



Young Scholars Class Descriptions

New Classes for 2026!!

DEBATE CLUB: Sharpen your voice, your mind, and your confidence! You'll learn how to build strong arguments, think on your feet, and speak with power. Students will team up for friendly debates on fun topics. No experience needed—just bring your opinions and your personality! Offered to students who have completed 5th-8th grade. Instructor: Ana Herrero



GAME SHOW MANIA- Students will get to compete as contestants of various popular game shows such as Survivor, Minute to Win it, and more. Use your brain, muscles, and focus to beat the clock. Offered to students who have finished 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade. Instructors: Kailee Keur and Maya Beaman.

KAHOOT MANIA: Bring your competitive spirit and creativity! Kahoot Madness is all about high-energy trivia fun. Students will create their own Kahoots for the class to play, putting their imagination and quiz-making skills to the test. Whether you're here to compete or create, this class is nonstop excitement and friendly competition! Offered to students who have completed 5th-8th grade. Instructor: Ana Herrero



MATH QUEST- Embark on a learning adventure! We'll tackle exciting problem-solving activities designed to reinforce the math concepts you have already mastered in the classroom. Offered to students who have finished 1st and 2nd grade. Instructor: Christy Crumpton

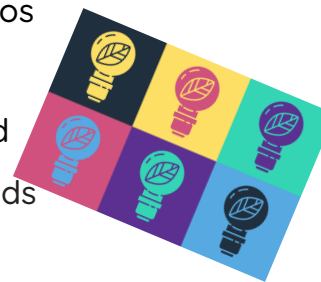


MODEL BUILDING- Calling all students who love construction, detail, and design! This class offers students the opportunity to create their own model from a kit of their choosing. Start by learning tips and tricks, then moving to picking and building their model, and finally adding color and detail to their projects. Students will spend the week completing a project to take home. Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. Class Fee: \$5. Instructors: Emilia Muterspaugh and Sara Norris



PIXAR STEAM- Taking challenges from some of your favorite Pixar movies, we will create solutions and have fun learning about topics like aerodynamics that make cars move faster and tension that causes objects to go further. Offered to students who have finished 1st-6th grade. Instructor: Amanda Willoughby

PLANET POP- Welcome to Planet Pop! Dream big and create your very own world through hands-on arts and crafts. Students will watch popular art videos for inspiration and then craft their own dream world - designing food, landscapes, creatures and details that make their planet completely unique! Offered to students who have completed 3rd-6th grade. Instructor: Myia Kidd



STORYBOOK SOLVERS- Join us for a unique book club where every story leads to a math challenge! Read engaging picture books and then dive into a hands-on problem-solving activity. Offered to students who have finished 1st and 2nd Grade. Instructor: Christy Crumpton

WICKED FOR GOOD- Step into the magical world of Oz and discover the power of friendship and acceptance! Inspired by the story of Elphaba and Glinda, this fun and interactive class uses drama games, creative writing, and arts and crafts to help students explore the themes of Wicked. Offered to students who have finished 4th -8th grade and have seen the movies or stage production. Instructor: Ashlyn Bledsoe.





Food and Culinary Experiences

****Please note for ALL cooking classes, NO FOOD ALLERGIES OR FOOD RESTRICTIONS**

BAKE LIKE A BOSS- Have you ever wondered how to make great items that you can just pop in your mouth? Do you love making treats for friends and family to enjoy? This class will teach you bake and no-bake recipes to easily share with others. Fee \$5. Offered to students who have finished grades 5th-8th. Instructor: Brooke Bledsoe

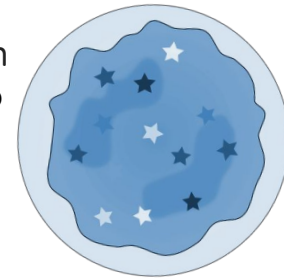


CHOCOLATE FEVER!! - Learn all about chocolate and how it is made. Make and sample delicious recipes, learn what it takes to be a chocolatier, debate which is better Hershey or Mars, and much more! Not recommended for nut allergies. Fee \$5. Offered to students who have finished grades 1st-4th and 5th-8th. Instructor: Angela Kennedy



