2021 Virtual Spring Camp
(J2-J4)

We are pleased to announce the Spring Break Virtual Camp.

The goal of the program is to offer a series of activities that the students will enjoy participating in, a series of activities and that will bring the students a new learning experience and a sense of accomplishment at the end of the break.

The covid virus pandemic is a historical once in a life time extraordinary experience. Write Your Own Story on the Pandemic gives the students the chance to write their own story on the pandemic. It teaches the students the profoundly valuable craft of storytelling in a way that they will fall in love with writing. This program is provided by “Written Out Loud” directed by Joshua Shelov a graduate and an adjunct professor at Yale. The Chess is known to enhance students’ executive functioning skills. The instruction is provided by US Chess Academy. The Etiquette teaches the soft skills essential to everyday life. The Fairy Tale Mock Trial helps the students develop analytical abilities and communication skills. The program is a hands-on simulation of the American judicial system. The Self Defense/ Bully Proof, unlike martial arts, teaches to place emphasis on the avoidance of conflict and assertive mediation tactics. Both these programs are conducted by Dedimus Potestatem.

The descriptions of the programs are included in the next pages of this brochure. For more information please contact:

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**Week 1:** April 5-9
**Week 2:** April 12-16

**Morning:**
9:30AM to 11:30AM

**Afternoon:**
9:30AM to 11:30AM

**FEES:** Weekly: $380
(Morning or Afternoon)

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**MORNING**
9:30AM-11:30AM

- Write Your Own Story on the Pandemic
- Fairy Tale Mock Trial & Self Defense Bully Proof
- Etiquette & Self Defense Bully Proof

**AFTERNOON**
1:30PM-3:30PM

- Chess Instruction & Games
WRITE YOUR OWN STORY ON THE PANDEMIC

The Written Out Loud storytelling program provides the students with inspiring activities every day, including opportunities to meet and brainstorm with collaborators in the “Writers’ Room”.

The program is designed to put every storyteller in a position to create with confidence and joy. These are joyful creative sessions, featuring storytelling games, activities, and exercises.

The students’ individual writing skill will grow by leaps and bounds. And so will their courage, collaborative spirit, and empathy.

The “Written Out Loud” founder and CEO Joshua Shelov who created the first version of this program in 2007 as an undergraduate seminar at Yale, where he is a graduate and an adjunct professor. The program grew from there, developing into an in person “storytelling school” for middle- and high-schoolers in Fairfield, CT, and Chicago. The pandemic of 2020 spurred the pivot into the virtual/Zoom world, where it has exploded into an international program with hundreds of happy storytellers and families.

CHESS

Multiple studies indicate that youngsters who learn and practice chess enjoy remarkable growth in areas as diverse as math, language, music and science.

Logical Thinking
Chess enhances children's executive functioning skills enabling them to plan ahead, reason strategically, shift gears and solve problems.

Empathy, Risk-Taking & Resilience
Young chess players strengthen their resilience and the ability to return and try again after a setback. They build empathy for their teammates and their opponents. They grow as risk takers, ready to jump in when they spot an opportunity.
FAIRY TALE MOCK TRIAL

This is a hands-on simulation of the American judicial system done through the role play of characters in children’s favorite stories. The goal is to help the students develop analytical abilities and communication skills, and gain an understanding of their obligations and responsibilities as participating members of society. To do this, students write a trial script and play the roles of attorney, witness, defendant, plaintiff and Judge. Students learn to present evidence, voice objections, answer impromptu questions from the other attorneys, how to impeach witnesses and deliver compelling opening and closing statements. This program is conducted by Didemus Potestatem. Fairy Tale Mock Trial is a hands-on simulation of the American judicial system.

ETIQUETTE

In this class, the students will explore appropriate language for quotidian and special occasions, how to enter and leave conversations, proper table behavior for different scenarios, effective strategies for conflict resolution and negotiation, the importance of tone, expression, and body language in every social interaction and why manners and soft skills are essential to a successful life. This class is conducted by “Dedimus Potestatem.

BULLY PROOF SELF DEFENSE

"Bully Proof" with Krav Maga is a self-defense system focused on mindfulness, awareness and de-escalation. In this course, the Instructors teach kids to avoid possible perilous situations and assert themselves by using their voice, body language and defensive strategies. Unlike martial arts, Bully Proof places emphasis on the avoidance of conflict and assertive mediation tactics. Krav Maga gives kids the tools to protect themselves and advocate while instilling confidence and discipline.