

Summer Adventure - Elementary

Class Descriptions for Students Entering TK-5th Grade

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Full-Morning Classes

#010 AN ANIMAL A DAY

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) & Kindergarten

Join our summer safari as we travel through oceans, jungles, forests and farms to meet an animal a day. We will practice letters and sounds, counting and patterns, and learn about animal habitats as we circle the globe to find some animal friends. On the way we will explore reading, writing, math, science, social studies, cooking, sculpting, painting, puppets and music to learn fun facts about the animal world!

Elayne Borenstein

#020 KINDERMASTERS

Kindergarten

If you are excited and ready for Kindergarten learning, then this is the class for YOU! We will have fun with letters and sounds, review sight words and make fun projects, including kooky crafts and quicky, snicky snacks. Literacy-rich activities, phonemic awareness, reading, writing and social science activity centers will be part of our daily routine.

David Petrilyak

#030 1,2,3...READY, SET, READ!

Grades K-1

Play, explore and learn! Children will have a blast exploring daily literacy activities while improving their developing literacy skills through art, imaginative play, exciting crafts and interactive read-alouds. We will focus on phonics and phonemic awareness, touch on creative writing, and play age-appropriate games that promote confidence. We will be learning and having fun at the same time!

Pat Proft

#040 INSPIRED BY NATURE

Grades K-1

Experience the wonders of nature through hands-on explorations, guided observations and inspired art projects. We will celebrate the outside world through a wide variety of literature, art, music, songs and age-appropriate games. Join us as we explore nature while having fun!

Liz Franchi & Heather Russell

#050 BOOK COOKS

Grades K-1

Book Cooks will whet the physical and mental appetites of young readers. We will spend 3 to 4 days diving into a new book, studying the story elements, focusing on vocabulary and writing a response. We will then finish the book with a culminating cooking activity that aligns with the story! We will focus primarily on fiction titles at a variety of reading levels to engage all students as we feed our brains and our bellies!

Jamie McClung

#060 EXPLORATIONS IN MATH, ART AND LITERACY

Grades K-1

Explore “FUN”-damental math concepts, express yourself as an artist and learn to LOVE reading and writing! Dig into foundational math ideas such as counting, geometry, place value and early problem-solving. Join us as we explore multiple-media art. Delight in poetry, fiction and non-fiction books as we use these texts to mentor our journey through introductory writing experiences in a variety of genres. Come join the fun!

Stefanie Mathewson & Lindsay Light

#070 PRIMARY OCEANOGRAPHY

Grades 1-2

This very popular class is back for another year! Taught by a team of three experienced primary teachers, this course is an in-depth study of sea life. You will attend research trips to the library and the Santa Monica Pier and even have visits from real marine scientists, all in order to gather knowledge and have hands-on experiences with sea life. You will be encouraged to apply your knowledge of sea life in a variety of activities: sea life stories, sea life riddles, pop-up books, and under-the-sea murals, just to name a few! Math and science will be integrated throughout the program. Teachers will adjust instruction to challenge and motivate the individual learning needs of all students. Don't miss out on the fun!

Tiffany Estrada, Emma Fujiwara & Rebecca Urias

Period I

#101 MAKE A PLACE FOR A MAKER-SPACE

Grades 2-3

Do you like to tinker? Do you like to invent and create new things? This is the class for you! You will be encouraged to create something unique that has never been seen before. For part of each week, you will have the freedom to explore your own interests and come up with projects you would like to create. For the remainder of each week, you will work with a partner or team to solve a variety of Scientific, Technological, Engineering, Artistic and Mathematical (STEAM) problems. We will be cooking, building, creating and solving challenges using LEGO®, K'Nex®, computers and recycled materials. Join us for an action-packed, fun-filled experience and STEAM through the summer!

Lori Alexander & Carl Avitia-Witt

#102 BASKETBALL FOR BEGINNERS

Grades 2-3

This class welcomes all beginners who want to learn the fundamentals of basketball by working on their skills through drills, while learning to defend and scrimmage each other. Students will also learn teamwork and good sportsmanship, and stay fit at the same time!

Paul Kumasaka

#103 EVERYDAY MUSICAL PATTERNS – JUST BEAT IT!

