



**UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
OF MILWAUKEE**

**Extended Time Care
(E.T.C.) PM Spring
Specialty Programs
and Extended
Specialty Programs**

Spring 2026





Our Mission

University School of Milwaukee cultivates excellence in learning, leadership, and citizenship for prekindergarten through 12th grade students. Students are engaged, known, and valued within our passionate independent school community guided by our Common Trust.

The Common Trust

The basic philosophy of community behavior at University School of Milwaukee is the Common Trust, which is expressed in the following pledge:

“We, the members of the University School of Milwaukee community, commit to and practice the Common Trust. We agree to relate to one another and the school with respect, trust, honesty, fairness, and kindness.”

Registration will open on Monday, March 2 at 10 a.m. with the UltraCamp registration link emailed to all PK through 8th grade families at that time.

Students currently enrolled in an extended, semester-long specialty program may not be eligible to register for select spring specialty programs due to conflicting dates.

Questions? Email etc@usm.org or call 414.540.3350.

Preschool and Kindergarten

PK- Mice Robotics

PK

Mondays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$250 | Barb Grade

Ignite the curious minds of young learners with robotics and technology. Through hands-on and interactive activities, prekindergartners will explore the basics of engineering, coding, and problem-solving in a fun and age-appropriate environment. Students will be introduced to Code and Go Mice as their programmable robots.

Dates: 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/1

Intro to Chess

K-4th Grade

Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$195 | Gregory Cravetz

This introductory class welcomes players of beginner and intermediate levels. Newer players will learn the rules of the game, as well as the fundamentals of how to safely attack and defend. More experienced players will have lessons on middle game strategy and tactics. At every class, there will be a lesson followed by practice positions and open play. At the end of the session, there will be a small in-group tournament.

Dates: 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26

JK - Indi Cars Robotics

JK

Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$250 | Kirstin Collins

In this playful, hands-on robotics class, students are introduced to early coding concepts using Sphero Indi cars—no screens required! Children learn how robots follow directions by using colorful tiles to make Indi move, turn, and stop. Through stories, games, and teamwork, students build problem-solving skills, practice taking turns, and explore cause and effect. This class focuses on curiosity, creativity, and having fun while learning the foundations of robotics.

Dates: 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27

T- Ball Champions

PK-K

Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$225 | Angelica Miller '09

In T-Ball Champions, PK-K students learn the basics of baseball in a playful, supportive environment. Students will practice throwing, catching, hitting off a tee, and base running through games and skill-building activities. With a focus on teamwork, confidence, and movement, T-Ball Champions helps young athletes build foundational skills while having a home-run of fun.

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Lower School

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Math Games Galore

3rd-5th Grade

Mondays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$200 | Laura Blanchet

Get ready to think, laugh, and play! Students in grades 3-5 will explore strategy, logic, and problem-solving through fun games. The focus is on collaboration and clever thinking, but math just happens to sneak in along the way!

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Global Adventures

1st-4th Grade

Mondays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$215 | Mark Conner

Travel the world after school! Each week, students will explore a new country through stories, music, movement, simple language, and hands-on art. Along the way, they'll discover how people around the world celebrate, create, and express themselves while making crafts inspired by global traditions.

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Junk Jam Art Lab

3rd-5th Grade

Mondays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$250 | Mandy Culver

This class is an art-making playground where artists can create, build, and experiment with recycled materials. During open studio time, you'll get tips, tricks, and project ideas, then dive in and make your work truly one of a kind. We'll use newspapers, magazines, string, wire, cardboard, paint, hot glue, and so much more. Come ready to let your imagination lead the way!

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Lower School

Junior Strikers Soccer

1st-4th Grade

Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$225 | Ben Haimann

Junior Strikers Soccer is designed for those who love to move, play, and learn the game! Participants will develop fundamental soccer skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork through fun, age-appropriate drills and games. Whether your child is new to soccer or looking to sharpen their skills, this program offers a positive, active, and supportive environment where everyone can grow and have a blast doing it!

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Games Games and More Games!

1st-4th Grade

Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$200 | USM Summer Camp Counselors

If you love classic school yard and camp games, this is the class for you! USM Summer Camp counselors will bring their summer camp energy to school through games like steal the bacon, capture the flag, kick the can, and more. Take part in the classic camp games and head into the summer with excitement for more fun!

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Postcards, Pop-Ups, and Secret Codes

1st-4th Grade

Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$250 | Katie Omans

Why send a text when you can send magic? Get ready to create the coolest letters ever! In this hands-on club, we will master the art of "happy mail" by designing custom stationery, making 3-D pop-up cards, and trading top-secret messages using real invisible ink. With washi tape, melted wax seals, and thousands of stickers, you'll craft letters that friends and family will keep forever. Join us to stamp, seal, and deliver!

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Makerspace: Dungeons and Dragons

1st-4th Grade

Wednesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$250 | Matthew Gagnier

Bring your hero to life in this hands-on MakerSpace workshop! We will be working across three phases of design: first, we brainstorm by sketching concepts and building backstories. Next, we move to 3-D design, where you'll master 3-D CAD skills to build your character from scratch. Finally, we finish the job—printing your prototype, refining the details, and hand-painting your final custom mini. From your imagination to the tabletop, let's build your legend.

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Lower School

Movement and Mindfulness

2nd-4th Grade

Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$225 | Mary Liz Rogers

This class blends outdoor movement, exploration, and mindfulness, with classes held outside whenever possible on the beautiful grounds of USM. Students will hike, walk, run, stretch, practice simple yoga and breathing exercises, and engage in occasional sketching as a way to build focus, reflection, and care for the mind and body.

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Advanced Chess

2nd-5th Grade

Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$195 | Gregory Cravetz

This class is the perfect place for advanced chess enthusiasts to learn, play, and grow their current strategies. Join us for exciting games, colorful pieces, and a world of fun on the checkerboard. Get ready to experience the joy of chess with new friends who share your passion. At the end of the session, there will be a small in-group tournament.

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Resins and Molds

1st-4th Grade

Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$260 | Izzi Buikus

In this fun class, young artists will experiment with resin to make colorful, shiny creations. Students will use molds and decorative items like glitter, beads, and small trinkets to create keychains, coasters, or small sculptures. This class allows kids to explore new techniques and create one-of-a-kind pieces!

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Middle School

Junk Jam Art Lab

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Makerspace: 3-D Printing Board games

5th-8th Grade

Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$250 | Ken Sikora

Create the game you want to play. From designing specialized dice and tokens to printing a full chess set, use 3-D design tools to build a one-of-a-kind tabletop experience for an existing game or for one you create.

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Ceramics Wheel Throwing

5th-8th Grade

Wednesday | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$260 | Izzi Buikus

Designed for beginners, this wheel-throwing class introduces Middle School students to the fundamentals of pottery in a fun, supportive setting. Students will learn basic techniques while creatively experimenting with clay.

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Lego League Robotics

5th-8th Grade

Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost \$250 | Nicola De Torre

Experience FIRST Lego League (FLL) robotics without the stress of competition. First, we build robots with Lego SPIKE Prime kits, then we learn the basics of programming with block coding in the SPIKE Prime app. We continue with coding movement around this season's competition board. Then, we'll design and build attachments to accomplish various challenges on the game table. Finally, we incorporate sensors for consistency.

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