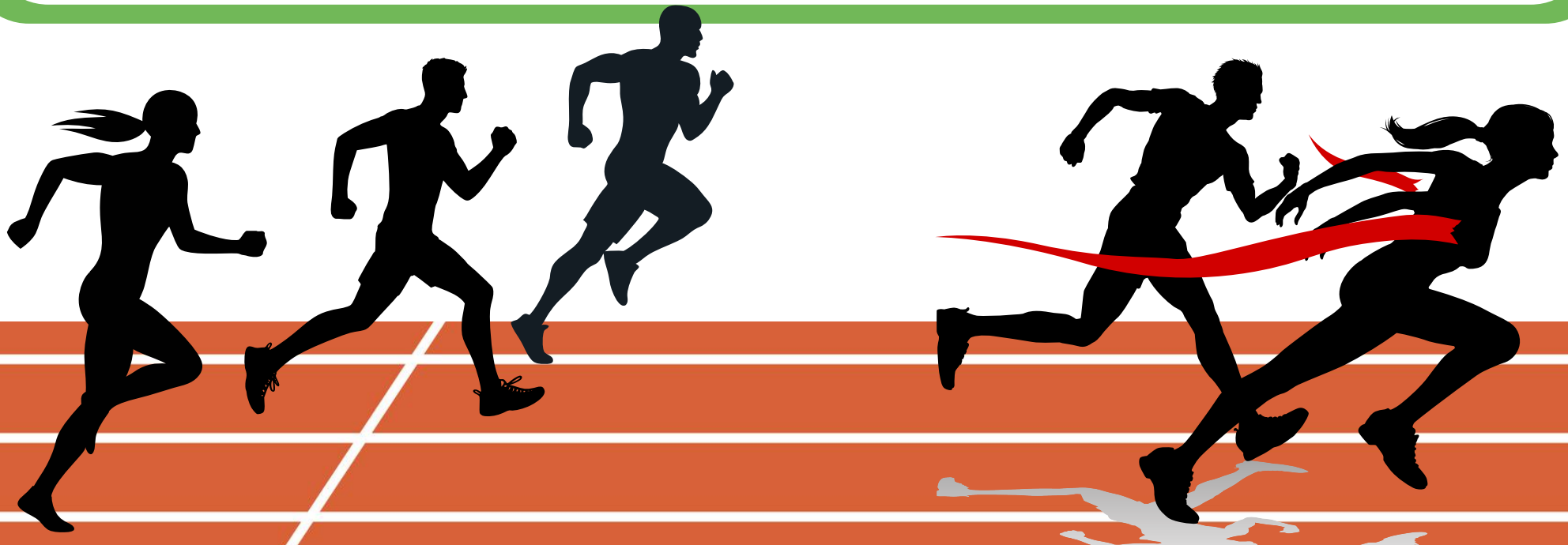
MAGIC TREE HOUSE BOOK CLUB AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

Is your student ready to journey through time with Jack and Annie? In this hands-on class, students will bring the Magic Tree House series to life through reading, writing, history, science, and art. As they explore different time periods and places, they'll develop a love for reading while strengthening their language arts skills. Through cross-curricular activities like historical map-making, science experiments, and creative art projects, students will connect literature with real-world discoveries in an engaging, interactive way! As growing writers, students will practice writing longer sentences, detailed stories, and personal narratives, building skills in organizing their ideas and expressing them clearly. They'll engage in creative writing prompts and use illustrations to enhance their stories. Students will focus on improving their writing structure, including proper paragraphing, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar. The class will emphasize the joy of writing and reading as students gain confidence in their writing abilities and develop their skills as independent writers.

Major Projects:

- A Time Traveler's Scrapbook – A creative keepsake filled with journal entries, drawings, maps, and facts from the time periods they explore.
- Magic Tree House Art Museum – Students will have a portfolio of artwork related to the places and time periods of the books they've read.
- Narrative Collection– Students will write and refine a series of personal narrative pieces, showcasing their growth as storytellers.
- Informative Research Presentation – Students will research a topic of interest, write an informative essay, and present their findings to the class, incorporating visual aids to support their research.

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3RD & 4TH GRADE **THURSDAY AM** CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE)

***I CAN! Math (Part 2) AND Project-Based Learning**

The LEGO League AND Teamwork Triumphs & PE Fun

Pixar in a Box AND All-Star Artists

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In Teamwork Triumphs & PE Fun, young athletes will get moving, play together, and build teamwork skills through fun, active games! Students will develop coordination, cooperation, and sportsmanship while participating in relay races, parachute play, obstacle courses, and group challenges. They'll practice following directions, taking turns, and working together in a supportive and energetic environment. This class is all about staying active, building confidence, and having fun!

