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2024 LEAD COURSE CATALOG

Grades 1 - 8



LAGUNA BEACH
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Program Overview

Welcome to the LEAD summer program! The mission of LEAD is to give students in LBUSD the opportunity to learn, enrich, advance, and discover by exploring a new interest or passion. LEAD courses are free of cost for all current and continuing LBUSD students. Our classes address academic topics, social-emotional wellness, physical fitness, the arts, technology, and many other high-interest areas. Our talented Laguna Beach Unified teachers and staff from Strategic Kids and Staci Bina's Yoga Academy are excited to work with students to develop new skills and build meaningful connections this summer. The breadth of our LEAD classes reflects the commitment of our teachers to their student's educational development.

All LEAD classes will be held on the Thurston Middle School campus, at 2100 Park Avenue, from July 22 to 26 and July 29 to August 2. Students can attend one, two, or even three classes per week. Students can register for just one week or both weeks of the program. The day is broken into three periods or "sections." Period A runs from 8 to 10 a.m. Period B runs from 10:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. The last class of the day is Period C, which runs from 12:35 to 2:35 p.m. Any student registered for Period B and Period C will also be provided lunch daily.

How to Register

Registration for classes is always based on the child's incoming grade level. Choose classes for the grade that your child will enter in the fall of 2024.

During the registration process, we will do our best to accommodate your class selections. Our staff will review the registration submissions in the order they were received, and **you will be notified of your student's schedule by April 19**. We cannot guarantee availability in your first, second, or third choice classes, but we will strive to honor your selections based on availability at the time of your enrollment. If we are unable to offer you a spot in your first, second, or third choice classes, we will contact you to find a class that meets your needs.

We can only accept one registration form per child. **Please be certain of your selections before submitting your registration form.** Changes or additions to your registration cannot be made until April 19. Submitting multiple registration forms for the same child to change or add classes does not override previous registrations. Instead, it results in duplicate registrations, which will be deleted by our staff. For more information, please contact LEAD Program Director **Randi Beckley** at rbeckley@lbusd.org.

Grade Level	Registration Date	Registration Form
Incoming Grades 1-2	Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m.	• REGISTER GRADES 1-2
Incoming Grades 3-4	Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m.	• REGISTER GRADES 3-4
Incoming Grades 5-8	Wed., March 27 at 6 p.m.	• REGISTER GRADES 5-6 • REGISTER GRADES 7-8

Busing

Busing will be offered at a flat rate of \$50 for round-trip passes and \$25 for one-way transportation, with bus passes being non-refundable, for both weeks of LEAD. The service schedule is limited to an 8 a.m. arrival for Period A and departures at 2:35 p.m. after Period C. Transportation to the Boys and Girls Club will be provided for students needing extended day programming. [Bus routes may be viewed here](#). Bus passes are available for purchase on or after April 19 on the [LBUSD Transportation page](#). Students who receive a district-paid bus pass during the school year must request a summer LEAD pass by emailing transportation@lbusd.org.

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Kick Start Soccer (gr. 1-2) Reader's Theater (gr. 1-2) Kids Hip Hop (gr. 1-3) Handwriting Skills (gr. 1-2) Lego Architecture: Thru the Ages (gr. 1-2) Magic School Bus Comes Alive (gr. 1-2) Math Boost 1.0 (gr. 2-3) Gross Science, Junior (gr. 3-4) In Our Writing Era 1.0 (gr. 3-4) Tropical Rainforest Adventures (gr. 3-4) Engineering 1.0: Let's Take Flight (gr. 3-4) Strategic Chess (gr. 3-4) Masters of the Field (gr. 3-4) Art Exploration (gr. 4-5) Fun With Video Production (gr. 4-5) 5th Grade Math Masters (gr. 5 only) Confections 1.0 (gr. 5-6) Dryland Training (gr. 5-6) Middle School Student's Guide (gr. 5-6) Service Learning (gr. 5-6) Math 6 Readiness 1.0 (gr. 6 only) Band (gr. 6-8) Inventor's Workshop (gr. 6-8) Yoga for Middle Schoolers (gr. 6-8) Fashion Design: The Secrets of Style (gr. 7-8) Young Entrepreneurs (gr. 7-8)	Under the Big Top (gr. 1-2) Let's Learn Spanish! (gr. 1-2) Masters of the Field (gr. 1-2) Grow Your Mindset (gr. 1-2) Strategic Chess (gr. 1-2) Exploring Music (gr. 1-2) Yoga (gr. 1-3) Next Level Soccer (gr. 3-4) Volleyball for Beginners (gr. 3-4) Crafting (gr. 3-4) Kids Dance Party (gr. 3-5) Left Brain vs. Right Brain Challenge (gr. 3-4) 4th Grade Math Maniacs (gr. 4 only) Gamified Math: x & Div. Facts (gr. 4-5) Podcasting Perspectives (gr. 4-5) Gross Science (gr. 5-6) Engineering 2.0: Product Prototype (gr. 5-6) Fashion Design: The Secrets of Style (gr. 5-6) In Our Writing Era 2.0 (gr. 5-6) Young Entrepreneurs (gr. 5-6) Video Production (gr. 6-8) Plan Your Ultimate Dream Vacation! (gr. 6-8) Strings (gr. 6-8) Art Party! (gr. 6-8) Money Matters (gr. 6-8) Math 7 Readiness 1.0 (gr. 7 only)	Discover & Create (gr. 1-2) Mindfulness and Coloring (gr. 1-2) Cheerleading: Rising Stars (gr. 1-2) Kids' Line Dancing Fun (gr. 1-2) Masters of the Field (gr. 1-2) Magic School Bus Book Club (gr. 1-2) 3rd Grade Math Minions (gr. 3 only) Fun With Spanish and Crafting (gr. 3-4) Ocean Wonders (gr. 3-4) Exploring STEAM (gr. 3-4) Early Career Exploration (gr. 3-4) Game Design for Beginners (gr. 3-4) Yoga (gr. 3-5) Unlocking Mathematical Mysteries (gr. 4-5) Fun With Photography (gr. 4-5) Fashion Design: Signature Style (gr. 5-6) Intro to Musical Theatre (gr. 5-6) Young Entrepreneurs (gr. 5-6) Strategic Chess (gr. 5-6) Intro to LBHS Dance (gr. 6-8) Percussion/Drumming (gr. 6-8) Fun With Fibers and Textiles (gr. 6-8) Left Brain vs. Right Brain Challenge (gr. 6-8) Investigate Gross Science (gr. 7-8) Confections 2.0 (gr. 7-8) Math 8 Readiness 1.0 (gr. 8 only)

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Course Descriptions

3rd Grade Math Minions

Incoming grade 3

Week 1 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Maggen Haverland

Course Description: Immerse your child in a dynamic and personalized math experience with our Summer CGI Math Boost for 3rd Graders! CGI, or Cognitively Guided Instruction, forms the backbone of this course, focusing on the development of mathematical thinking through real-world problem-solving scenarios. This interactive and hands-on program is designed to ignite curiosity, foster a love for mathematics, and empower students to apply their understanding in meaningful ways. We will explore a variety of problems that encourage critical thinking and creative approaches. Foster communication and collaboration as students participate in math talks and discussions. Share problem-solving strategies, explain thought processes, and build a supportive math community. We will utilize a variety of hands-on manipulatives to deepen understanding. From counters to geometric shapes, students will interact with tangible tools to solidify mathematical concepts and strengthen their understanding of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division through interactive activities and games.

4th Grade Math Maniacs

Incoming grade 4

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Week 2 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Maggen Haverland

Course Description: Embark on a mathematical journey filled with exploration, problem-solving, and creativity in our Summer CGI Math Boost for 4th Graders! Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) takes center stage in this course, empowering students to deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts through real-world scenarios. With a focus on critical thinking, collaborative discussions, and hands-on activities, this program is tailored to make math come alive and set the stage for a successful academic year ahead. Dive into the realm of fractions! Students will understand the concept of parts and wholes and explore equivalent fractions through hands-on activities and visual aids. Venture into the world of decimals where we will learn to read and write decimals. Apply decimal concepts to money and real-world scenarios for practical understanding.