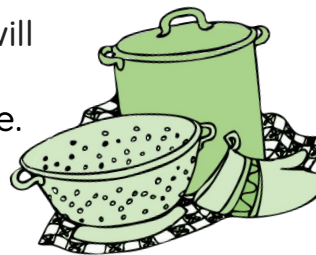
COOKIES BY DESIGN - Learn how to take a plain cookie and create fabulous designs. Please be aware of food allergies. Fee \$5. Offered to students who have finished grades 4th-6th and 5th-8th. Instructors: Denise Beaman and Kim Stinson

FARM TO TABLE (F2T) - Embark on a tasty snacks adventure! Make blueberry smoothies, peanut butter/chocolate energy balls, and caramel popcorn balls. You will also guess ingredients in specialty dips as you learn to take food from the Farm to the Table. Fee \$5. Offered to students who have finished grades 1st-3rd and 4th-8th. Instructors: Ryan Palmer and Simone Salghetti

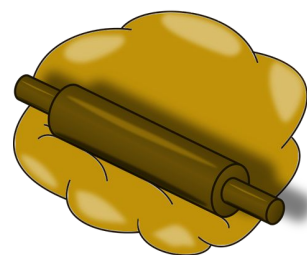


HARRY POTTER EATS AND TREATS - Have you spent hours reading Harry Potter and thought to yourself, "I wonder what those magical snacks and potions taste like?" Wonder no more! We will read passages from Harry Potter and then create delicious refreshments to dine upon in class. Offered to students who have finished grades 1st-4th. Class Fee-\$5
Instructor: Mary Morreale

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN - In this cooking course, you will learn the basic techniques of cooking while creating yummy snacks and desserts. You will leave with a cookbook of all the recipes you created. Repeats welcome! Class Fee-\$5 Offered to students who have finished grades 1st-4th grade. grade. Instructors: Aurora Casillas and Jessica Ruiz



MMMMMM CHOCOLATE! - Get ready for a choco-lot of fun! In this delightfully sweet class, scholars will unwrap the story of chocolate making, sample different types of chocolates, and whip up a few chocolatey treats. Be sure to bring your sweet tooth! Class Fee-\$5. Offered to students who have finished grades 1st-4th. Instructor: Eva Muterspaugh



ROLLING IN THE DOUGH - We'll learn to cook, knead, and bake, as we measure, mix, and calculate. But most exciting, we get to eat what we create. Class Fee-\$5 Offered to students who have finished grades 1st-4th. Instructors: Ginny Urban or Ashlee Anderson

Arts and Crafts



BALLOON ART - Want to make your party pop? We will learn the basics of creating balloon centerpieces for your table and how to make mini balloon garlands and balloon arrangements. No latex allergies please! Offered to students in 2nd-4th grade and 3rd- 6th grade.. Class Fee-\$5.00. Instructor: Ashlee Anderson

BRACELET BONANZA - Make beaded bracelets, old school “friendship bracelets,” rubber band bracelets, or be creative and create your own type of bracelet. Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. Instructor: Catherine Curtis

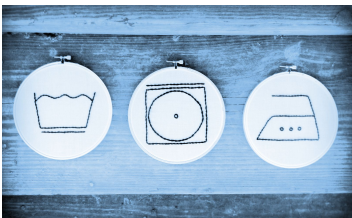


CARTOONING with MR. OLLIE- This art class explores the basic techniques of drawing and reveals how these methods lead to the cartoon arts. Students will understand how both drawing and cartooning are related and how one can't exist without the other. 3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade. Instructor: Tim Oliphant



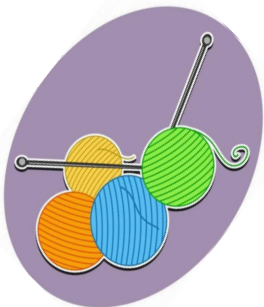
CRAFTING CORNER - Do you like to make projects? Are you interested in working with beads and yarn? Then, this is the class for you. You will spend the week working on the craft project of your choice! So let's get crafty! Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. Class Fee \$5 Instructor: Catherine Curtis

BEGINNER DRAWING - Use pencils, charcoal, pen & ink, markers and oil pastels to improve your drawing ability. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade. Instructor: Audra Reeves



