

**K-8 GRADE**

**RANCHO  
CUCAMONGA**

**COURSE  
CATALOG**

**2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**#SPRINGSREAMTEAM**

# 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:

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Dress Code Policy- Pages 42 & 43

Internet Use Policy- Page 44

Student Behavior Expectations and Discipline- Page 46

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# RANCHO CUCAMONGA

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# RANCHO CUCAMONGA LEARNING CENTER INFORMATION

Our Rancho Cucamonga Learning Center provides enrichment and core academic classes for K-8 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 Rancho Cucamonga location participates in activities such as school pictures, open houses, kindergarten and 8th-grade 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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & 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.**



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The Rancho Cucamonga Learning Center is run by Principal Monica Lopez, 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: Jessica Battle, Learning Center Administrative Assistant- [jessica.battle@springscs.org](mailto:jessica.battle@springscs.org) Lori Loucks, K-8 Homeschool Director- [lori.loucks@springscs.org](mailto:lori.loucks@springscs.org)



# KINDERGARTEN MONDAY & WEDNESDAY CLASS CHOICES

MONDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

The Sound Squad Phonics AND Full Court Press Writing

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The STEAM Team AND Math MVPs  
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WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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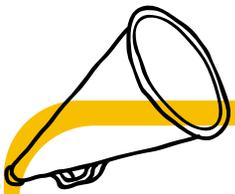
Nifty Fifty United States AND Musical Playbook

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ONE PAGE SCHEDULE

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### **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".
- Math Board Game Creation – Design a math game using the skills learned in class.
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# KINDERGARTEN WEDNESDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## GAME TIME TALES AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

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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!

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In Musical Playbook, students will 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:

- 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.
- 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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THURSDAY

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Teamwork Triumphs & PE Fun AND  
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12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The STEAM Team AND Sensory Explorers

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## 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.

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### **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.
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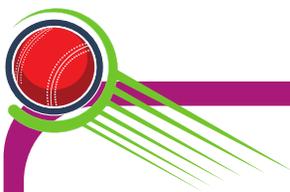
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## TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & PE FUN AND RISING STARS SOCIAL SKILLS

In Teamwork Triumphs, 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! Young learners will also 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:**

- 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.
- "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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### **Major Projects:**

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- STEAM Storybook Challenge – Solve a problem from a favorite story, like building a sturdy house for "The Three Little Pigs".
- My Sensory Journal – Create a journal with drawings, photos, and reflections on hands-on experiences like color mixing and fingerprint counting, and a textured alphabet book.



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Nifty Fifty United States AND Jump Into Spanish

OR

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Game Time Tales AND All-Star Artists

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## THE LITERACY LINEUP AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

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! 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.

### **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.
- Personal Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine two 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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## NIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES AND JUMP INTO SPANISH

My Country, '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, math, art, and science, students will bring history to life with creative projects.

¡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.

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- Spanish Market Day – Students will role-play buying and selling in a lively market, using Spanish for numbers, food, and basic conversations.

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In this fun, interactive class, Math MVPs will also develop essential math skills through hands-on activities, games, and creative projects that bring 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:**

- 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.
- Math Adventure Storybook – Write and illustrate a math-themed storybook with problem-solving challenges.

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## NIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES AND BIG LEAGUE NEWS

My Country, '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, math, art, and science, students will bring history to life with creative projects. Additionally, students will 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!

### **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.
- 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.

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### **Major Projects:**

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- Spanish Market Day – Students will role-play buying and selling in a lively market, using Spanish for numbers, food, and basic conversations.
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## NIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

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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:**

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## 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 grade-level 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.
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# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE TUESDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## GAME TIME TALES AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

In this fun and creative class, students will dive into seasonal reading adventures and art exploration, meeting grade-level 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.

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## RISING STARS SOCIAL SKILLS AND THE LEGO LEAGUE

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!

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!

### **Major Projects:**

- 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.
- 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!

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# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE THURSDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

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

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 first-grade science standards in a fun, cross-curricular way. 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 first-grade math standards, preparing them for more complex concepts in the future.

### **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".
- 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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## TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & PE FUN AND RISING STARS SOCIAL SKILLS

In Teamwork Triumphs, 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! Young learners will also 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:**

- 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.
- "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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# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE THURSDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## THE STEAM TEAM AND SENSORY EXPLORERS

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. Add in the aspect of Sensory Explorers, and students will have opportunities to express themselves through math-based art, tactile activities, and storytelling using textures, sounds, and movement. This class is designed to ignite a love for learning while meeting kindergarten science standards in a fun, cross-curricular way.

### 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".
- My Sensory Journal-- Create a journal with drawings, photos, and reflections on hands-on experiences like color mixing and fingerprint counting, and a textured alphabet book.

