

# K-8 GRADE VISTA 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:

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

E - Covers **ELA CORE** Requirements

e - Supplements **ELA AT HOME** Curriculum

M - Covers **MATH CORE** Requirements

m - Supplements **MATH AT HOME** Curriculum

S - Covers **SCIENCE CORE** Requirements

s - Supplements **SCIENCE AT HOME** Curriculum

SS - Covers **SOCIAL STUDIES CORE** Requirements

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

# LEARNING CENTER POLICIES



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

[Learning Center Parent Agreement](#)

Please read thoroughly before signing up for any classes.

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

Cell Phone Use- Page 42

Dress Code Policy- Pages 42 & 43

Internet Use Policy- Page 44

Student Behavior Expectations and Discipline- Page 46

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

Parent Involvement and Volunteering- Pages 112-113

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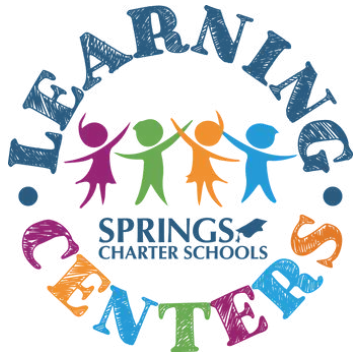
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# VISTA LEARNING CENTER INFORMATION

Our Vista Learning Center provides enrichment & 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 Vista 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 & Friday.

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:  
700 E. Bobier Drive  
Vista, CA  
951-225-7675

The Vista Learning Center is run by Principal Kim Bagby, 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 & 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADES CLASS CHOICES

<b>MONDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Game Time Tales AND Full Court Press Writing</b>
<b>MONDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>The STEAM Team AND LEGO League</b>
<b>FRIDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Literacy Lineup AND Math MVPs (Most Valuable Problem Solvers)</b>
<b>FRIDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>San Diego Superstars: Exploring Our Home Town AND All-Star Artists</b>

**KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST - 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 & 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE MONDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



## 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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## THE STEAM TEAM AND LEGO LEAGUE

Join the STEAM Team for a fun and hands-on adventure in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! In this class, young learners will explore exciting projects that spark creativity and curiosity. They'll build with LEGO bricks, experiment with simple machines, and discover how things move and work. Through teamwork and problem-solving, students will tackle fun challenges like designing bridges, exploring patterns in nature, and using art to understand math. Each month, they'll dive into new STEM activities that encourage critical thinking and creativity. With plenty of hands-on experiments and playful exploration, students will develop important skills while having a blast!

### Major Projects:

- Engineering Showcase – Design and build a simple machine, like a lever-based launcher or a rolling vehicle, and demonstrate how it works.
- LEGO Exploration Build – Use LEGO bricks to build bridges, towers, or moving structures while exploring balance, strength, and motion.
- Invention Creation – Think like an inventor! Design and build a tool, toy, or mini structure that solves a problem, then present it to the class.
- Math in Motion – Create a large-scale interactive math game, such as a giant number line for skip counting, a shape scavenger hunt, or a real-world measurement challenge, and use it to teach classmates a math concept. working model or prototype.



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# KINDERGARTEN & 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FRIDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## LITERACY LINEUP AND MATH MVPS (MOST VALUABLE PROBLEM SOLVERS)

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

In Math MVPs, students will develop essential math skills through centers and 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:

- 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.
- 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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## SAN DIEGO SUPERSTARS: EXPLORING OUR HOME TOWN AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

Get ready for a fun-filled journey through San Diego! In this hands-on class, young learners will discover local landmarks, wildlife, and history through creative projects like building models of famous places, making wildlife collages, and performing puppet shows about important historical figures. Students will also create their own "My San Diego" storybooks and enjoy a simulated beach day complete with sand art and ocean fun. This class blends art, storytelling, and local pride—perfect for curious kids ready to explore the city they call home! Alongside their historical studies, students will unleash their creativity in an art class designed to develop their skills through experimentation with different techniques, styles, and materials. They'll explore various forms of art, such as painting, sculpture, and collage, allowing them to express their ideas and reflections. Students will not only refine their artistic abilities but also learn how to convey their personal interpretations and creativity through their artwork.