5th Grade Math Masters

Incoming grade 5

Week 1/2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Maggen Haverland

Course Description: Begin a mathematical journey like never before with our Incoming 5th Grade Summer CGI Math Boost! Designed based on the principles of Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), this course invites students to explore, discuss, and solve real-world math problems in ways that foster deep understanding and critical thinking. Get ready for an interactive and engaging summer where mathematical adventures await! Dive into the intricacies of fractions and decimals! Understand operations involving fractions and decimals, explore equivalency and apply these concepts to real-world scenarios for practical proficiency. Students will unleash their inner data scientists as we delve into collecting and interpreting data. Create colorful graphs and charts, and draw conclusions from the information presented.

Academic Bridge Course

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Melinda Witt

Course Description: In this class, we will review key concepts needed to succeed in 4th and 5th grade. Although it is academic, we will use fun strategies and games to teach these concepts. The main concepts covered will be math, reading, and grammar. This class is designed to help students retain basic academic foundations that are often not practiced or are forgotten over summer break. This is perfect for those students traveling over the summer or who are in other activities such as Junior Lifeguards, who can't commit to the normal 4-week summer school courses.

Art Exploration

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 1/2 | 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Ivy Leighton

Course Description: In this class, we will learn about some of the basic driving concepts of art and how to practice those concepts using different materials, mediums, and techniques. We will learn about and explore watercolor techniques, colored pencils, shading with a graphite pencil, and black-and-white line drawing. No experience is necessary for this class; students should be prepared to try their best, learn something new, and experiment while learning new concepts and perfecting older ones!

Art Party!

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 1/2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Ivy Leighton

Course Description: In this class, we will be creating an altered book! We will take an existing book from a thrift store or library bookstore and transform the pages into works of art! We will use various materials, techniques, and mediums to alter the pages and covers, including collage, painting, drawing and cutting the pages. The best part is that most books are long, and we cannot reconstruct every page, so this is just the beginning! Students can take their books home after this week-long class and continue to modify the book in whatever way pleases them! No experience is necessary for this class; students should be prepared to try their best, learn something new, and experiment while learning new concepts and perfecting older ones!

Band

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Steven Wade

Course Description: Students will play fun and challenging music to be able to gain fundamental skills in music performance. Band includes winds & percussion instruments, such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, baritone, trombone, tuba, drums, and piano. All students interested in studying music are welcome. No experience or instrument required. All students will be provided a school instrument if they don't have their own.

Battle Royale Sports Camp

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A); 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Strategic Kids Staff

Course Description: Strategic Kids' Battle Royale program will challenge students' ability to work together through teamwork, problem solving, strategizing, and critical thinking. In this thrilling, highly competitive program, students will be placed into teams which will compete against each other to earn points. Teams will go through a variety of different games, sports, and challenges that will require students to work together to lead their team to victory. Through every challenge, you'll develop essential life skills like communication, problem-solving, and strategic planning – all while having a blast with your teammates! Every triumph earns your team points, and the team with the highest score at the end will be crowned the champions! But remember, true victory lies in the bonds you forge along the way. Will your team have what it takes in this epic team battle?

Beginning Jazz

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Steven Wade

Course Description: Jazz is one of the most fun and expressive art forms. This class will introduce you to jazz concepts such as style, technique and improvisation. We will learn how to listen to jazz and identify the various styles. Previous experience playing an instrument is required, although all instruments are welcome.

Buggin' Out

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Shelley Juhl-O'Brien

Course Description: We are going to celebrate the wonderful world of bugs and insects through a variety of hands-on art activities and crafts. From colorful butterflies to industrious ants, students will have the chance to discover the beauty and wonder of these fascinating creatures while expressing themselves artistically. Students will bring their favorite insects to life on canvas using tempera paint. We will explore the anatomy and behavior of different bugs through educational presentations and interactive discussions. They will learn fascinating facts about insects and their importance in the ecosystem. Our craft will be a bug-inspired masterpiece using recycled materials, encouraging creativity while promoting environmental awareness and sustainability.

Cartooning

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Strategic Kids Staff

Course Description: We keep it simple and silly as kids draw with easy to follow, step-by-step instructions. Students will quickly learn how to draw all sorts of different cartoons. They will learn basic cartooning skills and how to bring inanimate objects to life and as well as bringing silly personalities to everyday living creatures. Students will also learn each day more about what they are drawing. Subjects vary each session and class. From sea creatures to geometric shapes, the opportunities are endless, including the fun!

Cheerleading: Rising Stars

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Sarah Benson

Course Description: This class is designed for elementary students in grades 1-2 to learn the fundamentals of cheerleading. Students will learn basic cheer movements, jumps, cheers, and dances in a fun and inclusive environment. In addition to learning the basics and developing coordination, we will focus on confidence, strong character, and team spirit. This class will culminate in a performance for families at the end of the week!

Cheerleading: Shining Stars

Incoming grades 3-5

Week 2 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Sarah Benson

Course Description: This class is designed for elementary students in grades 3-5 to learn and improve on the basic and intermediate movements of cheerleading. Students will learn cheers, jumps, and dances in a fun and inclusive environment. Students will also engage in activities that help develop confidence, strong character, and team spirit. This class will culminate in a performance for families at the end of the week!

CodeCrafters: Unleash Your Digital Potential

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Jay Williams

Course Description: Welcome to our coding class, where students will embark on an exciting journey into the world of computer programming and software development. In this class, students will learn the basics of coding languages such as Python, JavaScript, and HTML/CSS. They will explore the concepts of variables, loops, conditionals, functions, and more. Students will be guided through hands-on projects, allowing them to create their own games and websites. This class is perfect for beginners and or experienced coders who are curious about coding and want to develop valuable tech skills for the future. Join us and discover the endless possibilities of coding!

Confections 1.0

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 1/2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Nadia Hart

Course Description: We will cover the history and science behind today's most loved confectionary treats. Mrs. Hart will bring her experience as a cottage food baker to teach students how to make tasty desserts and candies such as truffles, ice cream, and bon bons. Students will bring home tried and true, simple recipes as well as samples they created in class. Note: please make sure teacher is aware of all allergies, as we will use ingredients that contain soy, dairy, and wheat or have been processed in facilities that contain common allergens.

Confections 2.0

Incoming grades 7-8

Week 1 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Nadia Hart

Course Description: We will cover the history and science behind even more of today's most loved confectionary treats. Mrs. Hart will bring her experience as a cottage food baker to teach students how to make tasty desserts and candies such as crystal sugar, cake pops, and bonbons. Students will bring home tried, simple recipes as well as samples they created in class. Confections 101 is not a prerequisite to this course. Students may come to both sessions to learn even more recipes! **NOTE:** Please make sure teacher is aware of all allergies, as we will use ingredients that contain soy, dairy, and wheat or have been processed in facilities that contain common allergens.

Craft Your Way to Creativity

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Danica Mitchell

Course Description: Is your child ready to take their creativity to the next level? This week-long program is packed with exciting and engaging activities that will push their artistic abilities to the limit. With two daily activities, including Painted Rocks, Clay Creations, String Art, DIY Tote Bags, and more, your child will have a blast learning new skills and making new friends. Mrs. Mitchell will provide guidance and support to help your child explore their artistic talents and develop new techniques.

Crafting

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Melinda Witt

Course Description: Unleash your inner artist and explore a world of creativity in this thrilling arts and crafts class! Get ready to splash bold colors on your canvas, sketch captivating scenes, and collage your imagination into reality. This class is your chance to break free and express yourself through a variety of mediums, all while having tons of fun along the way!

Discover & Create

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Danica Mitchell

Course Description: Looking for a summer activity that will spark your child's creativity? This week-long program is packed with exciting and engaging activities that will inspire and delight. With two activities each day, including Paper Plate Animals, Play Dough Creations, Suncatchers, Beading Fun, and more! Your child will have a blast learning new skills and making new friends. Mrs. Mitchell will guide them through each activity, providing hands-on instruction and plenty of encouragement.