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## GAME TIME TALES AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

In this fun and creative class, students will dive into seasonal reading adventures and art exploration, meeting grade-level reading 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 identifying the main idea and details, making connections to the text, and expanding their vocabulary. They will also work on comprehension strategies such as sequencing events and summarizing stories. 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:

- Personal Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine two 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.
- 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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# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE MONDAY & WEDNESDAY CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE EACH BLOCK)

MONDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

The Sound Squad Phonics AND Full Court Press Writing

OR

The Literacy Lineup AND Full Court Press Writing

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Nifty Fifty United States AND Jump Into Spanish

OR

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

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Nifty Fifty United States AND Big League News

OR

Game Time Tales AND All-Star Artists

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Jump into Spanish AND All-Star Artists

OR

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

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## THE 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 LITERACY LINEUP AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

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! 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.

### **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.
- Personal Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine two 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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# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE MONDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## NIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES AND JUMP INTO SPANISH

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¡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.

### 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.
- 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.

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In this fun, interactive class, Math MVPs will also develop essential math skills through hands-on activities, games, and creative projects that bring 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:

- 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.
- Math Adventure Storybook – Write and illustrate a math-themed storybook with problem-solving challenges.

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# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE WEDNESDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## NIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES AND BIG LEAGUE NEWS

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### **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.
- 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.

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## JUMP INTO SPANISH AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

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### **Major Projects:**

- Mi Libro de Español – Students will create an illustrated book showcasing key vocabulary and phrases learned in class.
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# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE TUESDAY & THURSDAY CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE EACH BLOCK)

TUESDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Nifty Fifty United States AND All-Star Artists

OR

A History Playbook: The Golden State AND Full Court Press Writing

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Big League News AND Collaborative Game Playing

OR

Rising Stars Social Skills AND The LEGO League

THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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

OR

The STEAM Team AND Spanish in Action: Level 2

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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## A HISTORY PLAYBOOK: THE GOLDEN STATE AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

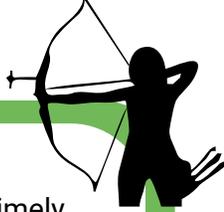
In this dynamic class, students will explore the rich history of California, journeying through key moments from the Indigenous peoples and Spanish missions to the Gold Rush and the rise of agriculture, technology, and entertainment. They'll learn about California's diverse cultures, significant historical 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.**

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.

### 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.
- 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.

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## BIG LEAGUE NEWS AND COLLABORATIVE GAME PLAYING

Step up to the plate and explore the world through Scholastic News Magazines! In this nonfiction reading class, students will dive into timely, seasonal articles covering science and social studies topics. They will develop critical thinking and comprehension skills while making real-world connections to current events. Each class includes interactive activities, debates, and hands-on projects that help students analyze text features, identify key ideas, and engage with nonfiction in a meaningful way. 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:**

- Breaking News Broadcast – Teams will create a video or live broadcast based on a Scholastic News article, acting as reporters and anchors.
- Big League News Magazine – Students will create a class magazine and write articles on current events, interviews, or seasonal topics, incorporating headlines and visuals.
- 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. At the end of the class, teams will present and play each other's games in a fun showcase event.

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## RISING STARS SOCIAL SKILLS AND THE LEGO LEAGUE

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

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 grade-level science standards in a fun, cross-curricular way. 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 grade-level math standards, preparing them for more complex concepts in the future.

### **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".
- 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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## THE STEAM TEAM AND SPANISH IN ACTION: LEVEL 2

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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.

### **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.
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- Spanish Market Day -- Students will participate in a market simulation, enhancing their ability to buy and sell with more detailed conversations in Spanish.

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# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE THURSDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



## NIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

My Country, '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, math, art, and science, students will bring history to life with creative projects.

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:

- Road Trip Across America Scrapbook – A collection of drawings, facts, and state symbols from their journey.
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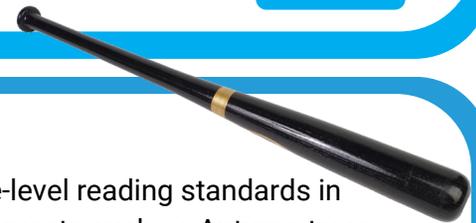
## GAME TIME TALES AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

In this fun and creative class, students will dive into seasonal reading adventures and art exploration, meeting grade-level reading 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 identifying the main idea and details, making connections to the text, and expanding their vocabulary. They will also work on comprehension strategies such as sequencing events and summarizing stories. 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:

- Personal Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine two 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.
- 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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# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE MONDAY & WEDNESDAY CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE EACH BLOCK)

MONDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

A History Playbook: The Golden State AND  
Spanish in Action: Level 2  
**OR**  
The Literacy Lineup AND Full Court Press Writing

