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COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT



SUMMER LEARNING



**Enrollment
Opens
March 27th**



Classes Begin June 8th

- Art
- STEAM
- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- World Language
- PE and Health



Register Online

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Summer Learning Program

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REGISTRATION/PAYMENT:

All District 181 students and interested, age-appropriate students who live within the D181 boundaries are invited to enroll in the 2026 Summer Learning Program. Registration opens to all families with students currently enrolled in D181 on March 27, 2026. Registration for families with students not enrolled in D181 opens on April 7, 2026. Program registration ends on April 17, 2026 @ 2:00pm. Students are not considered registered for the Summer Learning Program until class payment is received in full. For registration and payment, go to: <https://www.d181.org/schools/summer-learning>

DATES/LOCATION:

All classes listed in this catalog are held daily, Monday through Friday, June 8 - 26, 2026 in person at Clarendon Hills Middle School, 301 Chicago Avenue, Clarendon Hills, Illinois. Friday, June 19th will be an at-home, asynchronous day in observance of Juneteenth National Freedom Day. This asynchronous work can be completed anytime between Thursday, June 18th and when classes resume on Monday, June 22nd. Illinois Public Act 102-0014 requires recognition of this state and federal holiday, and D181 school buildings will not be open on 6/19/2026.

COST:

\$175 per one-hour class

\$350 per two-hour class

GRADE LEVELS:

Students should have completed the grade levels indicated in course descriptions by the first day of class.

Students will only be able to register for their grade-level classes.

CLOSINGS/CANCELLATIONS:

Be certain of your summer plans before registering as no refunds will be given. Classes close once maximum enrollment is reached. Classes will be canceled if minimum enrollment is not reached. Registrants will be notified of cancellations and will have the opportunity to register for another class at no additional charge. Unless a class has been closed or canceled, no refunds will be given. There will not be make-up days for any reason (i.e. weather).

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION:

For those District 181 students who are eligible for Extended School Year (ESY) through their IEP, the child's Case Manager and Pupil Services Administrator will individually register the child for ESY classes that pertain to goal areas.

QUESTIONS (PRIOR TO JUNE)

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Summer School Administrators - summerschooladmin@d181.org

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS QUESTIONS

Senior Data Systems Manager - Nick Skrip - nskrip@d181.org

SUMMER PROGRAM LOCATIONS AND CONTACTS (DURING JUNE)

Clarendon Hills Middle School - Summer Learning, Time to Shine, Math Camp

Administrator - Erick Jones - 630.861.4805 - ejones@d181.org

Administrative Assistant - Payton Royeca - 630.366.0691 - proyeca@d181.org

Prospect School - Extended School Year (ESY) and Math Bridge

Administrator - Christopher Reid - 630.962.9435 - creid@d181.org

Administrative Assistant - Mary Collins - 630.366.0756 - mcollins@d181.org

HEALTH CONCERNS:

If your child has health concerns, please email the School Nurse.

Summer School Nurse • Susie Martin • 331.444.6194 • smartin@d181.org

Summer School Nurse • Cathy Siracusa • 630.453.9400 • csiracusa@d181.org

Registration Opens:
 March 27 (for d181 families)
 April 7 (non-d181 families)
Registration Closes: April 17 @ 2:00 p.m.
Program Start Date: June 8 - 26

Art

Holiday Crafts (Grades 1-2)

Course #: SART04 | Section: 01 | Grades: 1st, 2nd | Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Teacher: Czerniuk, Jessica

In this class students will complete a different seasonal craft project each day. Projects are designed specifically for grades 1-2 students and focus on winter and holiday-themed fun (no religious-based crafts). Students will explore a variety of art materials while creating colorful decorations and keepsakes to take home. This class encourages creativity, fine motor skill development, and artistic expression in a supportive, age-appropriate environment. What to Bring: An old oversized t-shirt or paint smock to protect clothing, and basic art supplies each day.