Dryland Training

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Brett Bond

Course Description: Engage in a variety of fitness activities designed to enhance strength, agility, and endurance. Dryland exercises will focus on building core strength, flexibility, and overall athleticism, laying a solid foundation for aquatic sports.

Early Career Exploration

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Melinda Witt

Course Description: Are you curious about what grown-ups do for work? This class is like a detective agency for careers! We'll be exploring different jobs around town and figuring out what it takes to do them. Want to be a doctor? A teacher? Maybe even an astronaut? We'll help you research exciting careers that interest you. Along the way, you'll learn important skills like working together in groups, setting goals, and talking confidently about your plans. This class is all about learning about different jobs, discovering your own interests, and developing interpersonal skills.

Engineering 1.0: Let's Take Flight

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Kristine Kirkpatrick

Course Description: Join us for a week of thrilling engineering exploration. From crafting catapults and designing planes to building parachutes and twirling toys, we will explore the world of flight with hands-on activities that ignite your creativity and problem-solving skills. We will learn the principles of physics and aerodynamics while fostering teamwork and collaboration. Don't miss this opportunity to soar to new heights and ignite a passion for innovation. No previous experience in engineering is necessary to enjoy this camp.

Engineering 2.0: Product Prototype

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Kristine Kirkpatrick

Course Description: In this hands-on workshop, students will tackle real-world challenges by designing and building their own products using a variety of materials. Whether it's creating a device to tackle environmental issues, or inventing a new gadget to simplify everyday tasks, you will have the opportunity to unleash your creativity and engineering skills. From the initial concept to the final prototype, students will work collaboratively to bring their ideas to life, learning valuable lessons in teamwork, communication, and critical thinking. But the excitement doesn't stop there – students will also have the chance to flex their marketing muscles by producing and filming commercials to promote their inventions to the world. No previous experience in engineering is necessary to enjoy this camp, and prior participation in Engineering 1.0 is not required.

Eras Tour, Laguna Beach Version

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Megan Merda

Course Description: This class is all about exploring joy and creativity through the music and style of Taylor Swift! Each day activities will be planned around the spirit of Taylor Swift's music, all while having fun and expressing ourselves through dance and crafts. From country line dancing to pop style choreography, we'll explore a variety of dance styles and create dances and games around Taylor Swift's music. The fun won't stop at dancing...we'll also have Taylor Swift themed activities, crafts, will keep us entertained too! Friendship bracelets, fan mail, and sing-along sessions are sure to create lasting memories in a fun-filled setting.

Exploring Music

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Steven Wade

Course Description: Calling all aspiring musicians! Get ready to rock out with Intro to Music, a fun-filled five-day program designed to introduce first and second graders to the exciting world of music performance and instruments. Your child will get hands-on experience with exciting instruments like keyboards, drums, maracas, tambourines and shakers. We'll learn catchy tunes, explore the basics of rhythm and melody, and even invent our own silly songs. This class will help students connect with music on their level including discovering why they like music, how it affects them and why it can bring joy to everything they do. We'll incorporate fun movement activities and creative games to build coordination and a sense of rhythm. This program is not just about learning; it's also about building friendships and fostering a love for music!

Exploring STEAM

Incoming grades 3-4 and 5-6

Week 1: Grades 3-4 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Week 2: Grades 5-6 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Kristine Kirkpatrick

Course Description: Throughout the week, participants will delve into a variety of **STEAM** topics designed to ignite curiosity, inspire creativity, and foster a love for learning in a supportive and fun environment.

Science: Take a stroll through nature as we observe and sketch the local flora and fauna, discovering the importance of biodiversity in our ecosystem.

Technology: Dive into the world of coding with interactive games and challenges, where campers will learn basic coding concepts, sharpening problem-solving skills and computational thinking.

Engineering: Get hands-on with engineering challenges, constructing bridges, towers, and structures using everyday materials like popsicle sticks, straws, and tape. Collaborate with peers to design and innovate solutions to engineering problems, cultivating teamwork and unleashing creativity.

Art: Unleash artistic expression through a variety of creative challenges, including painting, drawing, sculpting, and crafting, where campers can explore their imagination and create masterpieces.

Math: Explore mathematical wonders through engaging activities and interactive challenges, delving into concepts such as geometry, patterns, and measurements. Engage in group activities and friendly competitions to enhance mathematical reasoning and teamwork skills.

Every 20 Steps Photo Challenge

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 2: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Nikol King

Course Description: This captivating course combines mindfulness, self-reflection, and a fun photography activity. Perfect for inquisitive students looking to explore their daily lives in a new light! Students will capture their microenvironment through photographs and capture their observations in written descriptions after each photo session. The emphasis is on pausing to appreciate the beauty around us. Daily activities include:

- Utilizing cell phones or Chromebooks for photography.
- Reflecting on the photos through sketching and journaling.
- Describing what they observe every twenty steps taken around the campus.

At the end of the week, students will compile their collections in a digital book and share their work during a gallery walk. This class is perfect for those with an interest in photography, journaling, journalism, and/or creative writing. No experience necessary!

Fashion Design: Craft Your Signature Style

Incoming grades 5-6 and 7-8

Week 1: Grades 5-6 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Week 2: Grades 7-8 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Colleen Kirtz

Course Description: Fashion industry expert Colleen Kirtz takes the lead in this captivating exploration of fashion aesthetics. Learn to speak the language of style as you sculpt your unique fashion vision with expert guidance. From mastering the principles of balance, harmony, and proportion to comprehending the elements of color, texture, and pattern, this course is your golden ticket to creating visually stunning designs. Colleen's firsthand experiences at Oakley, Nike, Hurley, and Mitchell & Ness add an extra layer of excitement and relevance to the course, providing you with insider knowledge that elevates your skills to new heights.

Fashion Design: The Secrets of Style

Incoming grades 5-6 and 7-8

Week 1: Grades 7-8 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A); **Grades 5-6** | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Colleen Kirtz

Course Description: Join fashion industry expert Colleen Kirtz as she shares her invaluable experiences at Oakley, Nike, Hurley, and Mitchell & Ness, providing unique insights into the dynamic world of fashion. Embark on an enthralling exploration into the origins of fashion, unraveling the rich tapestry of history and decoding the evolution of clothing from ancient styles to cutting-edge trends. Discover the intriguing "why" behind fashion, and enjoy an exclusive backstage pass to the ever-evolving landscape of the fashion industry. Delve into iconic moments and groundbreaking innovations that have shaped the runway, setting the stage for your own exciting fashion journey!

Find Your Groove

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2: 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Steven Wade

Course Description: Think you're not musically inclined? Think again! This dynamic five-day summer camp is all about discovering the hidden musician within you. We'll get you up close and personal with a variety of cool instruments such as keyboards, drums, brass, strings and even some surprises! We can also help you advance on your current instrument if you play one. This is your chance to explore their sounds, learn basic techniques, and discover which one speaks to your inner rockstar. We'll delve into the fascinating history of music, exploring different genres from around the world. We'll even explore the science behind sound and how instruments create music. This course is the perfect way to step outside your comfort zone, discover a hidden talent, and have a blast making music with friends. Let's turn up the volume on your summer and see where your musical journey takes you!

Forensics 1.0: The Mystery of the Missing Class Pet

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 8 - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Kristine Kirkpatrick

Course Description: Young detectives will embark on an exciting adventure to solve the mystery of our missing class pet. Through hands-on activities, campers will learn essential forensic science skills, including evidence collection and analysis. They'll explore a mock crime scene, gathering clues like fur, footprints, and chewed objects, and then use magnifying glasses to examine them closely. Working in teams, students will develop hypotheses, investigate suspects, and ultimately crack the case. No previous experience in forensics is necessary to enjoy this camp.

Forensics 2.0: The Mystery of the Stolen Jewel of Thurston

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Kristine Kirkpatrick

Course Description: Young detectives will delve into the captivating world of forensic science as they embark on a mission to solve the perplexing case of the stolen Jewel of Thurston from the esteemed City Museum. Through immersive activities and hands-on investigation, students will gather clues, analyze fingerprints, decipher cryptic messages, and utilize microscopes to observe evidence. Collaborating in teams, students will formulate hypotheses, examine suspects, and ultimately solve the case to apprehend the cunning thief and restore the priceless treasure to its rightful home. No previous experience in forensics is necessary to enjoy this camp and prior participation in Forensics 1.0 is not required.