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The STEAM Team AND Math MVPs  
(Most Valuable Problem Solvers!)  
**OR**  
Performance Playmakers AND Behind the Curtain Creations

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Magic Tree House Book Club AND Full Court Press Writing  
**OR**  
Game Time Tales AND All-Star Artists

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The STEAM Team AND Teamwork Triumphs & Sports PE  
**OR**  
Pixar in a Box AND All-Star Artists

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REGISTER IN  
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ONE PAGE SCHEDULE

# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE MONDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## A HISTORY PLAYBOOK: THE GOLDEN STATE AND SPANISH IN ACTION: LEVEL 2

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.**

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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.
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## THE LITERACY LINEUP AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

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! 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.

### **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.
- Personal Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine two personal narrative pieces, showcasing their growth as storytellers.
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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.
- Math Adventure Storybook– Write and illustrate a math-themed storybook with problem-solving challenges.

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## 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, 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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# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE WEDNESDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## 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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## GAME TIME TALES AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

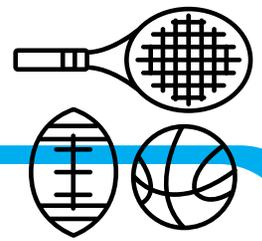
In this fun and creative class, students will dive into seasonal reading adventures and art exploration, meeting grade-level standards in language arts and visual arts. In Game Time Tales, students will read books about seasons, holidays, and historical events such as Autumn trees, Thanksgiving, and 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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# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE WEDNESDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



## THE STEAM TEAM AND TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & SPORTS PE

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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.
- Olympic Games Competition – Compete in a class-wide Olympic Games, showcasing teamwork and strategies.

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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.

### **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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# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE TUESDAY & THURSDAY CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE EACH BLOCK)

TUESDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

The STEAM Team AND All-Star Artists

OR

A History Playbook: The Golden State AND  
Full Court Press Writing

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Big League News AND Collaborative Game Playing

OR

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

THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

A History Playbook: The Golden State AND  
The LEGO League

OR

The STEAM Team AND Spanish in Action: Level 2

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Nifty Fifty United States AND All-Star Artists

OR

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

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## A HISTORY PLAYBOOK: THE GOLDEN STATE AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

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- 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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# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE TUESDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## BIG LEAGUE NEWS AND COLLABORATIVE GAME PLAYING

Step up to the plate and explore the world through Scholastic News Magazines! In this nonfiction reading class, students will dive into timely, seasonal articles covering science and social studies topics. They will develop critical thinking and comprehension skills while making real-world connections to current events. Each class includes interactive activities, debates, and hands-on projects that help students analyze text features, identify key ideas, and engage with nonfiction in a meaningful way. 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:**

- Breaking News Broadcast – Teams will create a video or live broadcast based on a Scholastic News article, acting as reporters and anchors.
- Big League News Magazine – Students will create a class magazine and write articles on current events, interviews, or seasonal topics, incorporating headlines and visuals.
- 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. At the end of the class, teams will present and play each other's games in a fun showcase event.

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## \*I CAN! MATH (PART 1 & 2) AND MATHLETES AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Master the Math I CAN!s in this engaging two-day-a-week class, led by a highly qualified teacher. The course includes personalized lessons, small-group instruction, hands-on activities, and an online math component. Students will complete 90 minutes of structured math assignments at home on the other three days of the week, guided by parents, including i-Ready practice. Regular attendance and active participation are required. Parents will facilitate home learning, with support from the teacher via phone or email. The teacher will assign and assess all work, and a Roles & Responsibilities form will be signed by the parent and TOR.

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.
- The Great Math Race – In teams, students will solve math challenges involving fractions, multiplication, and division, culminating in the creation of a math-based game.

**\*Students taking this class will purchase the books through Bookmart and are required to bring their school-issued Chromebook and Math textbook to class each day they attend. Students must take their math assessments and i-Ready diagnostics on-site.**

**\*\*Students MUST enroll in Part 1 AND Part 2 and attend regularly to continue enrollment in this class.**

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In the Lego League, 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!

### Major Projects:

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- Gold Rush Living History Journal – Write a journal from the perspective of a Gold Rush settler, reflecting on their experiences.
- 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 favorite animals or invent a new one!
- Storytelling with Legos – Students will build a scene and create a story to go with it.



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OR

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12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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

OR

Performance Playmakers AND Behind the Curtain Creations

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MONDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## A HISTORY PLAYBOOK: THE GOLDEN STATE AND SPANISH IN ACTION: LEVEL 2

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.**

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### Major Projects:

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- Spanish Market Day – Students will participate in a market simulation, enhancing their ability to buy and sell with more detailed conversations in Spanish.