### Major Projects:

- My San Diego Storybook– Create a booklet that includes facts about San Diego, their favorite places, and drawings or photos of local sights.
- San Diego Landmark Model– Students will create simple models of famous San Diego landmarks such as the San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, or the USS Midway Museum using clay, building blocks, or recycled materials.
- Artistic Time Capsule – Create a mixed-media self-portrait and artwork representing who they are now, including favorite colors, interests, and emotions.
- Hall of Fame Artist Report & Portfolio – Research a famous artist and create artwork inspired by their techniques.

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE **FRIDAY** CLASS CHOICES



*FRIDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM*

**Legends & Underdogs: The Story of Sports Through Time  
AND  
Game-Changer Writing Lab**

*FRIDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM*

***Classical History  
AND  
All-Star Artists***

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FRIDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## LEGENDS & UNDERDOGS: THE STORY OF SPORTS THROUGH TIME AND GAME-CHANGER WRITING LAB

In Legends & Underdogs: The Story of Sports Through Time, students will read and analyze the stories of legendary athletes, underdog teams, and game-changing moments in sports history. From the Ancient Greek Olympians to modern-day icons, students will explore how sports have shaped societies, influenced culture, and inspired change. Through biographies, historical texts, and first-hand accounts, students will engage in Socratic discussions, examine leadership, perseverance, and teamwork, and develop critical thinking skills. In Game-Changer Writing Lab: Crafting Stories of Leadership & Victory, students will hone their writing skills by responding to the powerful stories of athletes and teams covered in the "Legends & Underdogs" reading course. They will practice narrative, persuasive, and analytical writing, learning how to craft compelling arguments, biographies, and personal reflections based on their reading. Through structured assignments, students will refine their ability to write persuasively, tell engaging stories, and analyze key themes of leadership, teamwork, and resilience.

### **Major Projects**

- Class of Champions Debate: Students will research and present arguments on legendary figures, underdog teams, and controversial sports moments.
- Multimedia Presentation: Students will create a presentation of a historic sports moment (video, slideshow, presentation board, speech).
- Persuasive Essay – Students will write a persuasive essay to defend whether an athlete or team is the greatest underdog story of all time.
- Journalistic Writing – Students will write a sports news article or opinion piece based on historical events.
- Speech Writing – Students will write and deliver a motivational pre-game speech inspired by famous coaches and athletes.

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FRIDAY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

## CLASSICAL HISTORY AND ALL-STAR ARTISTS

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 research, writing, discussions, 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, and create hands-on projects inspired by medieval craftsmanship.

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 interpretations and creativity through their artwork.

### **Major Projects:**

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

**\*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.**





# MONDAY ALL-STAR SESSIONS GRADES 4<sup>TH</sup> -8<sup>TH</sup>

MONDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
SEPT 8 - OCT 20

Walk This Way Through the USA (Part 1)

MONDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
SEPT 8 - OCT 20

Draw This Way Through the USA (Part 1)

MONDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
NOV 3 - DEC 15

Real World Math Power Hour

MONDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
NOV 3 - DEC 15

Crunch Time with Yoga, Fitness & Athletic  
Inspiration

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SIX WEEK SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR..*

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ALL-STAR SESSION DESCRIPTIONS



## WALK THIS WAY THROUGH THE USA (PART 1)

In this exciting six-week session, students will journey across 25 U.S. states—starting on the West Coast and making their way eastward. Along the way, they'll discover each state's capital, unique landmarks, fun facts, famous figures, and more! Using Highlights Magazine's Which Way USA series, students will enjoy interactive activities that make learning about geography and history both fun and memorable.

