

K-8 GRADE DEL RIO COURSE CATALOG

2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

LEARNING CENTER MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

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

CURRICULUM KEY

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

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

E - Covers **ELA CORE** Requirements

e - Supplements **ELA AT HOME** Curriculum

M - Covers **MATH CORE** Requirements

m - Supplements **MATH AT HOME** Curriculum

S - Covers **SCIENCE CORE** Requirements

s - Supplements **SCIENCE AT HOME** Curriculum

SS - Covers **SOCIAL STUDIES CORE** Requirements

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

LEARNING CENTER POLICIES



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

[Learning Center Parent Agreement](#)

Please read thoroughly before signing up for any classes.

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

Cell Phone Use- Page 42

Dress Code Policy- Pages 42 & 43

Internet Use Policy- Page 44

Student Behavior Expectations and Discipline- Page 46

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

Parent Involvement and Volunteering- Pages 112-113

Additional Helpful Links:

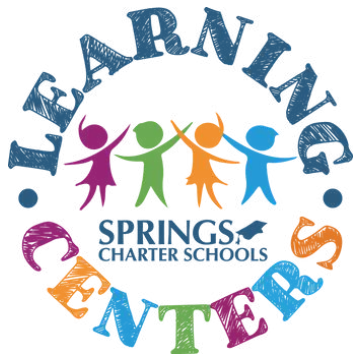
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DEL RIO LEARNING CENTER INFORMATION

Our Del Rio 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 Del Rio location participates in activities such as school pictures, open houses, kindergarten and 8th-grade promotions, and 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 Tuesday & Thursday.

Morning Classes ~ 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch ~ 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Afternoon classes ~ 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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



Located at:

745 N Perris Blvd
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The Del Rio Learning Center is run by Principal Kim Ballantyne-Morse, who is responsible for safety, discipline, and the day-to-day operations at the student center. If you have specific questions about the school site, don't hesitate to contact the student center.

Learning Center offerings and class schedules are created by our Homeschool Leadership team. For specific questions, you may contact:
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KINDERGARTEN & 1ST - 3RD GRADES CLASS CHOICES

TUESDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Game Time Tales AND Teamwork Triumphs & Sports PE
TUESDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Grand Slam Science AND Collaborative Game Playing
THURSDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	The Signing Squad AND Big League News
THURSDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	All-Star Artists AND Math MVPs (Most Valuable Problem Solvers!)

**KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE STUDENTS ONLY HAVE ONE OPTION IN EACH BLOCK.
YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR ONE OR TWO 2.5 HOUR BLOCKS PER DAY.**

**REGISTER IN
SPRINGS MARKETPLACE**

ONE PAGE SCHEDULE

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST - 3RD GRADE TUESDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

GAME TIME TALES AND TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & SPORTS PE

In this fun and creative class, students will dive into seasonal reading adventures and art exploration. 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 respond to what they read through crafts and writing reflections.

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.

Major Projects:

- Postcard Writing & Illustration – Students will imagine they are a character from a seasonal book and create a holiday-themed postcard from that character's perspective.
- Story Quilt Collage – Students will create a “quilt” by illustrating different scenes from a seasonal story on paper squares. Each square will represent a key event, character, or theme. When put together, the quilt will visually retell the story.
- Olympic Games Competition – Compete in a class-wide Olympic Games, showcasing teamwork and strategies.

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GRAND SLAM SCIENCE AND COLLABORATIVE GAME PLAYING

In Grand Slam Science, young scientists will explore exciting topics in earth and life sciences, ocean animals, and space through fun and engaging activities. Students will learn about the solar system, plant and animal life cycles, and amazing forces of nature with interactive lessons, hands-on experiments, and BBC Channel videos. Through teamwork and problem-solving, students will ask questions, make predictions, and discover how science connects to the world around them. They will also play Kahoot games to test their knowledge, work on fun group challenges, and complete creative projects that bring science to life!

Collaborative Game Playing will offer students the opportunity to 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

- Science Discovery Journal – Students will draw, write, and record their science adventures, experiments, and new discoveries.
- Amazing Animal Project – Each student will choose an animal to research, create a poster or booklet with fun facts (habitat, diet, life cycle), and share their findings with the class.
- 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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KINDERGARTEN & 1ST - 3RD GRADE THURSDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

THE SIGNING SQUAD AND BIG LEAGUE NEWS

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

In Big League News students will 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.

Major Projects:

- ASL Storytelling Showcase-- Students will sign a story, original narrative, or song, showcasing their ASL skills and creativity.
- 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.

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

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

In Math MVPs, students will develop essential math skills through centers, hands-on activities, games, and creative projects that bring K-3 math concepts to life. They will explore key grade-level skills in numbers and operations, place value, measuring lengths, telling time, and solving word problems. Students will engage in fun problem-solving tasks, learning to organize data and identify patterns. They'll practice applying math in real-world situations, such as measuring objects and understanding money. By working on math challenges with their peers, students will gain confidence and strengthen their math foundation, preparing them for more complex concepts ahead.

Major Projects:

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

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4TH - 8TH GRADE CLASS CHOICES

<p>TUESDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Game-Changer Writing Lab AND Teamwork Triumphs & Sports PE</p>
<p>TUESDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Grand Slam Science AND Games of Strategy</p>
<p>THURSDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM</p>	<p>The Signing Squad AND Big League News</p>
<p>THURSDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>All-Star Artists AND The Literacy Lineup</p>

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ONE PAGE SCHEDULE



4TH- 8TH GRADE TUESDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



GAME-CHANGER WRITING LAB AND TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS & SPORTS PE

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!

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.

Major Projects:

- 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.
- Olympic Games Competition – Students will compete in a class-wide Olympic Games, showcasing teamwork and strategies.

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

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GRAND SLAM SCIENCE AND GAMES OF STRATEGY

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 Games of Strategy, students will sharpen their thinking skills through engaging, hands-on gameplay. Through games like Chess, Settlers of Catan, Mancala, Mastermind, Pandemic, and Ticket to Ride, they will practice strategic planning, problem-solving, and decision-making. Along the way, they'll also build important life skills like cooperation, resilience, and good sportsmanship—all while having fun in friendly competition!

Major Projects:

- Science Exploration Journal – Students will document discoveries, experiments, and reflections.
- Group Science Challenge – Students will research and present a scientific topic with a hands-on project and Kahoot quiz.
- 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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4TH - 8TH GRADE THURSDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

THE SIGNING SQUAD AND BIG LEAGUE NEWS

Get ready to think like a journalist and communicator in Big League News! This class is designed for upper elementary students to explore nonfiction reading and current events in engaging and interactive ways. Students will analyze timely science and social studies topics using Scholastic News Magazines, sharpening their critical thinking and reading comprehension skills. They will participate in discussions, debates, and projects that bring nonfiction to life.

Additionally, in Sign Language, they will dive into ASL, learning conversational signs, the alphabet, and numbers, while gaining insight into Deaf culture. Hands-on activities, storytelling, and role-playing will reinforce their understanding of both communication and journalism.

Major Projects:

- ASL Storytelling Showcase – Students will sign a story, original narrative, or song, demonstrating their ASL skills and creativity.
- 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 with articles on current events, interviews, and seasonal topics, incorporating headlines and visuals.

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ALL-STAR ARTISTS AND THE LITERACY LINEUP

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

In 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.

Major Projects:

- 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.
- 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.

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