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## THE STEAM TEAM AND THE LEGO LEAGUE

Join the STEAM Team and Lego League for an exciting, hands-on adventure where Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math come together! In this class, students will dive into creative projects that combine robotics, engineering, art, and math. They'll build and program robots using LEGO kits, work on engineering challenges like designing bridges or simple machines, and explore math concepts through art projects and real-world problem-solving. Students will also take on monthly STEM challenges, using teamwork and critical thinking to create innovative solutions. Throughout the course, students will meet grade-level science and engineering standards, exploring topics such as forces and motion, material properties, and ecosystems. They'll engage in experiments that demonstrate scientific principles and use the engineering design process to test, modify, and improve their solutions. 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:

- 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.
- LEGO Robot Challenge – Program and test LEGO robots to complete specific tasks.
- LEGO Project Presentation – Research a real-world problem, design a solution, and present it with a working model or prototype.

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

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- 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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## 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, 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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# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WEDNESDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## 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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## ACTING & IMPROV AND SPOTLIGHT SCRIPTS: THEATRICAL STORYTELLING

Talent is reflected in a variety of art forms. Some dream of acting on the "big screen," while others wish to build self-confidence and learn how to engage an audience. In Acting and Improv, students learn how to act for close-ups, perform a monologue, play a character, and how to address their audience all at the same time, becoming believable actors. Students' plays will be videoed, allowing students the opportunity to critique their own performances. During Improv, students will learn to develop detailed comedic and dramatic characters and gain skills on how to be spontaneous while staying focused and in character. And all the while, having fun! By the end of the year, students will improve their overall confidence, learn how to engage an audience, and be exposed to the exciting world of performing arts - a valuable tool for high school, college, and beyond!

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.

### Major Projects:

- Original One-Act Play – Students write, direct, and perform their own one-act plays, showcasing their scriptwriting and acting skills.
- Improv & Monologue Showcase – A live performance featuring comedic and dramatic improv scenes alongside prepared monologues.
- Script-to-Screen Project – Students write, act in, and film short scenes, practicing on-camera acting and performance critique.

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## THE STEAM TEAM AND TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & SPORTS PE

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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.
- Olympic Games Competition – Compete in a class-wide Olympic Games, showcasing teamwork and strategies.

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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.

### **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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## BIG LEAGUE NEWS AND COLLABORATIVE GAME PLAYING

Step up to the plate and explore the world through Scholastic News Magazines! In this nonfiction reading class, students will dive into timely, seasonal articles covering science and social studies topics. They will develop critical thinking and comprehension skills while making real-world connections to current events. Each class includes interactive activities, debates, and hands-on projects that help students analyze text features, identify key ideas, and engage with nonfiction in a meaningful way. 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:**

- Breaking News Broadcast – Teams will create a video or live broadcast based on a Scholastic News article, acting as reporters and anchors.
- Big League News Magazine – Students will create a class magazine and write articles on current events, interviews, or seasonal topics, incorporating headlines and visuals.
- 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. At the end of the class, teams will present and play each other's games in a fun showcase event.

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE THURSDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## NIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

My Country, '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, math, art, and science, students will bring history to life with creative projects.

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:**

- 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.
- 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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# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MONDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## THE LITERACY LINEUP AND FULL COURT PRESS WRITING

In Literacy Lineup, students will explore a variety of genres through engaging texts from sources such as Scholastic Magazines and Epic Books. From nonfiction articles to fiction stories, they will build reading comprehension, critical thinking, and discussion skills. Through activities, vocabulary exercises, and writing reflections, students will deepen their understanding of the world and enhance their literacy abilities.

In Full Court Press Writing, students will develop their writing skills by crafting longer, more detailed stories, personal narratives, and essays. They will focus on structuring their writing with clear organization, proper paragraphing, and correct punctuation, capitalization, and grammar. Creative writing prompts will allow them to expand their imagination and storytelling abilities, while peer collaboration will help them refine their skills. The class will emphasize building confidence in writing, helping students develop as independent writers capable of expressing complex ideas.

### **Major Projects:**

- Genre Exploration Presentation – Students will choose a genre (e.g., mystery, biography, science fiction) and create a multimedia presentation showcasing key elements, examples, and their favorite texts from that genre.
- Literacy Journal – Students will keep a journal where they respond to readings, track new vocabulary, and reflect on themes, characters, and lessons learned throughout the class.
- Personal Narrative Collection – Students will write and refine personal narrative pieces, showcasing storytelling skills.
- Informative Research Presentation – Students will research, write, and present an informative essay with visual aids.