ADVANCED DRAWING - Are you an artist looking for a more advanced class? This class will primarily work on shading and portrait drawing. Offered to students who have finished 3rd-4th grade. Instructor: Audra Reeves

EMBROIDERY - Learn how to embroider a multitude of designs and create hand-embroidered one-of-a-kind pieces to turn into a pillow or other small creations. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade and 4th-6th grade. Class Fee \$5. Instructors: Sarah Dewese and Erin Mishkin



KNITWIT - Join us for a week of creation using yarn and knitting needles! Knitters of any level from beginner to advanced are encouraged to join to learn new knitting skills and make fabulous projects to wear and share. Class fee: \$5. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade. Instructor: Helen Corey



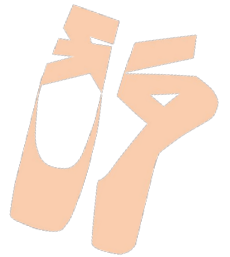
WATERCOLOR - Explore, discover and practice exciting new ways to use watercolors. Create art magic with crayon resist, washes, sprays, color mixing, brush work and collage. Offered to students who have finished 3rd-5th and 5th-8th grade. Instructor: Amanda Willoughby

Music and Drama Workshops

BE A SINGING STAR -This class is designed to transform young enthusiasts into confident performers by focusing on vocal technique, stage presence, and creative expression. Students will explore various musical genres while building the essential skills needed to own the stage. Offered to students who have finished 1st-6th grade. Instructor: Ashley Mills

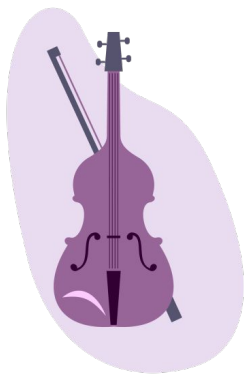


DISNEY DAZZLE- Do you love Disney? Have you ever wanted to be a Disney Princess? Learn the etiquette of being a princess, learn to sing princess songs, storytelling techniques and create princess crafts. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade. Instructor: Savannah Meinert



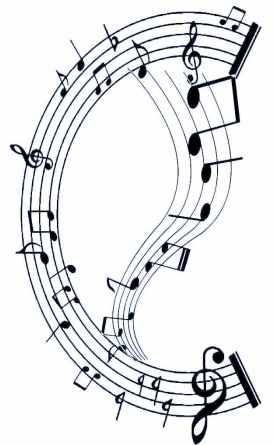
DYNAMIC DANCING- Are you always looking for a way to move your body? Do you love to listen to music? Students of all abilities and skill levels are invited to this class that teaches contemporary dance and will create a performance piece to showcase. Offered to students who have finished 1st-5th grade. Instructor: Helen Corey

FUN-DE-MENTALS OF VIOLIN - The Suzuki method is used to teach beginning violin. Violins will be provided. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade and 5th-8th grade. Instructor: Debbie Meece



IMPROV WORKSHOP - Enjoy fun theater oriented games which build good stage presence while exercising your creativity. Work with various props and engage in short improvisational skits. Offered to students who have finished 4th-6th grade and 5th-8th grade. Instructor: Daron Bruce

IN MY TAYLOR SWIFT ERA - It won't be a "Cruel Summer" in this exciting YSI class! We will study Taylor Swift's life and how she became the mega star that she is today. Scholars will listen to (age-appropriate) Taylor Swift songs and study how she weaves her life experiences into her music with poetic devices. We will make TS themed crafts, treats, and of course have some sing alongs to our favorite Taylor songs! This is the perfect class for any "Swiftie!" Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade and 5th-8th grade. Instructors: Katie Giles and Rachel Reedy

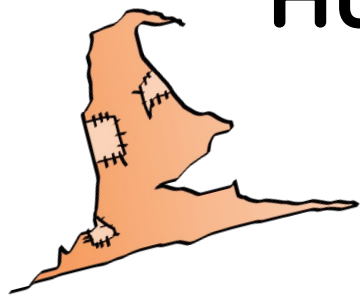


ON STAGE - Theater games, improv games, costumes and more! Stage presence is key and in this class you'll get a chance to act, act and act!!! "On Stage" is a high-energy enrichment class that introduces elementary students to the magic of musical theater. By blending acting, singing, and dance, students learn how to tell a story through performance while building essential life skills. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade. Instructor: Savannah Meinert





Humanities Exploratories



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - Introduction to the American Sign Language Manual Alphabet, and what it's like to be deaf. Offered to students who have finished 1st-3rd and 4th-6th grade.