Arts & Crafts (Grades 1-2)

Course #: SART01 | Section: 01 | Grades: 1st, 2nd | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Czerniuk, Jessica

Each day, students will complete at least one age-appropriate craft project that encourages creativity, fine motor development, and self-expression. Activities may include painting, cutting, gluing, and other engaging art experiences. All projects are designed with young learners in mind, ensuring a supportive and exciting environment for budding artists. Please Note: Students should bring their basic art supplies each day. An old oversized T-shirt or paint smock is required to protect clothing.

Arts & Crafts (Grades 3-6)

Course #: SART02 | Section: 01 | Grades: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th | Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Teacher: Czerniuk, Jessica

Students in grades 3-6 will enjoy daily hands-on craft projects to build creativity and fine motor skills in a fun, supportive environment. Note: Please bring basic art supplies and a paint smock or old T-shirt daily.

Beads and String (Grades 4-7)

Course #: SART03 | Section: 01 | Grades: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th | Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Teacher: Czerniuk, Jessica

In this class students will design and make their own bracelets using a variety of stringing and beading techniques. Each day, students will learn at least one new bracelet style and create a finished piece to keep or trade with classmates. Some projects will focus on string-only designs, while others will incorporate colorful beads and decorative elements. This class supports fine motor skill development, creativity, and patience while giving students the opportunity to express their personal style. Additional supplies may be required.

The Masterpieces (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SART05 | Section: 01 | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Teacher: Scott, Heather

Students will choose a famous painting/artist to learn about. They will research that artist and the history of the painting and then elevate the experience in several ways. They may create a new backstory for the painting, enjoy some time to color a sketch of the painting true to the original or a new, inspired version, modernize the painting, and even create a puzzle of the work of art. Come learn about the Masterpieces and their creators.

Crochet (Grades 4-7)

Course #: SART06 | Section: 01-04 | Grades: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th | Time: 8AM, 9AM, 10AM, 11AM | Teacher: Wodka, Meredith-

Students will learn the basics of crochet and have the opportunity to create a minimum of three projects. Students who are familiar with crochet will “choose their own adventure” as they move through advanced skills. Students are responsible for bringing their own hooks, notions, and project bag. We will provide links for suggested materials. All yarn will be provided.

FACS

Chef's Corner (Grade 7)

Course #: SFAC01 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM), 03 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM) | Grades: 7th | Teacher: van der Merwe, Suzanne

In this 3-week hands-on lab, students work in teams to advance their cooking and baking skills from basic to advanced. Using unique recipes not taught in standard middle school classes, learners will master accurate measuring and new culinary techniques. Every student takes home a personal recipe book! Note: All recipes are peanut, tree nut, and seafood-free. Ingredient lists are available upon request, and other allergies can be accommodated.

Advanced Chef's Corner (Grades 6-7)

Course #: SFAC02 | Section: 01 | Grades: 6th, 7th | Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Teacher: van der Merwe, Suzanne

Students will continue to build on their culinary skills and progress with more advanced skills over the 3-week period. Students will cook and bake more advanced foods, building on their current knowledge, and incorporate advanced skills, including different knife cuts. The labs covered over the summer will be different from the labs done in Grades 6 - 8 at both middle schools. Students will learn new skills, tips, tricks, and receive a recipe book which they can take home with them. This will be a hands-on, lab-based class that is fun and creative, providing skills for life! Recipes and ingredient lists are available upon request. PLEASE NOTE: ANY FOOD ALLERGIES CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. *All recipes are peanut, tree nut, and seafood-free.

Language Arts

Historic Mythology (Grades 4-5)

Course #: SELA01 | Section: 01 | Grades: 4th, 5th | Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Teacher: Bilshausen, Hoff

Historic Mythology class for incoming 4th and 5th graders. (Greek, Norse, and Egyptian mythology including Gods, Heroes and Monsters). Activities include daily myth, craft, movement game, and some readers theater. Note: See pages 14-15 for this course's resources.

Fables and Fairy Tales (Grades 1-3)

Course #: SELA02 | Section: 01 | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Grades: 1st, 2nd, 3rd | Teacher: Eggers, Sue

Students will read and listen to a variety of fables and fairy tales. They will compare and contrast different versions, write some of their own, and enjoy readers theater. Come and enjoy the fun of fables and fairy tales! Note: See pages 14-15 for this course's primary resources.