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## THE STEAM TEAM AND THE LEGO LEAGUE

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### **Major Projects:**

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# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MONDAY PM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## THE GAME OF LIFE: SKILLS FOR SUCCESS AND TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & SPORTS PE

Get ready to level up your life skills and financial smarts in this fun and interactive class! The Game of Life: Skills for Success will help upper elementary students learn essential skills like budgeting, saving, goal-setting, decision-making, and problem-solving—all through hands-on activities and real-world challenges. Students will explore topics such as earning and managing money, making smart spending choices, planning for the future, and handling everyday responsibilities like time management, communication, and organization. They will also practice conflict resolution, teamwork, and critical thinking to help them navigate real-life situations with confidence.

In Teamwork Triumphs and Sports PE, students will learn the basics of team sports while building skills in cooperation, communication, and strategic thinking. Through cooperative games and team challenges, they'll work together to enhance teamwork, sportsmanship, and problem-solving abilities.

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## 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, 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!

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# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WEDNESDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## BIG LEAGUE NEWS AND THE PRESS CLUB

In Big League News, students will analyze timely science and social studies topics using Scholastic News Magazines, sharpening their critical thinking and reading comprehension skills. Through discussions, debates, and hands-on projects, they will develop a deeper understanding of the world around them while strengthening their ability to evaluate information critically.

In The Press Club, students will take their knowledge a step further by becoming reporters, writers, and broadcasters. They will learn the fundamentals of journalism, from writing compelling news stories to conducting interviews and delivering news on camera. Using multimedia tools, they will explore the art of storytelling through print, video, and digital media, developing confidence as communicators and creators.

### **Major Projects:**

- Breaking News Broadcast – Teams will create a video or live news segment based on a Scholastic News article, acting as reporters and anchors.
- Big League News Magazine – Students will produce a class magazine featuring articles on current events, interviews, and seasonal topics, incorporating headlines and visuals.
- The Press Club Podcast – Students will script, record, and edit an audio news show featuring school updates, interviews, and special reports, bringing their voices to the forefront of journalism.

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## ACTING & IMPROV AND SPOTLIGHT SCRIPTS: THEATRICAL STORYTELLING

Talent is reflected in a variety of art forms. Some dream of acting on the “big screen,” while others wish to build self-confidence and learn how to engage an audience. In Acting and Improv, students learn how to act for close-ups, perform a monologue, play a character, and how to address their audience all at the same time, becoming believable actors. Students' plays will be videoed, allowing students the opportunity to critique their own performances. During Improv, students will learn to develop detailed comedic and dramatic characters and gain skills on how to be spontaneous while staying focused and in character. And all the while, having fun! By the end of the year, students will improve their overall confidence, learn how to engage an audience, and be exposed to the exciting world of performing arts - a valuable tool for high school, college, and beyond!

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.

### **Major Projects:**

- Original One-Act Play – Students write, direct, and perform their own one-act plays, showcasing their scriptwriting and acting skills.
- Improv & Monologue Showcase – A live performance featuring comedic and dramatic improv scenes alongside prepared monologues.
- Script-to-Screen Project – Students write, act in, and film short scenes, practicing on-camera acting and performance critique.

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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.

### **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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# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TUESDAY & THURSDAY CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE EACH BLOCK)

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12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Classical History & Arts Club (The Middle Ages)

OR

Performance Playmakers AND Behind the Curtain Creations

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A History Playbook: The Golden State AND  
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OR

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## CHOICE # 1



### THE STEAM TEAM AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

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.

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## CHOICE # 2

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Master the I CAN!s in this engaging two-day-a-week class, led by a highly qualified teacher. The course includes personalized lessons, small-group instruction, hands-on activities, and an online math component. Students will complete 90 minutes of structured math assignments at home on the other three days each week, guided by parents, including i-Ready practice. Regular attendance and active participation are required. Parents will facilitate home learning, with support from the teacher via phone or email. The teacher will assign and assess all work, and a Roles & Responsibilities form will be signed by the parent and TOR. In Math in Motion, students will strengthen their math skills through fun and friendly competitions, hands-on activities, and discover the math behind a variety of recreational and movement activities, from popular sports to lesser-known games. 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 and movement. Finally, in Teamwork Triumphs and Sports PE, students will learn the basics of team sports while building skills in cooperation, communication, and strategic thinking. Through cooperative games and team challenges, they'll work together to enhance teamwork, sportsmanship, and problem-solving abilities.

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## CLASSICAL HISTORY & ARTS CLUB (THE MIDDLE AGES)

Explore the Middle Ages through history, philosophy, and the arts using classical methods. Students will study key events, rulers, and cultural movements while analyzing medieval philosophy, architecture, music, and visual arts. Through Socratic discussions, primary sources, and hands-on projects, they will gain a deeper understanding of medieval civilization. Students will study major historical events and cultural shifts, analyze medieval philosophy, art, and architecture, engage in Socratic discussions and primary source analysis, create hands-on projects inspired by medieval craftsmanship.