Instructor: Tonya Strother -Week 2 only



FRONTLINE YSI - Gather information, do interviews, take pictures, write stories, and publish a Young Scholars Newspaper. Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. Instructor: Daron Bruce

HARRY POTTER BOOK CLUB - See if you can win the House Cup in a week of wizard cards, charms, potions, and comparing books with movies. Have fun playing ground quidditch. Must have read the appropriate books before taking these classes. Offered to students who have finished 3rd-5th and 5th-8th grade. Instructors: Professor Peach and Professor Peach



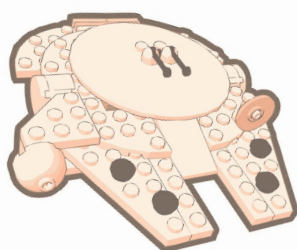
YOUNG AUTHORS - Do you love to write? Come to Young Authors and turn a story idea into a masterpiece! You will use computers, writing tools from your favorite authors, and your creativity to make your own published book. Offered to students who have finished 2nd-5th grade. Instructor: Jennifer Parker

MYTHOLOGY- Myths are told to explain the unexplainable and are told in all parts of the world. Come learn about myths from Ancient Greece to present day. Offered to students who have finished 4th-6th grade or 5th-8th grade. Instructor: Stephanie Shepherd



SOLVE THE MYSTERY - Play the role playing game "How to Host a Mystery" and become a character in the mystery. Try to solve "who done it" and learn about famous mystery solvers. Offered to students who have finished 4th-6th grade and 6th-8th grade. Instructor: Emily Newton

STAR WARS-The force is strong this summer at YSI. During this exciting week, your child will design their very own Jedi costume and lightsaber. Your child will plan a battle station, and visit many different galaxies. Discuss the Archetypes of the characters in the movies and explore the science behind the film. Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. Instructors: Stephanie Shepherd and Will Osteen



SUPER SPIES - Learn the various skills needed for a spy, such as learning to read and write in code, traverse a field of lasers, and how to hide super secret information. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade and 3rd-5th grade. Instructor: Sarah Deweese



STEM Investigations

AMAZING ANIMALS - Develop scientific skills through observation and interaction with live animals and crafts. Allergy alert for students! Please, no repeats! Fee \$5 extra for special guests. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade and 4th-6th grade. Instructors: Kaye Johnson and Terri Hood

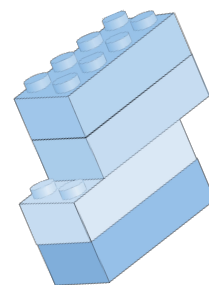


DINOSAUR INVESTIGATIONS- Explore the world of dinosaurs through hands-on activities, videos, games, examination of real dinosaur bones and eggshells, and simulated fossil digging. Offered to students who have finished 1st- 4th grade and 4th-6th grade. Instructor: Dr. Mel Fuller

INTRO TO PROGRAMMING - Learn the basics of programming and how to write your software. No programming experience necessary, but be ready for a challenge (Class takes two periods.) Offered to students who have finished 5th-8th grade. Instructor: Christopher Cotton

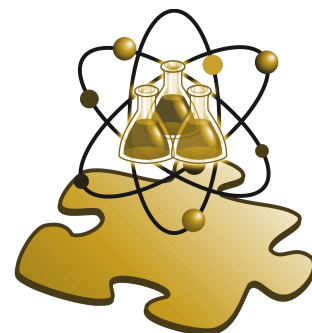


LEGO BY THE BOOK- Students will experience the joy of building and maintaining Lego sets. Once a student selects a set, he/she will build the Lego masterpiece by following the step-by-step guide. After completing the task, students will then learn to carefully disassemble and verify the complete set so it is ready for another student to enjoy. Set themes include sporting venues, city buildings, and a variety of vehicles. The sets range in difficulty from basic to advanced. Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. Instructors: Denise Beaman and Kim Stinson