Poetry Party! (Grades 2-5)

Course #: SELA03 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM) | Grades: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th | Teacher: Eggers, Sue

In this engaging and imaginative class, students will explore a variety of poetry styles through fun mentor texts, interactive activities, and creative writing experiences. From silly and rhythmic poems to thoughtful and descriptive pieces, students will learn how poets use words to express ideas, feelings, and stories. Each student will write original poems and design a personalized poetry book complete with colorful illustrations. By the end of the session, students will take home a beautifully crafted collection of their own work—something they can proudly share with family and friends. This class celebrates creativity, confidence, and the joy of self-expression.

Reading Road Trip (Grades 2-3)

Course #: SELA04 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM), 03 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), 04 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM) | Grades: 2nd, 3rd | Teacher: Ingstrup, Robin

Students will read stories and do activities in history and culture as they embark on a "road trip" across the United States. They will keep a digital scrapbook of the places they stop to visit along the way. *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Readers Theatre: Modern Stories (Grade 3)

Course #: SELA05 | Section: 01 | Grades: 3rd | Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Teacher: Karrow, Sarah

In this high-energy theater class, students reimagine popular plays with a fresh, modern twist! Through reading, writing, and acting, participants will bring classic and contemporary stories to life using current phrases, humor, and their own creative ideas. Students will build reading fluency, confidence, and collaboration skills while practicing expressive performance techniques. Get ready to perform, laugh, and give great stories a brand-new spin! *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Readers Theatre: Modern Stories (Grade 4)

Course #: SELA18 | Section: 01 | Grades: 4th | Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Teacher: Karrow, Sarah

In this creative and high-energy theater class, students will explore popular plays and reimagine them with a fresh, modern twist. Through reading, writing, and acting, participants will bring stories to life while adding their own current phrases, humor, and creative ideas. Students will build fluency, confidence, and collaboration skills as they practice expressive reading and performance techniques. Together, we'll transform classic and contemporary stories into fun, relatable productions inspired by real-life experiences, funny moments, and today's trends. Get ready to perform, laugh, and think creatively as we give great stories a brand-new spin! *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Creative Writing (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SELA06 | Sections & Times: 01 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), 02 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM) | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Teacher: Lampe, Eric

Students will work on all aspects of the creative writing process. They will create characters, design intriguing settings, brainstorm compelling conflicts, and plan out a story. They will then write and revise the story and create some additional artistic designs that reflect their story. Students should have access to an iPad or Laptop.

Would You Rather: Book vs. Movie (Grade 3)

Course #: SELA07 | Section: 01 | Grades: 3rd | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Olson, Kari

Read and explore a variety of fantasy/fiction novels and picture books through group discussion. These discussions will help students explore literary standards in an engaging way. We will continue the fun of learning about text structure by comparing the written text to the movies! Some novels we might explore include: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Charlotte's Web, and Because of Winn Dixie.

Journal Jam! (Grades 2-3)

Course #: SELA16 | Section: 01 | Grades: 2nd, 3rd | Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Teacher: Thornquist, Jordan

This class focuses on creative writing and self-expression through journaling. Students will explore playful prompts that spark imagination, build storytelling skills, and expand descriptive vocabulary. This fun, low-pressure environment will help to strengthen students' writing abilities. By the end of the course, each child will have a personal keepsake and positive journaling habit they can continue at home! *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Journal Jam! (Grades K-1)

Course #: SELA08 | Section: 01 | Grades: K, 1st | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Thornquist, Jordan

This class focuses on creative writing and self-expression through journaling. Students will explore playful prompts that spark imagination, build storytelling skills, and expand descriptive vocabulary. This fun, low-pressure environment will help to strengthen students' writing abilities. By the end of the course, each child will have a personal keepsake and positive journaling habit they can continue at home!. *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Word Play (Kindergarten)

Course #: SELA09 | Section: 01 | Grades: K | Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Teacher: Thornquist, Jordan

We will review grade-level phonics and word recognition through games, challenges, and hands-on activities. Whether they're decoding secret words, racing through a scavenger hunt, or battling it out in a card game, learners will sharpen their skills while having a blast.