Major Projects:

- LEGO Exploration Build – Use LEGO bricks to build bridges, towers, or moving structures while exploring balance, strength, and motion.
- Animal Creations – Students will use LEGOs to build their favorite animals or invent a new one!
- Storytelling with Legos – Students will build a scene and create a story to go with it.
- Team Spirit Week – Students will design their own team uniforms, create team cheers, and participate in friendly competitions to show off their team spirit.
- Obstacle Course Design– Students will work in groups to design and build an obstacle course that the class will try to complete together, using teamwork and communication to navigate it.

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PIXAR IN A BOX AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

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.

In All-Star Artists students will unleash their creativity in an art class designed to develop their skills through experimentation with different techniques, styles, and materials. They'll explore various forms of art, such as painting, sculpture, and collage, allowing them to express their ideas and reflections. Students will not only refine their artistic abilities but also learn how to convey their personal interpretations and creativity through their artwork. *In addition, students in this class may have the opportunity to create costumes, and props and do makeup for the learning center's musical theater performances.

Major 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.
- Artistic Time Capsule – Students will create a mixed-media self-portrait and artwork representing who they are now, including favorite colors, interests, and emotions.
- Hall of Fame Artist Report & Portfolio – Students will research a famous artist and create artwork inspired by their techniques.

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3RD & 4TH GRADE THURSDAY PM CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE)

A History Playbook: The Golden State AND CODE Champions

Game Changers Through Time AND Full Court Press Writing

Performance Playmakers AND Behind the Curtain Creations

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3rd & 4th Grade THURSDAY PM Class Descriptions

A HISTORY PLAYBOOK: THE GOLDEN STATE AND CODE CHAMPIONS

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Major Projects:

- California History Interactive Map – Create a map highlighting key historical events, locations, and people with drawings and interactive elements.
- Gold Rush Living History Journal – Write a journal from the perspective of a Gold Rush settler, reflecting on their experiences.
- California Mission Project – Research and create a model or presentation of a California mission.
- Interactive Game Creation: Design and code an interactive game using coding concepts.
- Digital Portfolio Presentation: Students will compile and present a portfolio of their coding, robotics projects, and digital artwork.

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GAME CHANGERS THROUGH TIME AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

Take a journey through time with this historical reading class! In this class, students will explore new historical fiction novels, diving deeper into the people, places, and events that shaped history. Through engaging discussions, hands-on activities, and creative projects, students will make meaningful connections between literature and history while strengthening their reading comprehension and critical thinking skills. This session will feature books like *The Wall* by Peter Sís, which explores the fall of the Berlin Wall, *A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson* by David A. Adler, which introduces the life of this legendary baseball player, and *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco, a story about family traditions during the early 20th century. As growing writers, students will practice writing longer sentences, detailed stories, and personal narratives, building skills in organizing their ideas and expressing them clearly. They'll engage in creative writing prompts and use illustrations to enhance their stories. Students will focus on improving their writing structure, including proper paragraphing, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar. The class will emphasize the joy of writing and reading as students gain confidence in their writing abilities and develop their skills as independent writers.

Major Projects:

- Historical Timeline – Students create a visual timeline featuring important events from the books they've read, connecting these events to larger historical moments. They can add illustrations, dates, and brief descriptions.
- History in the News – Students write a "news article" about a key event from the book, describing it from the perspective of a reporter at the time. They can present it with headlines, illustrations, and a brief news summary.
- Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine a series of personal narrative pieces, showcasing their growth as storytellers.

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3rd & 4th Grade THURSDAY PM Class Descriptions

PERFORMANCE PLAYMAKERS AND BEHIND THE CURTAIN CREATIONS

In Performance Playmakers, students will be introduced to the art of performing, to develop an appreciation of the art, and understand how various acting techniques may be used to heighten one's awareness and as a tool for self-realization. Performing Arts offers students the chance to experience the excitement and rewards of theatre arts while developing poise, social skills, confidence, and the ability to work with others. If you want to find your place on the stage, this is the class where the performing arts will bring out the theater muse in you! Downstage, Upstage, Rightstage, and Backstage! This course will introduce the basics of acting and improv, vocal music, and basic choreography, including some technical and backstage workings.

Behind the Curtain Creations is calling all our innovative students who want to design costumes, make accessory props, and learn to exaggerate a character by applying makeup. This workshop will help students learn basic skills to paint murals and backgrounds, design costumes, create masks, and add prop accessories to their designs. Together we will learn how to upcycle and recycle simple discarded items and create useful theatrical art. Students may have the opportunity to create costumes, and props and do makeup for the learning center's musical theater performances. This workshop is sure to be a creatively fun experience for our students!

Major 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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