STEM-TASTIC SCIENCE - Join our mad scientist and conduct exciting experiments. Participate in problem solving activities in order to be equipped for the next generation of STEM scientists! Please, No Repeats! Offered to students who have finished 1st- 4th grade. Instructor: Greg Duel

SUPERHERO INSECTS! - Antman, Spider-Man, Black Widow and The Wasp, are not the only superheroes! Join us as we learn about superbugs that every garden needs to grow. You will see ant and worm farms up-close and make a mini greenhouse! You will also learn how to use pollinator friendly plants to welcome superhero bugs into your own backyard. Offered to students who have finished 1st- 4th grade and 4th-6th grade. Class Fee \$5 Instructors: Ryan Palmer and Simone Salghetti





STEAM Classes

STEAM classes incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math into the artistic process.



COLORFUL CREATIONS- Let your imagination run away with you as you create unique art projects consisting of faux stained glass, unique multi-colored wax art, 3D geometric shapes, colorful structures and more! Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade and 4th-6th grade. Instructor: Krystal Etheridge

HARRY POTTER STEAM - Get ready for some creative problem solving for Harry Potter fans with STEAM challenges. Some discussion of story elements will be involved, but reading the books is not a requirement to take the class. Challenges focus on robotics, engineering, art, and math with a fun magical theme. Offered to students who have finished 2nd-4th grade and 4th-6th grade. Instructors: Dea Peach and Athena Peach

LET GO MY LEGO! - Use your imagination and creativity to build challenging Lego projects. Team building and independent activities will be included. Offered to students who have finished 1st- 4th grade. Instructor: Tyler Collins

NATURE CRAFTS- Have you ever taken a walk and come across a leaf, stick or blade of grass and said, "I wish I could make art with that?" Then this is the class for you! We will take Mother Nature's treasures and create beautiful creations that you can wear (bracelets) or use to decorate your room. Offered to students who have finished 2nd-4th and 4th-6th grade. Class Fee: \$5 Instructor: Mary Morreale

PHOTOGRAPHY - Learn the basics of using a digital camera and explore the concepts of composition and lighting. Use the computer to take your photos from "nice" to "wow!" You may bring your own digital camera to use in class, but it's not a requirement. Offered to students who have finished 4th-6th grade and 5th-8th grade. Class fee: \$5 Instructor: Payton Bledsoe

WOOD WORKSHOP 1- Learn to use basic woodworking tools and techniques. We'll use hammers, screwdrivers, hand saws and sanders to make fun wood crafts and projects! Please no repeats. Offered to students who have finished 2nd-4th grade and 5th-8th grade. WEEK 1 ONLY Class fee: \$15.00 Instructor: Katie Swafford

WOOD WORKSHOP 2- Take your woodworking to the next level. Must have taken Wood Workshop or have Woodworking experience. Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. WEEK 1 ONLY Class fee: \$15.00 Instructor: Katie Swafford





Problem Solving and Thinking Skills

CARD SHARKS - Card games have been popular for hundreds of years because they're challenging and fun!! Learn new card games that you can teach your family and friends. You'll be improving your math skills without even realizing it!!

BEGINNER CARD SHARKS- Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade. Instructor: Greg Duel

ADVANCED CARD SHARKS- Offered to students who have finished 5th-8th grade. Instructors: Maya Beaman and Kaylie Keur

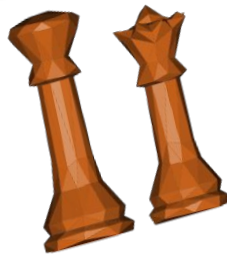


CHESS - Instructor: Chris Prosser

BEGINNING CHESS - Learn to play Chess, one of the oldest and most popular games in the world, in just one week. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th.

INTERMEDIATE CHESS - You know the moves, come and learn the strategies and tactics that make Chess players great. Offered to students who have finished 3rd-6th

ADVANCED CHESS - Take your Chess to the next level with advanced Chess moves, tactics, openings and strategies. Offered to students who have finished 4th- 8th grades.



