

The Winnetka Public Schools Adventures in Learning: Discover



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Incoming Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1 Adventures in Learning: Discover Course

Grade Incoming Kindergarten
Periods Offered 1-4

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2-4 Adventures in Learning: Discover Classes

American Girl Doll Adventure

Grades Offered: 2 ,3, 4

Periods Offered: 3, 4

Come and meet all the historical American Girl Dolls. We will journey through history while playing with these beautiful dolls. Crafts, traditions, parties, and activities will accompany you on this fun-filled journey. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know all 25 wonderful and significant American Girl Dolls.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Animal Care (Additional Fee \$28)

Grades Offered: 2 ,3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

Hamsters, bunnies, and snakes! Oh, my! In this course, students will learn the basic care of a variety of common pets. Students will have the opportunity to handle live animals and administer daily care, as they learn about the nutritional needs, behavior, habitats, and life cycles of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Animal lovers will enjoy discovering new insights into the animal kingdom and be better prepared to take care of small pets.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 15

Athletes Club

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

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Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 24

Build Your Own Stuffed Animal (Additional Fee \$33)

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1 & 2

You will build your own soft and furry stuffed animal to have forever. You will learn to sew colorful outfits and unique accessories for your animal. You will even build your animal their own special home. Come join the fun.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Candle Making (Additional Fee \$66)

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

Make, melt, and mold candles! Create colorful, themed, scented candles and candle holders. Join us for a fun and enlightening experience.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Fishing - DOUBLE PERIOD (Additional fee \$220)

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1 & 2

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Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 20

Gymnastics

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

Description: Students will build basic skill development and build routines on floor, vaulting box, balance beam, and springboard. They will also get a chance to explore rhythmic gymnastics.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Lego Construction and Expression

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

Have a blast this summer by building with Legos! Construct sets of various themes (from Star Wars to Harry Potter to Lego City to Lego Friends!) or express yourself through free builds with thousands of Lego pieces.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Messy Science

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2

Do you enjoy building and experimenting? In this course, we will be building different structures and conducting experiments. From exploding volcanoes to dropping eggs, this class will be lots of fun using the scientific method.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Playground, Games, Action!

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 3, 4

Come join in for some favorite playground fun while sneaking in some cardio exercise. Through playground game exploration, students will boost their gross motor skills including jumping, hopping, skipping, and climbing while having fun with their friends. This course will focus on playing and succeeding while participating in team based play.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Razzle Dazzle Science Magic

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2

Polymers, putty, sparkles and slime! Do you like to mix things up? Are you curious about systems, cycles, and how things work? This class explores a variety of materials, science concepts, and wonders of nature. Come learn about the how, why, and what behind many science discoveries by observing, creating, and analyzing. Scientists in this course will apply skills of the scientific method and learn about the periodic table of elements.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 10

Spa-Licious (Additional Fee \$20)

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

Make and take your own health and beauty products using natural ingredients that can be found in your kitchen, such as sugar, salt, rosemary, lemons, and lavender. Participants will learn how different scents and ingredients affect them and can learn how to make and personalize items for daily use or gift-giving. Also, lifelong therapeutic, healthy living practices such as mindfulness, yoga, meditation, coloring, relaxation, breathing, and art are infused into the class. Possible personal care products created for take-home use are shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, lip scrub, lip balm, facial masks, nail polish, body glitter, henna, hair care, bath jellies, bath bombs, lavender sleep pillows, sleeping masks, warm soothing-oatmeal pillows. Whether you love natural scents, relaxation techniques, or soothing spa experiences, Spa-licious has something for you!

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 15

Stringtastic

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 3, 4

Do you enjoy arts and crafts? In this course, we will be creating crafts using different types of string. We will be making friendship bracelets, embroidering a t-shirt, sewing and much more.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 10

Summer Exploration

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

Let's explore all aspects of summer together. We'll trace shadows to show the passage of time, explore the science of seasons with a focus on long summer days and look for ways that flowers, trees, and animals change with the season. We'll make lemonade (allergy-dependent) and also use lemons to make invisible ink! We'll add in sun-specific art activities, beach art and science, and we'll look at tides and the moon and the history of sailing on Lake Michigan! It will be a summer of summer fun!

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Super Sleuths

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 1, 2

Calling all secret agents! Use logic, deduction, and imagination to solve summer mysteries. If you enjoy mystery stories, scavenger hunts, puzzles, riddles and secret codes, join us. There will be an emphasis on creativity and critical thinking.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Wee World

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 3, 4

Create your own miniature worlds using boxes, fabric, wallpaper and recyclables. Make rooms, dollhouses, furniture, accessories, people, stores and more! If you can imagine it, you can try to make it in Wee World!