Fun with Card Games

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Brett Bond

Course Description: Welcome to the world of card games, where excitement and strategy come together for a fantastic time! In this class, kids will dive into the joy of playing card games, learning new skills, and fostering social connections. The focus is on introducing a variety of entertaining and age-appropriate card games that will keep the class engaged and having a blast.

Fun With Fibers and Textiles

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 1/2 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Ivy Leighton

Course Description: In this class, we will learn about multiple ways to alter fabrics! We will learn how to ice dye, indigo dye, stamp, and embroider on cloth. Ice dyeing is a very experimental, experiential, and exciting way to dye fabrics. We will apply the dye by sprinkling it over a bed of ice covering our clothing item, tote bag, pillow case, or fabric which creates amazingly complex blooms of color. Indigo dye produces a rich, beautiful blue-green tone on fabric or clothing by binding it like tie-dye, creating shapes of the base color. We will learn how to carve a piece of linoleum and print it using fabric ink onto tote bags or t-shirts, which is an easy process to do at home that can be customized in many ways! Finally, embroidery will carry us through this week-long class, as we will have time in which we are waiting for dye to set on our fabric. We will learn multiple types of stitches, and then create a final project in the form of a tote bag, or students can bring a non-stretch denim item to embroider on. No experience is necessary for this class; instead, students should be prepared to try their best, learn something new, and experiment!

Fun With Graphic Design

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Andy Crisp

Course Description: Learn the basics of graphic design to create your own posters or t-shirts using Canva! After creating your unique designs, use a professional printer/cutter or direct-to-garment printer to bring those designs to life. Each student will walk away with something they've created from scratch and simultaneously learn real-world graphic design skills along the way, skills utilized by industry professionals daily.

Fun With Photography

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 1 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Andy Crisp

Course Description: This engaging photography course is designed for young enthusiasts eager to explore the world of photography! We'll dive into the basics of using a camera, understanding the importance of light, and composing images that tell a story. By the conclusion of the course, students will present a collection of their work, showcasing their newfound skills!

Fun with Spanish and Crafting

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 12:35 p.m.-2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m.-12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Guadalupe Long

Course Description: A Spanish program for beginners! The program will focus on introducing new vocabulary, writing short phrases, commands, and pronunciation in a fun and interactive way. In addition, students will have the chance to participate in engaging cultural activities like jewelry making, which will help them develop a deeper appreciation for the Spanish language and culture. Students will truly enjoy these hands-on activities and benefit greatly from this program. Enroll your child today!

Fun with Video Production

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Andy Crisp

Course Description: Learn the basics of shooting and editing videos! Develop a story idea with a friend, then turn that idea into an actual video! Learn how to shoot and edit your movie in a fun, creative learning environment, and leave with your own finished video to share with family and friends!

Game Design for Beginners

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Leah Prettyman

Course Description: Calling All Young Game Designers! Want to turn learning into a BLAST? During this 5-day game creation camp for beginners, you'll be learning the basics of game-making using awesome, school-friendly programs like Gimkit, Blooket, Kahoot!, Quizizz, and Tynker. Imagine creating super fun quizzes for any subject, action-packed review games, and learning adventures with your own characters! This camp is perfect for 3rd and 4th graders who love games and want to learn something new. Get ready to unleash your creativity, build awesome games, and have a ton of fun along the way!

Gamified Math: Addition and Subtraction Facts

Incoming grades 2-3

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Nadia Hart

Course Description: Let's review those math facts! Students will review addition and subtraction using platforms like Blooket and Quizizz. We will also play hands-on games and board games and create our own board games or learning games to have fun practicing our math skills with one another.

Gamified Math: Multiplication and Division Facts

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Nadia Hart

Course Description: Students will review multiplication and division using platforms like GimKit. We will also play hands-on games and board games and create our own board games or learning games to play with one another.

Graphic Design

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Andy Crisp

Course Description: Learn how to use graphic design to create your own clothing, stickers, or posters in Adobe Illustrator! After creating your unique designs, use a professional printer/cutter or direct-to-garment printer to bring those designs to life. Each student will walk away with something they've created from scratch and simultaneously learn real-world graphic design skills along the way, skills utilized by industry professionals daily.

Gross Science

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 1/2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Jennifer Kim

Course Description: Understand the science behind what makes you say "GROSS!" You will explore topics such as bacteria, mucus, fart, and urine while handling gooey, slimy, and smelly things. You'll examine bugs, perform a dissection, and discover how certain body systems function.

Gross Science, Junior

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1/2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Jennifer Kim

Course Description: Learn the science behind what makes you say "EW!" In this 1 week course, you will use your 5 senses to explore and learn about germs, bugs, and body systems of people and animals. You will even perform a dissection! Each day we will focus on using a different sense to explore gross science.

Grow Your Mindset

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Brett Bond

Course Description: Welcome to the exciting world of Growth Mindset! In this class, primary students will embark on a journey of self-discovery, learning, and resilience. The focus is on cultivating a growth mindset, a powerful mindset that empowers students to embrace challenges, persevere through setbacks, and view effort as the path to mastery. Students, come to class ready to listen, move, create, breathe, and connect!

Handwriting Skills

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1/2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Cherie Francis, LaunchPad Occupational Therapist

Course Description: Success in handwriting is not reliant on practice alone. This course focuses on the foundational skills for handwriting. The session will be divided into three sections to include: 1) Fun gross motor games (e.g. obstacle courses, climbing with visual targeting) that develop core strength and visual motor skills; 2) Craft Creations that will develop fine motor skills essential for proper grip and endurance for writing; and 3) Handwriting practice under the supervision of licensed occupational therapists in which the students learn handwriting mechanics. **Handwriting Without Tears** curriculum will be used in conjunction with activities and exercises to improve core strength, dynamic control, proper grip, proper letter formation, spatial awareness, and proprioception. Prep for writing activities will include sensory strategies for ultimate success. Each day, students will add a take home activity to their kit. On the last day, students will receive a certificate of completion, their fine motor kit and handwriting book at a ceremony celebrating their work.

Hoops Academy

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Jay Williams

Course Description: This Class is designed for students of all skill levels who want to learn about the game of basketball. We will focus on developing fundamental skills such as dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense. The camp will also include teamwork-building exercises, strategy discussions, and game simulations to help students understand the dynamics of playing as a team. Participants will have the opportunity to improve their physical fitness, enhance their basketball IQ, and have fun in a positive and supportive environment. Join us for a week of basketball, friendship, and skill-building!

In Our Writing Era 1.0

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Marie Bammer

Course Description: Calling all Super Song Fans! Do you love singing along to your favorite songs and imagining the stories they tell? This class is all about making your own stories sparkle just like your favorite songs! We'll learn special tricks called "figurative language" that help writers paint pictures with words, just like in your favorite songs. We'll make cool friendship bracelets along the way, too! To celebrate everyone's awesome writing, we'll have a fun dress-up and dance party on Friday!

In Our Writing Era 2.0

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Marie Bammer

Course Description: Calling all Swifties! This is a class on figurative language. Have you ever sung along to one of her songs and wondered how she so vividly conveys how she is feeling? It's all about using various kinds of figurative language to make your writing stand out! We will explore creative writing through this lens. Of course we will fit in some friendship bracelet making, too. On Friday we will end with a dress as your favorite era dance party, and celebrate the week's hard work and great writing, of course!

Inspired by Nature

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Shelley Juhl-O'Brien

Course Description: This is where creativity meets the wonders of nature! Our class is designed to ignite your imagination through hands-on artistic exploration inspired by the beauty of the natural world. Students will create stunning landscapes using tempera paint on canvas, drawing inspiration from majestic mountains, serene forests, and tranquil rivers. Our craft will be rock painting that focuses on Aboriginal dot painting and a snack that will focus on the outdoors, plants, animals, and more. Through engaging activities, group discussions, and outdoor excursions, we aim to inspire a lifelong love for both art and nature.