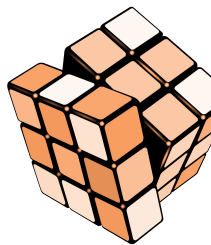
GAMES! GAMES! GAMES!- Have fun and build your problem-solving ability as you play your favorite board games! Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade and 4th-6th grade. Instructor: Erin Mishkin

POKEMON - Become a master at dueling once you create your own card, pokemon and story to go with your new creation. Cards, Gameboys, and videos welcome (with parent permission), Wed-Fri of class. (Clearly label personal items.) Trading cards are welcome with parental approval. Offered to students who have finished 2nd-4th and 5th-8th grades. Instructor: Sammy Cozart



YOU CAN DO THE CUBE! - Amaze your family and friends when you learn how to solve the world famous Rubik's Cube! Step by step instructions will be taught and practiced. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade. Instructor: Jennifer Parker

BECOME A DUNGEON MASTER- D&D! *2024 Core Rules! Master the art of storytelling! This comprehensive course transforms you into a confident Dungeon Master using the new 2024 Core Rules. Unlike just reading the books, this class provides structured practice, peer feedback, and a framework for worldbuilding, encounter design, and dynamic narrative control. Class requires 2 periods, 5th-8th grade Instructor: Jake Habegger



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS: LEVELED UP! Intro to Dungeons and Dragons Campaign *2024 Core Rules! Are you ready to dive into the world's greatest roleplaying game? This class is the perfect starting point for new adventurers or for players looking to transition to the 2024 Core Rules set! *Level 1 character campaign. Class requires 2 periods. 4th-8th grade. Instructor: Jake Habegger



ADVANCED DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CAMPAIGN *2024 Core Rules! Elevate your game with The Advanced Dungeons & Dragons Campaign: 2024 Core Rules! This class is designed for players who are familiar with basic D&D concepts (movement, simple checks, combat actions) and are ready to dive deep into the new mechanics introduced in the 2024 Player's Handbook. *Level 3 character campaign. Class requires 2 periods. Instructor: Jake Habegger

Sports and Fitness



CHEER FOUNDATIONS—Students will learn the basics of cheerleading such as a dance, cheers, jumps, basic tumbling, and basic stunting. Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. Instructors: Sofia Stovall and Kennedy Townsel

ADVANCED CHEER—Learn advanced cheer techniques and skills. This is a great class for students with previous cheer experience or who took the class last year. Offered to students who have finished 4th-8th grade. Instructors: Sofia Stovall and Kennedy Townsel

LETS GO FISHING!!— Students will develop basic skills needed to catch fish: casting, tying knots, equipment use, and identifying fish. Rods, reels, and other equipment will be provided, but feel free to bring your own rod/reel if you'd like. Students will have the opportunity to do some real life fishing with a field trip on Thursday and Friday. Offered to students who have finished 4th-6th grade and 5th-8th grade. Instructor: Chris Strelecki

FUN IN THE SUN! - Come join us for good old summertime fun! Play exciting Bocce Ball, Challenging Croquet, Goofy Ladder Golf and other terrific backyard games. Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade. Instructors: Aaron Beaman and Ryan Yates

GYMNASTICS - Offered to students who have finished 1st-4th grade. Wear Tennis Shoes

Beginning—Tumbling, trampoline, swing bar, balance beam, vault, and springboard are introduced during this energetic, skill-based course. All skill levels welcome. Instructors: Erica Moore and AJ Wright

Intermediate - For students who have already had some instruction in gymnastics. Student must be able to do cartwheels & handstands. Instructors: Erica Moore and AJ Wright

INDOOR SOCCER— Learn new soccer skills, positions, and how to play both defense and offense in modified indoor games. Footskills, possession, and defensive tactics will be shared. Conclude the week with an in-class tournament. Tennis shoes should be worn daily! Offered to students who have finished 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade. Instructor: Will Osteen

PICKLEBALL— Come join the craze that is sweeping the nation! Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Beginning pickleball skills will be introduced, along with the rules and how to score. Equipment will be provided. Instructors: Tiffany White (3rd-5th) and Lisa Casey (5th-8th)

SPORTS FANATICS - Are you crazy about sports? Come join us to learn the basics of many sports and recreational activities, including; Disc Golf, Corn Hole, Ladderball, Washers, Croquet and Bocce Ball. We will also participate in many popular indoor activities like; PSAGI, Paper Football, Quarter Basketball and Tensi. Offered to students who have finished 2nd-4th grade and 4th-6th grade. Instructor: Bill Kuhn