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 10

Yoga for Kids

Grades Offered: 2, 3, 4

Periods Offered: 4

We are all Yogis! Come practice lots of fun poses as well as calming ones. Develop flexibility and strength, too. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

5-8 Adventures in Learning: Discover Classes

Archery

Grades offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

Practice skills needed for accuracy in target shooting. The Camp Archery Association system for recognizing achievement will be used. Beginners will receive instruction in fundamentals. Intermediate and advanced archers will use instinctive and point-of-aim shooting methods.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 15

Athletes' Club

Grades Offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

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Maximum students: 24

Basketball

Grades Offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 3, 4

This class is for all levels of players. An introduction to the fundamentals of basketball including ball handling, shooting, and footwork. We'll also discuss rules and game strategy. The class will include fun skill building games such as knockout, dribble knockout, 21, and more, leading into scrimmages. Join us for a great time while we develop motor learning and skills in a fun and engaging atmosphere!

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Bracelet and Playlist Making

Grades Offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 1

Taylor's tour may be over, but Bracelet making sure isn't! Let's make bracelets and more! We will jam out to playlists of our own creation and make bracelets for ourselves and our friends. Beads, threads, you name it, we'll make it!

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Camping Adventures and S'more Fun

Grades Offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 3, 4

Every day is a campout! Our camping adventures will include shelter building, starting fires without matches, grilling snacks, playing games, telling ghost stories, finding treasures by geocaching, and other survival techniques.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Cardio Club

Grades Offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 1, 2

Do you like sprinting? Tag games? Longer runs through the great outdoors of Winnetka? Cardio focused workouts? All of these activities are part of the experience of Cardio Club. Students will set weekly goals and work on improving their cardiovascular health.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Creative Writing

Grades Offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 3, 4

Do you like writing your own stories? Do you like to write, or want to try to write, in different genres? This class will allow you to flex your creativity while following the writing process and improving your craft. You will also be able to work on your own artwork for your work.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Dojo Islands

Grades Offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 1, 2

Build together, learn together. Welcome to a magical world where students explore STE(A)M, teamwork, and creativity together. This class is where problem-solving meets play in the “Activity Zone”. Where students collaborate on standards-aligned challenges, each one designed to promote learning through play and teamwork. Students will enter “The Build Zone” which welcomes them to create whatever they dream up, bringing it to life with blocks made from brick, ice, and more. Think Minecraft, but on a private “island”, where students can only play with their classmates. We’ll also touch on themes of growth mindset, gratitude, perseverance, and empathy. Come join us!

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Kitchen Magicians (Additional Fee \$33)

Grades offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 1, 2, 3, 4

Pull back your hair (if it's long) and bring an apron! Get ready to make and eat something delicious every day! Reading recipes, measuring, kitchen safety, and tasting are all a part of the Kitchen Magicians experience. Join Kitchen Magicians, where you'll make Birthday Cake Shake, lasagna cupcakes, and Cinnamon Snails (just to name a few).

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Photo Editing

Grades offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 4

Take your photos to another level with this photo editing course. We will learn how to transfer photos from our camera to a computer, and will explore editing software features that help us correct various imperfections in our photos. Participants will learn how to export and organize edited photos, as well as create stylized photos using filters and other technology. It is best paired with the photography course but not required.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Photography in the wild

Grades offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 2, 3

Do you love photography? Do you want to get even better at taking pictures? Join us on four weeks of daily inspiration from micro to macro moments, still life to action shots and more. We will take walking field trips around the neighborhood to observe different settings and learn how to shoot in the different lighting such as sunlight, shade and cloud. Participants may bring any camera, including a parent's old cell phone, school iPad, digital camera, or DSLR.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Pickleball Power

Grades offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 1, 2

Serve, smash and score your way through an epic summer of pickleball! In this course students will learn the rules, strategies, and techniques of the game from serving and volleys to dinks and power shots. We will play fun drills, games and tournaments to sharpen your skills while getting in some awesome exercise and friendly competition.

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Summer Strides

Grades offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 3, 4

Lace-up your sneakers and get ready to hit the ground running this summer! In this course students will build speed, strength, and confidence. This course will help you improve your endurance, perfect your stride, and challenge your mindset. We will focus on proper running techniques, warm-ups, and cool-downs to keep runners safe while they push themselves to go further, faster, and stronger. You will also learn about healthy habits, mindset, and the importance of rest so you can run your best all summer long!

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 12

Volleyball

Grades Offered: 5, 6, 7, 8

Periods Offered: 1, 2,

Become a better volleyball player by developing the necessary skills. Learn the rules of the game. Bump, set, spike, and serve. Learn how to work together as a team. Long lasting fun! (No Flip Flops please.)

Minimum students: 8

Maximum students: 16