Intro to LBHS Dance

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Estee Fratzke

Course Description: This class is designed for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who are interested in the Dance program at LBHS. The session will include a variety of dance genres that are taught within the LBHS Dance Program including but not limited to Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical/Contemporary, Modern, Improvisation, Choreography, and more. There will also be a seminar component that outlines the dance program and provides opportunities for students to engage in discussion about their placement within the program. 8th graders who attend the session may be evaluated for the program to help determine their course placement at LBHS.

Intro to Music

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Steven Wade

Course Description: Intro to Music is a fun-filled five-day camp designed for grades 3-4, with no prior musical experience necessary! This camp is all about sparking a love for music and introducing you to its exciting world. We'll embark on a musical adventure, meeting a variety of instruments like keyboards, drums, percussion and even some surprises! You'll get hands-on time with each instrument, exploring their sounds and how they make music come alive. We'll introduce you to the building blocks of music in a way that's engaging and interactive. Learn basic music theory through games and activities, explore note reading in a simplified format, and even experiment with creating short, collaborative melodies with your fellow musicians. Students will gain essential skills, build confidence, and discover the magic of creating music together with a focus on learning to appreciate the exciting world of music.

Introduction to Musical Theatre

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 1 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Alexis Karol and Steven Wade

Course Description: This course will introduce incoming 5th and 6th graders to the major components of the TMS Musical Theatre coursework. Whether students want to work through their stage fright or they've been performing on stage for as long as they can remember, we are providing a safe and encouraging environment for students to explore Musical Theatre. Students should arrive ready to sing, act, move, and create. Students will gain an understanding of the Musical Theatre program offerings at TMS, develop skills inherent in the Musical Theatre experience (including collaboration, focus, and creative problem solving), and build confidence while having fun in a supportive, creative environment.

Intro to Sewing: Craft Your Own Tote Bag

Incoming grades 5-6 and 7-8

Week 2: Grades 7-8 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B); **Grades 5-6** | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Colleen Kirtz

Course Description: Fashion industry expert Colleen Kirtz takes the lead in this captivating exploration of fashion aesthetics. Learn to speak the language of style as you sculpt your unique fashion vision with expert guidance. From mastering the principles of balance, harmony, and proportion to comprehending the elements of color, texture, and pattern, this course is your golden ticket to creating visually stunning designs. Colleen's firsthand experiences at Oakley, Nike, Hurley, and Mitchell & Ness add an extra layer of excitement and relevance to the course, providing you with insider knowledge that elevates your skills to new heights. Having fun in a supportive, creative environment.

Investigate Gross Science

Incoming grades 7-8

Week 1/2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Jennifer Kim

Course Description: Investigate the science behind what makes you say "GROSS!" During this 1 week course, you will put your science skills into practice as you examine bugs, perform a dissection, and discover how certain body systems function. You will be collecting and analyzing samples to find the germiest place on our campus, measuring the speed of slimy substances, and observing specimens all while learning about scientific concepts such as viscosity, diffusion, and force.

Inventor's Workshop

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Nikol King

Course Description: Students are invited to embark on a thrilling journey where they will uncover real-world problems, craft innovative solutions, and showcase their ideas in a dynamic and collaborative setting. Inspired by the popular TV show "Shark Tank," learners will have the chance to invent a unique product and pitch it to a panel of fellow students and esteemed LBUSD educators. Join us for an exhilarating competition celebrating creativity and boundless imagination.

Kick Start Soccer

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Danica Mitchell

Course Description: Are you looking for a fun and engaging activity for your child this summer? Look no further than our Beginner Soccer Program! Our program is designed to teach your child the fundamentals of soccer, while also having a blast with their peers. Each day of the program will focus on a different aspect of the game, such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and scrimmage play. Mrs. Mitchell will provide hands-on instruction to ensure that each child is learning and growing their skills throughout the week. Join us for a week of fun, exercise, and learning!

Kids Dance Party

Incoming grades 3-5 and 4-5

Week 1: Grades 3-5 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Week 2: Grades 4-5 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Estee Fratzke

Course Description: This class is designed for elementary students in grades 4-5 to learn the fundamentals of dance. Students will learn ballet on Monday and Tuesday, Jazz on Wednesday, and Hip Hop on Thursday and Friday. There will be a class demonstration on Friday for friends and families to attend!

Kids Hip Hop

Incoming grades 1-3

Week 1/2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Estee Fratzke

Course Description: This class is designed for elementary students in Grades 1-2 to learn the fundamentals of Hip Hop dance. Students will be learning basic footwork, grooves, and combinations with an emphasis on rhythm & timing, body coordination, how to work as a team, and how to perform with confidence and energy. This class will culminate in a performance for families at the end of the week!

Kids' Line Dancing Fun

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Brett Bond

Course Description: Join this exciting Kids' Line Dancing class where students can groove to the beats, learn cool dance moves, and have a blast! Line dancing is a fantastic way to improve coordination, boost confidence, and make new friends.

Lego Adventures

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Shelby Anderson

Course Description: In this vibrant LEGO adventure for 1st and 2nd graders, budding engineers will embark on an imaginative journey through the science of structures. Harnessing their creativity, they'll explore principles of stability and balance while constructing awe-inspiring LEGO towers and bridges. Through hands-on experimentation and collaborative problem-solving, students will unlock the secrets of architectural marvels and emerge as master builders ready to conquer any challenge!

Lego Architecture: Building Through the Ages

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Strategic Kids Staff

Course Description: In this fun class, students will build their way through history starting with the ancient Egyptians and ending in a futuristic city! Each week they will learn fun facts about a period in history and then build with Legos, based on what they learned. They will construct buildings, historical settings, and stories out of Lego bricks as they learn history and travel through this architectural time machine!

Lego Engineers

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Shelby Anderson

Course Description: Embark on an exhilarating journey into the realms of imagination and innovation with our dynamic LEGO exploration designed for 5th and 6th graders. Blending engineering concepts with captivating storytelling, students will unleash their creativity and problem-solving skills through the exciting activities. From engineering marvels to intricate mathematical puzzles, young minds will thrive in this immersive learning experience, where every brick holds the potential for boundless discovery and growth.

Lego Innovations

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Shelby Anderson

Course Description: Step into the world of LEGO innovations in this dynamic course tailored for 3rd and 4th graders, where science meets creativity! Through the captivating creations, students will dive into the realms of engineering and physics, discovering the secrets behind mechanisms, gears, and pulleys. As they design and test their own LEGO machines, young engineers will ignite their curiosity, unraveling the mysteries of motion in an exhilarating journey of exploration and discovery!



Lego Machines: Crazy Carnivals

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A); 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Strategic Kids staff

Course Description: Kids love carnivals, and will love creating their own in LEGO® Engineering: Crazy Carnivals! Students will work hands-on with Legos, encouraging a basic understanding of a wide variety of engineering concepts as they craft and imagine their very own carnival creations. Students will develop fine motor skills, learn the value of organization, participate in teamwork activities and develop other life skills such as problem solving and keeping a positive attitude!

Lego Star Wars: Tales of the Jedi

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Strategic Kids staff

Course Description: In this hands-on class, students will learn about character development, symbols, settings, elements of a short story, and so much more. They will solve problems where characters are in a tough situation, and then use Legos to present a creative solution to the class. Other skills that will be developed in this class include writing, public speaking, creativity, team work, and oral presentation skills. Each class will be different and include fun Star Wars characters, mini figurines, and dramatic themes. Your child will not want to miss this fun adventure!

Let's Learn Spanish!

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Guadalupe Long

Course Description: ¡Aprendamos Español! Let's explore the Spanish language together! This summer, give your child the opportunity to participate in a fun and enriching week-long class where they can learn basic Spanish vocabulary and conversation. In addition, they will get to create unique cultural arts and crafts. This class is designed to introduce your child to the language and inspire them to pursue it further in the future.