This class is perfect for building confidence and fluency, while keeping reading skills fresh over the summer months.

Word Play (Grade 1)

Course #: SELA19 | Section: 01 | Grades: 1st | Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Teacher: Thornquist, Jordan

We will review grade-level phonics and word recognition through games, challenges, and hands-on activities. Whether they're decoding secret words, racing through a scavenger hunt, or battling it out in a card game, learners will sharpen their skills while having a blast.

This class is perfect for building confidence and fluency, while keeping reading skills fresh over the summer months.

Wild About Reading (Grades 2-3)

Course #: SELA10 | Section: 01 | Grades: 2nd, 3rd | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Wade, Sydney

We'll explore amazing animal adventures without leaving the classroom. Each day, we'll read about a true animal story. We'll leap into some important vocabulary, comprehension questions, and have fun activities too! This is a perfect class for your second or third grader. *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Author Spotlights (Grades 1-2)

Course #: SELA11 | Section: 01 | Grades: 1st, 2nd | Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Teacher: Wade, Sydney

Shine a light on incredible books from authors Mo Willems, Laura Numeroff and Jory John. Each day we will feature a new book and creative activity or craft. Perfect for your 1st or 2nd grader! *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Picture Book Splash (Grades 1-2)

Course #: SELA12 | Section: 01 | Grades: 1st, 2nd | Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Teacher: Wade, Sydney

Let's Dive into Reading! New books, activities and crafts every day! This class is perfect for your first or second grader who wants to have fun and learn in the summer! Time will fly with a new book each day! *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Reading Kick off to Middle School (Grade 5)

Course #: SELA13 | Section: 01 | Grades: 5th | Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Teacher: Scott, Heather

This one hour course is designed for incoming 6th graders. Students will begin to explore and develop necessary reading, writing, and thinking skills that parallel those exercised in our ELA curriculum. Students will read a novel from the recommended summer reading list, learn to pace/plan out reading, use annotating strategies as well as participate in an end of book project. They will also read various short stories, plays, articles and completed corresponding thinking/responding activities. * Students will need a copy of a book from the summer reading list. * Access to a D181 issued iPad is required.

Time Travel Analysis (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SELA14 | Section: 01 | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Teacher: Scott, Heather

Students will begin to explore and develop necessary critical thinking and analytical skills that parallel those exercised in our ELA / A-ELA curriculum. Students will read various classic, and somewhat challenging, texts by Paul Jennings, Ray Bradbury, L. Frank Baum, and H.G. Wells, around the concept of TIME, specifically time travel. In addition, they will listen to a radio play based on a text, view a film based on another, as well as watch several Twilight Zone episodes in order to compare and contrast different media. They will focus on annotating, various methods of group discussion, and expressing thoughts through writing. As a culminating project, students will either research and create a time capsule or write their own time travel piece. * Access to an D181 issued iPad or Chromebook required. *Note: See back of catalog for course's primary resources.

Sensational Short Stories (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SELA15 | Section: 01 | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Scott, Heather

Students will write several short stories based on a variety of teacher led idea generators as well as their own creative prompts. They will peer edit/revise and then choose either favorite for publication (picture book, slide show, poster, etc.). *Access to an D181 issued iPad or Chromebook required.

Summer School Scoop (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SELA17 | Section: 01 | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Eggert, Kate

Calling on all budding journalists...join us to create the 1st edition of our student-created summer school publication. Like to investigate, plan & design layout, write, photograph, and edit? Then this course is for you. We'll include news and feature stories and other segments depending on student interest. By the time summer school comes to a close, we'll "publish" our paper.

Math

Mission Math: Skills Boost (Grades 3-4)

Course #: SMTH01 | Section: 01 | Grades: 3rd, 4th | Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Teacher: Wade, Sydney

Build confidence! Play games! Boost your 3rd grade math skills! Our mission will be to practice math facts and problem solve as we zoom through third grade math. A perfect class for your third or fourth grader. Let's have a blast!