Grades 2-4

From Mozart to MC Hammer, students will listen to music from various eras and learn about the elements of sound. We will tie together patterns, silence and sounds while creating art inspired by the various composers and their music. Together we will explore the connectedness between science, math and art. Join us for a fantastic listening and artistic experience!

Jennifer Mack

#104 LET'S DANCE

Grades 2-5

Come and dance with us! We'll make your "Hands Clap" because Westside's finest dancers never fail to impress. You will experience the power of creative dance while developing confidence, problem-solving, perseverance and collaboration. Dancers will choreograph and perform their creations. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. Come join us for summer fun and show your moves. Let's dance!

Linda Brown

#105 STORIES THAT POP UP!

Grades 2-5

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Ila Sender

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Stephanie Neumann

#108 MATH GAME MANIA

Grades 2-5

Enrich your math skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, number sense, money and problem-solving. You will also improve your critical thinking while playing with dice, cards and math puzzles. Fridays are Math Mania days, where we play any of the games we have learned. The class ends with designing your own board game. Improve your math skills while having fun!

Rosio Medina

#109 PE FUN IN THE SUMMER

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We will play and build skills through a variety of PE games that are demonstrated throughout the school year. All our favorite games are designed to build sportsmanship, teamwork, cooperation, skills and FUN! We will play games from SPARK® PE, part of the current SMMUSD district-wide curriculum. New games and skills will be introduced as well. The importance of sportsmanship, daily aerobic activity, improving athleticism, warming up, staying hydrated, cooling down and maintaining a positive attitude will be emphasized.

Tony Murphy

#110 DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Grades 3-5

Are you a creatively-minded, tech-savvy kid looking for tons of fun? Join us and you'll be given an opportunity to learn and master the art of storytelling using animation technology, storyboards and digital tools that bring your stories to life! Come work in collaborative, story-interest groups and use iPads, iPods, desktop computers and digital cameras to perfect and publish your work. Stories will also be produced using clay, a variety of art materials, LEGOS®, still-life props and green screen. You will receive a flash drive or CD containing your stories, creations and productions to take home to share and enjoy. Are you ready to be a digital star?

Deborah Talbott

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#111 THE WONDERS OF READING

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Jeremy Munson

#113 & #213 ACTING-DRAMA

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Faron Isom

#114 FUN MATH GAMES

Grades 3-5

We will have fun while gaining confidence in mathematics. You will sharpen your number sense and build math proficiency while playing a variety of board games requiring addition, subtraction and multiplication, as well as higher-level problem-solving skills. Come have fun with math!

Christine Brewer

#115 CODING CHALLENGE WITH OLLIE AND DASH

Grades 3-5

Get into the driver’s seat! Put your coding skills to the test. Code Ollie and Dash robots to program tricks, navigate obstacles and follow your creative commands! You will have fun while learning and problem-solving, using a coding app on an iPad and watching your virtual coding come to life.

Kazuki Uema

#116 CHESS CHAMPIONS

Grades 4-5

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Gerardo Rodriguez

#117 CULTURE CLUB

Grades 4-5

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Audra Radcliffe

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#202 NATURE-MADE ART

Grades 2-4

It's not just another pile of sticks! Students will express themselves by creating art from found materials. We will explore a different art form each week by transforming materials discovered on campus nature walks into sculptures, pictures and mobiles. The environmental impact of trash on nature will be addressed, as well as the responsibility we have for the care of our planet.

Jennifer Mack

#203 & #303 SUMMER ADVENTURE THEATER COMPANY

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Jeremy Munson

#216 FINGERS WARM UP AND WORK OUT!

Grades 3-5

Ready, set, TYPE! Get your "digits" ready by learning how to position your fingers, sit with proper posture and learn to type. You will strengthen your digital knowledge through a mixture of keyboarding exercises and multi-subject games. Students will also learn how to find fun, safe and grade-appropriate academic games that will keep them motivated, challenged and learning at the same time. Weekly incentives will be provided to motivate students and encourage goal-setting and achievement. During our final week, students will receive a trophy and certificate to recognize and congratulate their individual achievement.