Leadership and Social Emotional Learning

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Melinda Witt

Course Description: Master your emotions: Learn strategies to stay calm, focused, and in control, even when life throws curveballs. Become a fearless leader: develop the confidence and know-how to lead teams, inspire others, and make your voice heard, both in the classroom and beyond. Conquer the digital world: ace the art of emails that get attention, deliver presentations that wow, and become a pro at solving problems and working with others. Diffuse conflict like a pro: learn how to turn tense moments into win-win situations and find peace, even amidst disagreements. This isn't just another class, it's a toolbox for life. Get ready to level up your skills and become the best version of yourself!

Left Brain vs. Right Brain Challenge

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Nikol King

Course Description: Ever wondered if you're more of a visionary artist or a meticulous planner? In this class, you'll embark on a design odyssey to discover your dominant brain hemisphere!

Promoting Creative Analysis: Students will develop their analytical skills by harnessing their creative potential. By accessing their mind's eye and delving into their visual imagination, students strengthen their abilities as visual writers and critical thinkers. Encouraging students to explore their right hemisphere aids in fostering artistic expression and innovative design thinking.

Magic School Bus Comes Alive!

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A); 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Melinda Witt (Period A) | Nikol King (Period C)

Course Description: Blast Off into Summer Learning with The Magic School Bus Comes Alive! This unforgettable adventure will ignite your child's curiosity and leave them yearning to explore the wonders of science! The Magic School Bus book series are all about exploration and imagination. We'll encourage your child to think outside the box and express themselves creatively through storytelling, drawing, and other activities. We can't wait to see you there!

Make This Year Your Era

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Nikol King

Course Description: Welcome to the Era Tour-inspired workshop in our classroom! Join us for a fun-filled session where we'll listen to Taylor Swift's greatest hits, including those from her "Eras Tour," while crafting delightful friendship bracelets, stylish bookmarks, eco-friendly reusable bags, and even designing our own unique class T-shirt for the first day of school! Let's embark on this creative journey by making personalized kindness-themed bracelets, perfect for sharing with new friends during the first week of school. Let's come together as Swifties to spread friendship and love throughout our school community at TMS. Get ready to make this school year YOUR era tour!

Map Mystery Scavenger Hunt

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Danica Mitchell

Course Description: Embark on an exhilarating week of discovery and teamwork in our Map Mastery Scavenger Hunt Class! On the first day, delve into the fundamentals of map reading and compass navigation, immediately applying your newfound skills in an exciting scavenger hunt crafted just for you. The following four days promise even more adventure as you split into teams to design, exchange, and solve daily scavenger hunts, honing your map-reading abilities and fostering camaraderie. Don't miss this chance to make your summer unforgettable. Let the exploration begin!

Masters of the Field Sports Camp

Incoming grades 1-2 and 3-4

Week 1: Grades 3-4 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A); **Grades 1-2** | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B); **Grades 1-2** | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Week 2: Grades 1-2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Strategic Kids staff

Course Description: This thrilling camp gives your child a mental and physical workout while teaching lots of exciting life strategies! Your child will have an opportunity to play fun and interactive outdoor games where students will engage their minds and bodies. Our custom games promote sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, strategy, and hand-eye coordination. Each day students will play in a variety of different games that will test their skill while they battle against opposing teams! See if you can avoid and dodge hunters while survivors try and maneuver their way through islands in our exciting game, "Island Survivor." Have the chance to see if you can survive the chaos and crossfire of dodgeballs in our game "Civil War." Can you become a true "Master of the Field?!"

Math 6 Readiness Part 1.0

Incoming grade 6

Week 1 | 8 - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Chris Nunziata

Course Description: Do you want to enter 6th-grade math confidently and understand prerequisite skills? Math 6 Readiness Part 1 is the course for you. This summer course is designed to prepare incoming 6th graders for next year's math class by reviewing key content areas covered in 5th-grade math. This course will cover the essential prerequisite concepts of fractions, geometry, and algebraic expressions. It is highly recommended to sign up for Math 6 Readiness Part 2, which will expand upon Math 6 concepts in the second week of LEAD classes.

Math 6 Readiness Part 2.0

Incoming grade 6

Week 2 | 8 - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Lauren Anderson

Course Description: Do you want to enter 6th-grade math confidently and understand prerequisite skills? Math 6 Readiness Part 2 is the course for you. This summer course is designed to prepare incoming 6th graders for next year's math class by reviewing key content areas covered in 5th-grade math. This course will cover the essential prerequisite concepts of simplifying expressions, base 10, and operations with decimals. The previous completion of Math 6 Readiness Part 1 is not required for enrolling in this class, but it is highly encouraged.

Math 7 Readiness Part 1.0

Incoming grade 7

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Chris Nunziata

Course Description: Do you want to enter 7th-grade math confidently and understand prerequisite skills? Math 7 Readiness Part 1 is the course for you. This summer course is designed to prepare incoming 7th graders for next year's math class by reviewing key content areas covered in 6th-grade math. In this course, we will cover the essential prerequisite concepts of fractions, ratios and proportions, percents, and geometry. After completion of Math 7 Readiness Part 1, it is highly recommended to also sign up for Math 7 Readiness Part 2, but this is not a requirement.

Math 7 Readiness Part 2.0

Incoming grade 7

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Lauren Anderson

Course Description: Do you want to enter 7th-grade math confidently and understand prerequisite skills? Math 7 Readiness Part 2 is the course for you. This summer course is designed to prepare incoming 7th graders for next year's math class by reviewing key content areas covered in 6th-grade math. In this course, we will cover the essential prerequisite concepts of solving equations, simplifying expressions, inequalities, rules of exponents, and statistics. Previous completion of Math 7 Readiness Part 1 is not required for enrolling in this class, but is highly encouraged.

Math 8 Readiness Part 1.0

Incoming grade 8

Week 1 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Chris Nunziata

Course Description: Do you want to enter 8th-grade math confidently and understand prerequisite skills? Math 8 Readiness Part 1 is the course for you. This summer course is designed to prepare incoming 8th graders for next year's math class by reviewing key content areas covered in 7th-grade math. In this course, we will cover the essential prerequisite concepts of Integers, Algebraic Expressions, and Graphs on the Coordinate Plane. After completion of Math 8 Readiness Part 1, it is highly recommended to also sign up for Math 8 Readiness Part 2, but this is not a requirement.



Math 8 Readiness Part 2.0

Incoming grade 8

Week 2 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Lauren Anderson

Course Description: Do you want to enter 8th-grade math confidently and understand prerequisite skills? Math 8 Readiness Part 2 is the course for you. This summer course is designed to prepare incoming 8th graders for next year's math class by reviewing key content areas covered in 7th-grade math. In this course, we will cover the essential prerequisite concepts of solving multi-step equations, inequalities, and angle relationships. Previous completion of Math 6 Readiness Part 1 is not required for enrolling in this class, but is highly encouraged.

Math Boost 1.0

Incoming grades 2-3

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Madison Krogmann

Course Description: Math Boost is a dynamic and engaging course designed to strengthen and reinforce the prerequisite skills necessary for success in 2nd and 3rd-grade mathematics. Students will embark on a fun-filled learning journey, exploring key mathematical concepts and building a solid foundation to excel in their upcoming grade. It is ideal for students who want to review and solidify their foundational math skills, ensuring a strong start to the upcoming academic year. Math Boost 1.0 will employ a variety of instructional methods to cater to diverse learning styles. Students will engage in interactive lectures, hands-on activities, group discussions, and problem-solving exercises. Ms. Krogmann will provide personalized guidance and support, fostering a positive and collaborative learning environment. It is highly recommended to sign up for Math Boost 2.0, which will expand upon Math Boost 1.0 concepts in the second week of LEAD classes, but this is not a requirement.

Math Boost 2.0

Incoming grades 2-3

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Madison Krogmann

Course Description: Math Boost is a dynamic and engaging course designed to strengthen and reinforce the prerequisite skills necessary for success in 2nd and 3rd-grade mathematics. Students will embark on a fun-filled learning journey, exploring key mathematical concepts and building a solid foundation to excel in their upcoming grade. It is ideal for students who want to review and solidify their foundational math skills, ensuring a strong start to the upcoming academic year. Math Boost will employ a variety of instructional methods to cater to diverse learning styles. Students will engage in interactive lectures, hands-on activities, group discussions, and problem-solving exercises. Ms. Krogmann will provide personalized guidance and support, fostering a positive and collaborative learning environment. Previous completion of Math Boost 1.0 is not required for enrolling in this class, but it is highly encouraged.