### **Major Projects:**

- Illuminated Manuscript – Students will create a decorative manuscript page, using period-appropriate materials like parchment, gold leaf, and vibrant colors. They will learn about the history and significance of illuminated manuscripts while practicing calligraphy and intricate design techniques.
- Living History Presentation – Students will research and portray a historical figure or event from the Middle Ages, preparing a monologue, costumes, and props to present their chosen subject with accuracy and flair. This project develops research, presentation, and performance skills.
- Gothic Architecture Design – Students will sketch a medieval cathedral or structure, incorporating Gothic elements like flying buttresses, pointed arches, and stained glass. This project helps students explore architectural features while practicing design and mathematical principles.

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**\*\*This class is designed to be a supplement to your social studies curriculum.**

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## CHOICE # 1

### A HISTORY PLAYBOOK: THE GOLDEN STATE AND THE LEGO LEAGUE

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.**

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:**

- 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.
- 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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## CHOICE # 1

### GRAND SLAM SCIENCE AND GAME-CHANGER WRITING LAB

In Grand Slam Science, students will explore a range of exciting scientific topics, including Earth and life sciences, oceanography, and space, through engaging lessons, interactive activities, and BBC Channel videos. They'll study complex topics like the solar system, plant and animal life cycles, and the forces of nature, connecting these concepts to real-world applications. Students will deepen their understanding through Kahoot challenges, teamwork, and hands-on experiments. Critical thinking activities will encourage them to ask questions, make predictions, and test hypotheses, while fostering their scientific curiosity and problem-solving skills.

In Game Changer Writing Lab, students will explore a variety of topics and sharpen their writing skills through research-based projects. They will learn how to gather information from reliable sources, organize their ideas, and craft well-structured essays, reports, and creative pieces. Through engaging prompts, guided discussions, and peer feedback, students will develop clear, confident writing while deepening their curiosity about the world. Whether investigating historical events, scientific discoveries, or personal interests, this class will help students become strong, thoughtful writers!

#### **Major Projects:**

- Science Exploration Journal – Document discoveries, experiments, and reflections.
- Group Science Challenge – Research and present a scientific topic with a hands-on project and Kahoot quiz.
- Expert Research Paper – Students will choose a topic of interest, conduct in-depth research, and write a well-organized paper with proper citations.
- Multimedia Magazine – As a class, students will collaborate to create a digital or print magazine featuring their research articles, interviews, opinion pieces, and creative writing.

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## CHOICE # 2

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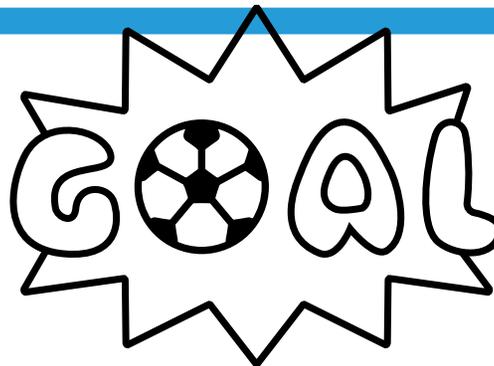
Did you know there is a proven link between learning an instrument and improvement in academics? That is just one of the many benefits of challenging yourself to learn something new. We'd like to welcome you to the world of music, where young musicians embark on a thrilling journey of rhythm and melody in our introduction to guitar class. In this dynamic course, budding guitarists will learn the fundamentals of playing this iconic instrument, from learning to tune a guitar to mastering basic chords and strumming technique, to exploring the magic of melodies. Through engaging lessons filled with interactive games, catchy tunes, and hands-on activities, students will unleash their creativity and develop a lifelong passion for music. Whether they dream of rocking out on stage or strumming by the campfire, this class provides the perfect foundation for young musicians to begin their musical adventure. Get ready to strum, pluck, and play your way to musical mastery in our introduction to guitar class!

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- Guitar Performance Showcase – Students will showcase what they learned during a culminating performance.

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### **Major Projects:**

- Genre Exploration Presentation – Students will choose a genre (e.g., mystery, biography, science fiction) and create a multimedia presentation showcasing key elements, examples, and their favorite texts from that genre.
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# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WEDNESDAY AM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## BIG LEAGUE NEWS AND THE PRESS CLUB

In Big League News, students will analyze timely science and social studies topics using Scholastic News Magazines, sharpening their critical thinking and reading comprehension skills. Through discussions, debates, and hands-on projects, they will develop a deeper understanding of the world around them while strengthening their ability to evaluate information critically.

In The Press Club, students will take their knowledge a step further by becoming reporters, writers, and broadcasters. They will learn the fundamentals of journalism, from writing compelling news stories to conducting interviews and delivering news on camera. Using multimedia tools, they will explore the art of storytelling through print, video, and digital media, developing confidence as communicators and creators.