Deborah Talbott

#217 BUY OR SELL? STOCK MARKET SIMULATION

Grades 4-5

If someone gave you \$150,000, what would you do with it? In this fast-paced class, you will team up to learn about the stock market and create a personal investment portfolio. Each team will virtually invest \$150,000 in various stocks, while learning to track the progress of their investments using a variety of math skills. You will examine and monitor your profits and losses to determine if you should buy or sell, while reinforcing your math skills and having fun. Instruction will be adjusted to challenge and motivate the individual learning needs of all students.

Kazuki Uema

Period III

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#304 FABLES AND FRIENDS – DRAMA AND WRITING

Grades 2-4

If a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, this creative class is one to hold on to! During each of our five weeks together, students will explore a different classic tale and moral from Aesop's *Fables*, followed by imaginative play to determine their own personal spin on the story. Each student will create handmade books summarizing their storytelling. These keepsake books will reinforce the practical skill of self-publishing and the pride that follows when sharing their creativity with others.

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Stephanie Neumann

#308 BASKETBALL SKILLS FOR THRILLS!

Grades 2-5

Come learn essential basketball skills and fundamentals while making new friends! We will start with practice drills, then play games that reinforce teamwork, while promoting a positive attitude and sportsmanship. Rules, hustling, encouragement and FUN will be emphasized. We will use age-appropriate basketballs and courts. Basketball is a great sport that you can enjoy for a lifetime!

Tony Murphy

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Kazuki Uema

#311 WONDROUS WORDS

Grades 3-5

Calling all writers! Publish your own book! Students will be introduced to varying genres of writing, such as memoir, realistic fiction and fantasy. We will examine mentor texts, then choose one of the three genres to work through the writing process of collecting seed ideas, planning, draft writing, revising, editing and illustrating. Each student will publish his/her own book!

Paula Flynn

#312 INTERMEDIATE TENNIS

Grades 3-5

Can you keep a rally going and keep score? If the answer is yes, then you are ready for this intermediate tennis class. Students will focus on hitting with spin, both topspin and slice, continental serve grip to master the spin serve, lobs, drop shots and overall game strategies. The tennis balls, nets and court dimensions will be modified to facilitate successful rallying. Most importantly, we will focus on sportsmanship while having FUN! Come join us! Please bring your racquet. If you don't have one, an appropriately sized racquet will be provided for you.

Jeremy Munson

#313 CREATIVE WRITING ILLUSTRATED

Grades 3-5

Students will express their writing creativity and visual skills through guided instruction for writing short stories, such as mysteries, fantasies, adventures and poetry. We will follow the four-step process of drafting, editing, revising and final edition. Illustrations to enhance each story and poem will be encouraged. Students will produce a portfolio of completed works to share with family and friends.

Faron Isom

#314 GCCSR EXPLORATIONS: Gears, Circuits, Coding, Simple Machines & Robots

Grades 3-5

This class will provide a collaborative, hands-on experience creating various projects, with partners and teams, using **Gears, Circuits, Coding, Simple machines and Robotic materials**. Groups will collaborate and rotate, on a weekly basis, to create unique inventions utilizing one of the five components. Your imagination will be challenged while having fun working together and thinking creatively.

Deborah Talbott

#315 THE MAGIC OF NUMBERS

Grades 3-5

Have you heard about the greatest number ever discovered? Do you know the trick with 9s? Improve your basic math skills beyond your grade level, using a variety of fun math activities. Challenge yourself to figure out math puzzles using logic and reasoning. We will practice mental math and computation, use critical-thinking skills, play dice games, play money math, solve algebra problems and engage in math art projects and games. You may choose to do class activities with partners or in small groups. Strengthen your confidence in problem-solving as you apply your knowledge to create your own math game board. The Mathematical Mystery Tour is waiting to take you to The Magic of Numbers!

Ila Sender

#316 WELCOME, ALL SOCCER PLAYERS!

Grades 3-5

This class welcomes all beginning, intermediate and advanced players. Have fun interacting in skills drills, passing, dribbling and scoring lots of goals. Enjoy playing soccer while learning teamwork and sportsmanship, as well as getting some exercise. Improve your soccer skills and have fun at the same time!

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