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## DRAW THIS WAY THROUGH THE USA (PART 1)

In this hands-on class, students will learn to draw each state of the United States using the Draw the USA curriculum. As they sketch their way across the country, they'll begin to understand how each state fits into the bigger picture of our nation's geography. In addition to map drawing, students will dive deeper into two states of their choice by creating detailed lapbooks. These projects will include facts about each state's history, culture, landmarks, and more—offering a creative and personalized way to explore the USA.!

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## REAL WORLD MATH POWER HOUR

Get ready to see math in action! In this six-week class, students will tackle three engaging, project-based activities that bring math to life through real-world scenarios. Whether planning a budget, designing a theme park, or analyzing data, each project is designed to strengthen problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork skills. With built-in support for different learning levels, every student can thrive. This class sparks curiosity and helps students discover just how powerful—and practical—math can be beyond the classroom walls.

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## CRUNCH TIME WITH YOGA, FITNESS & ATHLETIC INSPIRATION

Over the next six weeks, students will explore the power of movement through yoga, stretching, and cardio fitness. They'll learn a variety of yoga poses, discover the benefits of flexibility, and understand the importance of keeping the body active and balanced. Students will also track their heart rates, practice energizing exercises, and explore how rest and recovery play a key role in overall health. As a final project, each student will choose an athlete to research and write a biography, connecting their own movement journey with real-world athletic inspiration.

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# MONDAY ALL-STAR SESSIONS GRADES 4<sup>TH</sup> -8<sup>TH</sup>

<b>MONDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> <b>JAN 5 - MAR 2</b>	<b>Walk This Way Through the USA (Part 2)</b>
<b>MONDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b> <b>JAN 5 - MAR 2</b>	<b>Draw This Way Through the USA (Part 2)</b>
<b>MONDAY 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> <b>MAR 9 - APR 20</b>	<b>The Power of Prepping For Performance Tasks</b>
<b>MONDAY 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b> <b>MAR 9 - APR 20</b>	<b>Transforming Animal Drawings</b>

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SIX WEEK SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR..  
YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR ONE OR TWO 2.5 HOUR BLOCKS EACH SESSION.*

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## WALK THIS WAY THROUGH THE USA (PART 2)

In this exciting second six-week session, students will continue their journey through 25 more U.S. states—picking up where they left off and heading toward the East Coast. They'll dive deeper into each state's capital, iconic landmarks, fun facts, and notable figures. Using Highlights Magazine's Which Way USA series, students will engage in hands-on, interactive activities that make geography and history come alive. Whether continuing from Part 1 or jumping in fresh, this class offers a fun and meaningful way to explore America's diverse regions.

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## DRAW THIS WAY THROUGH THE USA (PART 2)

In this continuation of our hands-on geography journey, students will complete their map-drawing adventure through the remaining U.S. states using the Draw the USA curriculum. As they refine their map skills and deepen their understanding of American geography, they'll also take on two new states of their choice for lapbook projects. These personalized projects will highlight each state's unique history, culture, and landmarks, offering students another chance to creatively connect with the diverse regions of the United States. Whether continuing from Part 1 or joining in for the first time, this class is a fun and engaging way to bring geography to life!

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## THE POWER OF PREPPING FOR PERFORMANCE TASKS

Get ready to shine! In this upbeat and focused class, students will build the skills and confidence they need to tackle the CAASPP Performance Tasks with success. We'll dive into the art of writing for assessments—learning how to break down questions, plan strong responses, and use powerful sentence structure. Along the way, students will explore key academic terms, practice with real released test questions, and master smart strategies like the process of elimination. With fun activities, helpful tools, and plenty of support, this class will help students feel prepared, capable, and ready to show what they know!

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## TRANSFORMING ANIMAL DRAWINGS

In this creative, hands-on class, students will learn to draw a variety of animals—starting with basic shapes and building up to detailed, textured, and shaded masterpieces. Each animal will come to life in its own unique habitat, as students explore background design and setting. A range of art mediums will be used throughout the session, giving students the chance to experiment and express their creativity in fun and imaginative ways. Get ready to bring the animal kingdom to the page!

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