Middle School Student's Guide to Ruling the World

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Leah Prettyman

Course Description: Learn the skills needed to survive and succeed in middle school! It's never too early to start preparing for this first big transition. Get comfortable on Thurston's campus, meet some of our friendly teachers, and get some insider tips and tricks about the realities of middle school's unique social dynamics. This course will also help students prepare for middle school's academic demands and challenges, including the organizational skills, study skills, note taking skills, homework habits, and attitudes needed to not just survive, but thrive at Thurston or in any middle school setting!

Mindfulness and Coloring

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Megan Merda

Course Description: Learn tips, tricks and improve fine motor skills through coloring! There are so many benefits of coloring in the classroom. Coloring can build confidence and also relieve stress for students. We will use coloring to target building stamina, fine motor skills, self-confidence, and focus in this class. Be creative while sharpening techniques of color mixing, shading, and more.

Money Matters: Make Your Money Work for You!

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Leah Prettyman

Course Description: It's never too early to teach your children about financial literacy. In this course students will learn about consumer spending habits, checking accounts, budgeting, savings, investing, borrowing, taxation, protecting your financial identity online, and personal financial management. Students will engage in activities and explorations that will help them gain an understanding of financial skills that will set them up for financial independence in the future!

My Weird School Series Book Club

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Brett Bond

Course Description: Come join the zany and wacky world of My Weird School! In this book club, young readers will join the hilariously entertaining adventures of Dan Gutman's My Weird School Series. Get ready for loads of laughs, unexpected twists, and a whole lot of weirdness as students develop a joyful reading experience, have deep literary discussions, learn about creative expression, explore the humor in literature, and connect with friends.

Next Level Soccer

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Danica Mitchell

Course Description: Does your child have a passion for soccer and want to take their skills to the next level? The Intermediate Soccer Program is the perfect opportunity to do just that! This program is designed for kids who have some experience with the game and are looking to improve their skills in a fun and supportive environment. Each day will focus on a different aspect of the game, such as advanced dribbling techniques, passing accuracy, shooting skills, and scrimmage play. Mrs. Mitchell will provide individualized instruction to help your child reach their full potential. With a focus on both technical skills and teamwork, your child will have a blast while growing their love and knowledge of the game.

Ocean Wonders

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Shelley Juhl-O'Brien

Course Description: Welcome to Ocean Wonders Art & Crafts Camp, where imagination knows no bounds and creativity flows like the currents of the sea! This fun arts and crafts class will focus on our ocean, beach, plants, animals, mermaids, and more. Students will create a painting on canvas using tempera paint while learning about colors and adding glitter to their final piece. We will also create an underwater craft and wondrous snack that explores marine life. We will sing songs and play games to develop a passion for our oceans. From vibrant coral reefs to playful dolphins and majestic whales, let your imagination take you on an underwater journey like never before.

Photography

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Andy Crisp

Course Description: Learn the fundamentals of digital photography, including understanding camera settings, composition, lighting, and exposure! Students will learn how to manually control professional mirrorless cameras to creatively capture images in various conditions and to develop their unique photographic style. By the end of the course, students will have a solid foundation in photography and a portfolio of their work that showcases their skills!



Podcasting Perspectives

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Madison Krogmann

Course Description: Podcasting Perspectives is an immersive course designed to empower students to become podcast creators. Through project-based learning, students will explore the exciting world of podcasting, from brainstorming ideas to writing and recording their own podcasts on topics of their choosing. This course will foster creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills, as students dive into the captivating realm of audio storytelling. Students will receive guidance and support from Ms. Krogmann throughout the process, including brainstorming sessions, writing workshops, and technical training for recording and editing. Podcasting Perspectives offers students a unique platform to express themselves, explore their interests, and develop essential skills in research, writing, communication, and technology.

Rainbows and Unicorns

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Shelley Juhl-O'Brien

Course Description: If you dream of unicorns, sparkles, and all things whimsical, then this class is the perfect opportunity for you to unleash your creativity and explore the wonders of the rainbow. Students will paint and draw dazzling rainbows using a kaleidoscope of colors, exploring different techniques to bring their rainbow visions to life on canvas. We will also create rainbow-inspired jewelry, accessories, and decorations, adding a touch of sparkle and color to your everyday lives and spreading joy wherever you go. Our snack will be healthy rainbow fruit kabobs. Enchantment, creativity, and fun are our goals at the Rainbows and Unicorns class, where dreams come true and magic fills the air.

Reader's Theater

Incoming grades 1-2 and 3-4

Week 1: Grades 1-2 | 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. (Period A)

Week 2: Grades 3-4 | 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Megan Merda

Course Description: Practice oral reading and reading fluency through Reader's Theater! Students will make stories come to life using grade-level stories and books, learn to read with expression, place proper emphasis while reading, and use their voice to convey meaning while storytelling. Students will also create props to use in their storytelling performance to enhance their storytelling and make their stories come to life. There will be a performance at the end of the week which will be captured on video and sent home to families for you to see how they have grown as actors and storytellers!



Strategic Chess

Incoming grades 1-2, 3-5 and 5-6

Week 1 | Grades 3-4: 8 a.m.-10 a.m. (Period A); **Grades 1-2:** 10:05 a.m.-12:05 p.m. (Period B); **Grades 5-6:** 12:35 p.m.-2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Week 2 | Grades 1-2: 10:05 a.m.-12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Strategic Kids staff

Course Description: We bring the game of chess to life at our fun and exciting chess camps where students will learn chess strategies and tactics using our story-based curriculum. Students play outside games with our giant chess set, play a simulation against a master, and more. Camp includes a chess tournament at the end where kids can win trophies and prizes. This camp is for all levels of chess players, from beginners to advanced.

Strategic Magic

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 2 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Strategic Kids staff

Course Description: Illusionists use a combination of technique and showmanship to create a great performance, and this fun class will help students to create their own great Magic Showcase. By learning and practicing magic techniques in preparation for the showcase, students will learn performance and public speaking skills that encourage increased confidence in a fun way! During each meeting, students will learn and build new magic tricks, perfect their routines and practice performing in front of the class. Students will enjoy using their creativity and presentation skills while learning to customize their magic routines to their audience.

The Painting Poet

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 2 | 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Nikol King

Course Description: Students will unleash their creativity by crafting diverse poetry forms and translating them onto a painter's canvas. Through an exploration of various poetry styles, students will have the opportunity to express themselves using their preferred medium. Each session will be an ode to a renowned poet, drawing inspiration from their distinctive style and creativity. This course isn't just about learning different forms of poetry – it's about finding your artistic voice and expressing it in two captivating mediums. Whether you're a poetry enthusiast or a budding painter, this course will ignite your creativity in unexpected ways.

Tiny Home Builders

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Madison Krogmann

Course Description: Tiny Home Builders is an engaging and hands-on course designed to introduce students to the exciting world of architecture and construction. Through project-based learning, students will explore the principles of design, spatial awareness, and sustainable living as they build model tiny homes. This course will ignite their creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, as students embark on a journey to create their own miniaturized dream homes. It is ideal for students who enjoy hands-on activities and want to explore the world of architecture and building.

Tropical Rainforest Adventures

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Shelley Juhl-O'Brien

Course Description: Embark on an exciting journey through the lush and vibrant world of the tropical rainforest in our engaging and immersive class! If you have a passion for creativity and a curiosity for the wonders of nature, Tropical Rainforest Adventures offers a unique opportunity to discover, explore, and create inspired by one of the most biodiverse ecosystems on the planet. This class will focus on jungles, forests, plants, animals, and more. Students will create a painting on canvas using tempera paint while learning about color theory and color mixing. We will learn about tropical rainforests by designing a craft and making a fun snack that will reinforce the concepts learned. We will sing songs and play games to dive deep into our adventures.