### **Major Projects:**

- Breaking News Broadcast – Teams will create a video or live news segment based on a Scholastic News article, acting as reporters and anchors.
- Big League News Magazine – Students will produce a class magazine featuring articles on current events, interviews, and seasonal topics, incorporating headlines and visuals.
- The Press Club Podcast – Students will script, record, and edit an audio news show featuring school updates, interviews, and special reports, bringing their voices to the forefront of journalism.

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## ACTING & IMPROV AND SPOTLIGHT SCRIPTS: THEATRICAL STORYTELLING

Talent is reflected in a variety of art forms. Some dream of acting on the “big screen,” while others wish to build self-confidence and learn how to engage an audience. In Acting and Improv, students learn how to act for close-ups, perform a monologue, play a character, and how to address their audience all at the same time, becoming believable actors. Students' plays will be videoed, allowing students the opportunity to critique their own performances. During Improv, students will learn to develop detailed comedic and dramatic characters and gain skills on how to be spontaneous while staying focused and in character. And all the while, having fun! By the end of the year, students will improve their overall confidence, learn how to engage an audience, and be exposed to the exciting world of performing arts - a valuable tool for high school, college, and beyond!

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### **Major Projects:**

- Original One-Act Play – Students write, direct, and perform their own one-act plays, showcasing their scriptwriting and acting skills.
- Improv & Monologue Showcase – A live performance featuring comedic and dramatic improv scenes alongside prepared monologues.
- Script-to-Screen Project – Students write, act in, and film short scenes, practicing on-camera acting and performance critique.

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## THE GAME OF LIFE: SKILLS FOR SUCCESS, TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & SPORTS PE

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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.

### **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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# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TUESDAY & THURSDAY CLASS CHOICES

(CHOOSE ONE EACH BLOCK)

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## CLASSICAL HISTORY & ARTS CLUB (THE MIDDLE AGES)

Explore the Middle Ages through history, philosophy, and the arts using classical methods. Students will study key events, rulers, and cultural movements while analyzing medieval philosophy, architecture, music, and visual arts. Through Socratic discussions, primary sources, and hands-on projects, they will gain a deeper understanding of medieval civilization. Students will study major historical events and cultural shifts, analyze medieval philosophy, art, and architecture, engage in Socratic discussions and primary source analysis, create hands-on projects inspired by medieval craftsmanship.

### **Major Projects:**

- Illuminated Manuscript – Students will create a decorative manuscript page, using period-appropriate materials like parchment, gold leaf, and vibrant colors. They will learn about the history and significance of illuminated manuscripts while practicing calligraphy and intricate design techniques.
- Living History Presentation – Students will research and portray a historical figure or event from the Middle Ages, preparing a monologue, costumes, and props to present their chosen subject with accuracy and flair. This project develops research, presentation, and performance skills.
- Gothic Architecture Design – Students will sketch a medieval cathedral or structure, incorporating Gothic elements like flying buttresses, pointed arches, and stained glass. This project helps students explore architectural features while practicing design and mathematical principles.

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**\*\*This class is designed to be a supplement to your social studies curriculum.**

**\*This class is part of a three-year cycle that includes the study of the Ancients and Early Modern Times to the Modern Age.**

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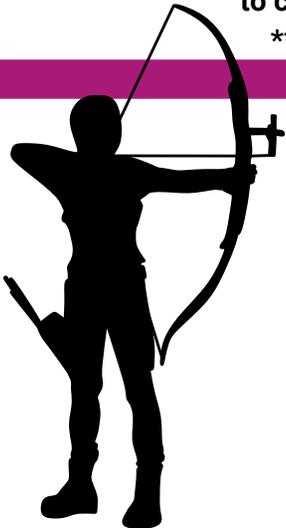
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\*Some guitars will be provided in class, but it is recommended that you use your instructional funds to rent a 1/2 size (34"") or 3/4 size (36"") guitar and a carrying case to bring to class.

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- Guitar Performance Showcase – Students will showcase what they learned during a culminating performance.

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# 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS CHOICES-TUESDAY & THURSDAY ONLY

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- 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.
- Script-to-Screen Project – Students write, act in, and film short scenes, practicing on-camera acting and performance critique.

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## CHOICE # 2



### **I CAN! MATH (PART 1 & 2) AND MATH IN MOTION AND LEADERSHIP**

Master the I CAN!s in this engaging two-day-a-week class, led by a highly qualified teacher. The course includes personalized lessons, small-group instruction, hands-on activities, and an online math component. Students will complete 90 minutes of structured math assignments at home on the other three days each week, guided by parents, including iReady practice. Regular attendance and active participation are required. Parents will facilitate home learning, with support from the teacher via phone or email. The teacher will assign and assess all work, and a Roles & Responsibilities form will be signed by the parent and TOR.

