

## **Summer Adventure – Middle School Class Descriptions for Students Entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*NOTICE: ALL CLASS OFFERINGS DEPEND ON ENROLLMENT.*

### **WEEK 1: June 24 – June 28**

#### **PERIOD A**

##### **#101A & #101B Cooking: Road to Trip Across America**

**\*\*\*This a two-period class.\*\*\***

Take a road trip through the United States, making different cuisines from each region of the country. From the Northeast to the Southwest, taste the foods that are considered a staple, depending on where you grew up. Come join us for a yummy and fun week!

##### **#102A Football**

Get into football season with a fun-filled class focusing on passing, catching and defense, as well as development strategies, plays, teamwork, rules and scoring. This class is action-packed with mini-games.

##### **#103A Drawing Fundamentals**

Learn the basic skills of drawing. Learn how to use light and dark shades to show depth of field, as well as different shading techniques: stippling, hatching, cross-hatching and blending. Experiment with different drawing materials like blending stumps, charcoal and conte sticks.

##### **#104A Marvel vs. DC**

Explore comic books and movies from the two leading franchises to see which one reigns supreme. See what there is to love and hate about the characters, worlds, storylines and movie-making skills of your favorite superheroes. Culminate with a multi-galaxy debate to decide if Marvel or DC takes the crown.

##### **#105A Music Production**

Ever listen to your favorite song and wonder how it all came together? Well, now you can be your own music producer while creating a track with techniques like layering, sampling and mixing! Learn how to use Garage Band to bring your musical ideas to life.

##### **#106A Middle School Masters**

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### **#107A RowLA Team**

Have fun while discovering the sport of rowing! Students will learn basic rowing techniques on the ergometer (rowing machine), learn about the boat and oars, get to watch some rowing videos, talk with and meet elite rowers, and participate in a rowing-related art project.

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### **#108B Basketball**

Come join us for some high-energy game time, where we will focus on the fundamentals of basketball. From dribbling to shooting and passing to guarding, we will cover the core skills and play tournaments to put your practice into action. See you on the court!

### **#109B Oil Pastel Party**

Oil pastel colors are versatile and fun to work with! Learn how to draw with oil pastels by smudging and mixing colors together to achieve different results. We will work on both still-life and landscapes.

### **#110B Comic Creation**

Be the star of your own comic! Take photographs or use sketches to make and transform them into a fun and exciting superhero digital adventure. Use techniques from comic book creators to give your story more POP!

### **#111B Greek Mythology**

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### **#112B Coding Racer**

Get into the driver's seat as you help Ollie, a racing robot, execute tricks, move about and take on student-created tracks. Race the other robot teams and see if you have what it takes to be a Coding Champion!

### **#113B Capoeira: Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts**

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that incorporates self-defense, dance, music, acrobatics and more! Participants will learn movements, songs, and how to play different instruments. Wear comfortable clothes.

## WEEK 2: July 1 – July 5

### PERIOD A

#### **#201A & #210B Cooking: Nailed It!**

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Come and test your decorating skills in our “Nailed It”-themed class. It’s all about the dessert – let’s see if you have what it takes to be the champion. Come join us for a yummy and fun week!

#### **#202A & #202B Silk Screening & Clay Creation**

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#### **#203A Soccer**

Spend time on the soccer field with our fun-filled activities! Progress through the many stages of the game to develop confidence, passing/shooting/dribbling techniques, and motor skills such as change of speed and change of direction.

#### **#204A Make a Splash with Watercolors**

Watercolors allow artists to expand their creativity with different textures, like making colors bleed, splatting, and even adding rubbing alcohol or salt for cool results. Come and experiment while making paint swatches and creating paintings of nature.

#### **#205A Comic-Con**

Comics are as popular as ever but how did these colorful booklets become treasured by so many? How did they gain the love of millions of fans? Learn about the history of comic books, from the influences of mythology to the reflection of the times, as various characters have changed to meet the new era.

#### **#206A Video Game Mania!**

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#### **#207A Point & Click Adventures**

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Let's hit the field and have a fun day of games, including Kick Ball, Dog Catcher, Capture the Flag, Steal the Bacon, Red Light/Green Light, Relay Races and more! Improve your coordination, stamina and overall fitness in a fun and exciting way.

### **#209B Painting through Art Movements**

From Impressionism to Expressionism to Pop Art, take a journey through different art movements and the artists associated with them. Pick your favorite style and create a canvas masterpiece mimicking the work that inspired you.

### **#210B Sidekicks & Villains**

The hero can't have it all. Sidekicks and villains have always served a great purpose in the comic world. Let's examine various sidekicks and villains to find similar traits and see what each adds to make the story come to life. Create your own villain to a known hero and construct their stats on how they complement/oppose the characters in the world.

### **#211B The Game of Life (aka “Adulging”)**

Can't wait to grow up? Ready for your own independence? In this simulation game, you get to be the grown-up. You will be given a yearly income and will have to budget your life in a city while searching for the best deals. Let's see if you can make the budget work.

### **#212B Shuffle the Deck**

Practice your poker face and develop your card game skills while working on your critical-thinking skills at the same time. Play your luck with classic card games like Hearts, Spades, Gin, Rummy and Poker. Help strengthen your memory, learn to consider risk, and have fun with a group of your peers, all with a deck of cards.

## WEEK 3: July 8 – July 12

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#### **#303A Art Design Elements**

Explore the basic elements of design: line shape, color, texture, form and more. Incorporate different art media and understanding of brand logos to design and? create your own logo or music album cover.

#### **#304A Comic Character Evolution**

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### **#312B Engineering 101**

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## WEEK 4: July 15 – July 19

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