Ultimate Frisbee Fun

Incoming grades 4-5

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Danica Mitchell

Course Description: Looking for an exciting new sport to try? Come join our one-week beginner Ultimate Frisbee program! With a fun and supportive environment, this program will teach your child the basics of Ultimate Frisbee, including throwing, catching, and game strategy. They'll have a blast learning and playing with their peers! Your child will learn basic and advanced Ultimate Frisbee techniques, including throwing, catching, and disc handling; practice offensive and defensive strategies, including cutting, marking, and blocking; play mini-games and scrimmages to put techniques into practice and learn to work as a team; and foster sportsmanship, teamwork, and fun in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Under the Big Top

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Shelley Juhl-O'Brien

Course Description: Get ready to run away with the circus and experience the thrill of the big top like never before. A circus is filled with so many fun animals and more. Students will create a painting on canvas, a craft, and a creative circus snack that will focus on clowns, lions, tigers, bears, and more. Plus, enjoy circus-themed games, scavenger hunts, and other exciting activities that will keep the fun rolling all day long.

Unlocking Mathematical Mysteries

Incoming grades 2-3 and 4-5

Week 1: Grades 4-5 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Week 2: Grades 2-3 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Madison Krogmann

Course Description: Unlocking Mathematical Mysteries is an exciting and interactive course designed to engage students with math through a series of captivating activities and challenges. Through the exploration of escape rooms, estimation challenges, and other creative tasks, students will embark on a thrilling mathematical journey, unraveling mysteries and developing a deep appreciation for the subject. Unlocking Mathematical Mysteries is specifically designed for students who want to enhance their mathematical skills and have fun while doing so. It is ideal for those who enjoy hands-on activities and are looking for a unique learning experience.

Video Production

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Andy Crisp

Course Description: Learn how to plan, shoot, edit, and publish videos like a pro! Develop a story idea with a production team, then turn that concept into a script and shot list of each camera angle. Learn how to shoot and edit your movie in a fun, creative learning environment, and leave the course with the knowledge required to create a professional looking movie.

Volleyball

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Megan Merda

Course Description: All aspects of the game are taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed class is designed for the beginner to intermediate player and will incorporate essential life-lessons such as teamwork and sportsmanship. Each athlete will work on developing the fundamental skills of the game through game-based drills and daily scrimmages aimed at developing the whole player. All skill levels are welcome in this class.

Volleyball for Beginners

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 1 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Megan Merda

Course Description: Come learn and practice the fundamentals of volleyball! This class provides a fun and encouraging environment where athletes will learn and improve upon basic volleyball skills. Students will learn the basics of passing, setting, hitting, and serving. We are focusing on fun and fitness in this class! All skill levels are welcome.

We Are ALL Superheroes!

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Marie Bammer

Course Description: Welcome, Superheroes! Have you ever wished you could leap tall buildings in a single bound, like your favorite hero? Well, this summer, you can be the hero of your own story! We'll read a fantastic books and short stories together and discover that everyone has special powers, just like you! We'll learn how to use our unique strengths and celebrate the differences that make us all superheroes in our own way. We will get summer reading in and have a blast completing fun activities!

We Are ALL Wonder-ful!

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Marie Bammer

Course Description: Unmasking Our Identities: Ever felt like you don't quite fit in? That's okay, because everyone has a unique story! This summer class will explore the powerful novel *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. We'll delve into themes of self-acceptance, empathy, and the importance of celebrating our differences. Through engaging discussions and activities, we'll analyze the characters and their journeys, learning valuable lessons about navigating the complexities of 5th and 6th grade life. Get ready to broaden your perspective, discover your own voice, and maybe even watch the movie adaptation on Friday (with permission)!

Write, Act, Digitally Create!

Incoming grades 5-6

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Melinda Witt

Course Description: In this class, students will have the opportunity to polish up their writing skills in a more creative way so that it's fun. They will learn foundational skills, but will also learn how to creatively write stories, plays, and information. The last part of this session will focus on storytelling and presenting their final products. Additionally, students will learn how to create digital books to go with their masterpieces.

Word Wizards Workshop: Unleash Your Creative Voice

Incoming grades 3-4

Week 2 | 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B)

Teacher: Jay Williams

Course Description: Welcome to our inspiring writing camp! This camp is designed for students who want to develop strategies for storytelling, creative writing, and expression through words. Throughout the camp, students will explore various genres of writing, including fiction, poetry, and non-fiction. Students will develop their writing skills, nurturing their creativity, and enhancing their storytelling techniques. The class will include engaging writing prompts, peer workshops, and discussions on the writing process. Students will have the opportunity to create their own pieces and share them with their peers in a supportive and encouraging environment. Join us for a week of imagination, expression, and literary exploration!

Yoga

Incoming grades 1-3 and 3-5

Week 1 | **Grades 1-3:** 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B); **Grades 3-5:** 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Week 2 | **Grades 1-2:** 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B); **Grades 3-5:** 12:35 - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Location: Thurston Middle School

Teacher: Staci Bina

Course Description: Welcome to a place where kids can come to learn more about themselves through yoga, meditation, mindfulness, games, and art. Classes are non-competitive, safe, and creative, so kids can focus on physical fitness, building strength in their developing bodies, developing social skills, and practicing relaxation techniques. We will focus on partner and group work, as well as breath work, beautiful visualizations, and animal-inspired yoga poses. Kids will learn to incorporate the principles of yoga not only into their upcoming school year but into their lives forever. No previous yoga experience is necessary! Registration for both weeks is encouraged but optional.

Yoga & Mindful Movement for Middle Schoolers

Incoming grades 6-8

Week 1 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Week 2 | 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A)

Teacher: Staci Bina

Course Description: Beat the Heat with Yoga: Cool Down & Chill Out this Summer! This yoga program is designed specifically for middle schoolers who want to stay cool, calm, and collected all summer long. And the best part? These sessions won't interfere with your summer fun! Ditch the drowsy mornings! This program offers a unique way to energize and unwind, leaving you feeling rejuvenated and ready for any summer adventure. Forget the intense workouts. This program is perfect for you if:

- You're looking for a cool alternative to traditional summer activities.
- You want to stay calm and collected during the summer heat.
- You're interested in improving your focus and body awareness.
- You're curious about yoga but feel intimidated by traditional classes.

Gentle Flow: Cool down with smooth and mindful movements that help you stretch, de-stress, and feel refreshed.

Chill Out Zone: Learn basic breathwork exercises and calming techniques to manage stress and stay focused, even on the hottest days.

Inner Strength & Focus: Build confidence and body awareness while boosting concentration for summer learning or fun.

Biohack Your Life: Learn how to make incremental changes to your lifestyle to improve health and well-being.

No fancy yoga attire or experience needed! Come in comfortable clothes that let you move freely. All necessary equipment is provided. Registration for both weeks is encouraged, but not required.

Yoga Movement Through Literature

Incoming grades 1-2

Week 2 | 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Brett Bond

Course Description: Welcome to a class that combines the calming practice of yoga with the enchanting world of literature! In Yoga Movement Through Literature, young readers will embark on a journey that integrates mindful movement, storytelling, and creativity. This class is designed to nurture both the body and the imagination, creating a relaxing, holistic, and enjoyable learning experience.

Young Entrepreneurs

Incoming grades 5-6 and 7-8

Week 1 | **Grades 7-8:** 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Period A); **Grades 5-6:** 10:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (Period B) and 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. (Period C)

Teacher: Tonya Whiteside

Course Description: Are you curious and ambitious? Do you have a mind for business? If so, you are encouraged to join us this summer for an interactive, hands-on entrepreneurship class, where you will learn steps to start your own, real-world business. Explore your potential and turn your dreams into reality – it's never too early to start your journey toward success! This class fosters creativity, innovation, and critical thinking, while aligning with California's Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards. Goals include: developing an entrepreneurial mindset while connecting school-to-career, learning public speaking and presentation skills through individual and group activities, and practicing the art of pitching an idea for a business, product, or service.