In Math in Motion, students will strengthen their math skills through fun and friendly competitions, hands-on activities, and discover the math behind a variety of recreational and movement activities, from popular sports to lesser-known games. 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 and movement. Finally, in Leadership, students will mentor younger peers, plan spirit days, organize fundraisers, and lead student-driven projects. These experiences will build confidence, communication skills, and a strong sense of responsibility while making a positive impact on their school and community.

#### **Major Projects:**

Sports Stats Challenge – Students will analyze sports data, calculating averages and percentages to understand team performance and player stats.

Design Your Own Game – Students will design a movement-based game, using geometry, measurement, and probability to create rules, scoring systems, and strategies.

Spirit Days – Plan and lead engaging school-wide events.

Leadership Portfolio & Presentation – Showcase leadership growth and contributions through a final portfolio and presentation.

**\*Students taking this class will purchase the books through Bookmart and are required to bring their school-issued Chromebook and Math textbook to class each day they attend. Students must take their math assessments and iReady diagnostics onsite.**

**\*\*Students MUST enroll in Part 1 AND Part 2 and attend regularly to continue enrollment in this class.**

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## CHOICE # 1

### CLASSICAL HISTORY & ARTS CLUB (THE MIDDLE AGES)

Explore the Middle Ages through history, philosophy, and the arts using classical methods. Students will study key events, rulers, and cultural movements while analyzing medieval philosophy, architecture, music, and visual arts. Through Socratic discussions, primary sources, and hands-on projects, they will gain a deeper understanding of medieval civilization. Students will study major historical events and cultural shifts, analyze medieval philosophy, art, and architecture, engage in Socratic discussions and primary source analysis, create hands-on projects inspired by medieval craftsmanship.

#### Major Projects:

- Illuminated Manuscript – Students will create a decorative manuscript page, using period-appropriate materials like parchment, gold leaf, and vibrant colors. They will learn about the history and significance of illuminated manuscripts while practicing calligraphy and intricate design techniques.
- Living History Presentation – Students will research and portray a historical figure or event from the Middle Ages, preparing a monologue, costumes, and props to present their chosen subject with accuracy and flair. This project develops research, presentation, and performance skills.
- Gothic Architecture Design – Students will sketch a medieval cathedral or structure, incorporating Gothic elements like flying buttresses, pointed arches, and stained glass. This project helps students explore architectural features while practicing design and mathematical principles.

**\*Students taking this class will be required to bring his or her school-issued Chromebook to class every week.**

**\*\*This class is designed to be a supplement to your social studies curriculum.**

**\*This class is part of a three-year cycle that includes the study of the Ancients and Early Modern Times to the Modern Age.**

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## CHOICE # 2



### THE GAME OF LIFE: SKILLS FOR SUCCESS AND GUITAR

Get ready to level up your life skills and financial smarts in this fun and interactive class! The Game of Life: Skills for Success will help upper elementary students learn essential skills like budgeting, saving, goal-setting, decision-making, and problem-solving—all through hands-on activities and real-world challenges. Students will explore topics such as earning and managing money, making smart spending choices, planning for the future, and handling everyday responsibilities like time management, communication, and organization. They will also practice conflict resolution, teamwork, and critical thinking to help them navigate real-life situations with confidence.

Did you know there is a proven link between learning an instrument and improvement in academics? That is just one of the many benefits of challenging yourself to learn something new. We'd like to welcome you to the world of music, where young musicians embark on a thrilling journey of rhythm and melody in our introduction to guitar class. In this dynamic course, budding guitarists will learn the fundamentals of playing this iconic instrument, from learning to tune a guitar, to mastering basic chords and strumming technique, to exploring the magic of melodies. Through engaging lessons filled with interactive games, catchy tunes, and hands-on activities, students will unleash their creativity and develop a lifelong passion for music. Whether they dream of rocking out on stage or strumming by the campfire, this class provides the perfect foundation for young musicians to begin their musical adventure. Get ready to strum, pluck, and play your way to musical mastery in our introduction to guitar class!

\*Some guitars will be provided in class, but it is recommended that you use your instructional funds to rent a 1/2 size (34") or 3/4 size (36") guitar and a carrying case to bring to class.

#### **Major Projects:**

- Budgeting Challenge – Students will create a personal budget, balancing income and expenses to meet financial goals.
- Smart Shopper Simulation – Students will compare prices, evaluate deals, and practice making wise spending decisions.
- Goal-Setting Vision Board – Students will plan for the future by setting short- and long-term personal and financial goals.
- Guitar Performance Showcase – Students will showcase what they learned during a culminating performance.

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