Music

Disney and Dance (Grades K-1)

Course #: SMUS03 | Section: 01 | Grades: K, 1st | Time: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Teacher: Sciacotta, Jaime

Learn to sing several Disney songs with dances! It is great for those who love to perform and may want to participate in music theater. This is a 1-hour class with Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Sciacotta.

Broadway Bound (Grades 2-3)

Course #: SMUS04 | Section: 01 | Grades: 2nd, 3rd | Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Teacher: Sciacotta, Jaime

Do you enjoy musicals? Do you love to perform? Have you wanted to audition for a musical but don't know what to do? We will spend the class learning several musical numbers with choreography and go over proper audition techniques. We will end the class with a performance for families.

Show Choir (Grades 4-5)

Course #: SMUS01 | Section: 01 | Grades: 4th, 5th | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Sciacotta, Jaime

Do you like to sing? Do you like to dance? If so, show choir is for you! Students will learn several songs with choreography in this 1-hour class with Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Sciacotta.

Life is A Cabaret (Grades 4-6)

Course #: SMUS02 | Section: 01 | Grades: 4th, 5th, 6th | Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Teacher: Sciacotta, Jaime

Do you love karaoke and being the star of the show? Then this class is for you! This class will focus on solo singing and taking turns as backup dancers/singers. We will end the class with a performance for families.

PE/Health

Engaging Exercise For Everyone (Grades 1-5)

Course #: SPHY01 | Sections & Times: 01 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), 02 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM) | Grades: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th | Teacher: Jensen, Michael

Everyone will get active with engaging and fun physical activities. Students will participate in a variety of high energy, cooperative activities that will foster skill development and fitness!

Basketball Skills Development (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SPHY02 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM) | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Teacher: Jensen, Michael

Students will learn and practice basketball skills including dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense! This course is open to players of all experience levels and will engage students physically through a variety of drills and various basketball related games. Get ready to move, enhance your skills, and have fun on the basketball court!

Stress-Free Strategies (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SHLW01 | Section: 01 | Time: 11:00-12:00PM | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Teacher: Eggert, Kate

For anyone who needs and wants to practice some stress-relieving activities, this is a course for you. We'll engage in a variety of activities designed to reduce stress. From "walk & talk" to yoga, crafting to music and much more, students will hopefully learn a few fun and effective strategies.

Rowing for Fitness and Fun (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SPHY03 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM), 03 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), 04 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM) | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Teacher: Piper, Michael

Students will learn proper rowing technique and engage in varied fitness activities using Concept2 rowing machines, Air Bikes, and Concept2 SkiErg to build fitness and experience the fun of indoor rowing.

Steam

Legos, Robots, Coding, & More (Grades 1-3)

Course #: SSTM01 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM) | Grades: 1st, 2nd, 3rd | Teacher: Egan, Tiffany

Students will engage in a variety of STEM related hands on activities. No experience needed.

Legos, Robots, Coding, & More (Grades 4-5)

Course #: SSTM02 | Sections & Times: 01 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), 02 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM) | Grades: 4th, 5th | Teacher: Egan, Tiffany

Students will engage in a variety of STEM related hands on activities. No experience needed.

Lego SPIKE Introductory Robotics Program (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SSTM05 | Section: 01 | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Teacher: Gadzala, Nancy

Students will work cooperatively with each other on hands-on activities that support 21st century skills, design engineering, and computer science. Daily challenges will help students complete a culminating project of designing a solution for a problem.

Lego Spike Competition Ready (Grades 6-7)

Course #: SSTM03 | Section: 01 | Grades: 6th, 7th | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Gadzala, Nancy

Students will be introduced to the world of robotics competitions as they gradually learn the basics of building and programming autonomous robots using sensors. Working together to build an effective competition robot, they'll systematically test and refine programs, using the design process to develop a solution in order to complete missions, all the while developing skills related to collaboration and teamwork, and life skills for their future careers.

Intro to STEAM! (Grades K-2)

Course #: SSTM08 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM), 03 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), 04 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM) | Grades: K, 1st, 2nd | Teacher: Martorano, Erin

In this exciting, hands-on introductory course to STEAM, students will be guided through a unique STEAM unit each week. We will dig through fossils, discover more about our oceans and its creatures, and practice Earth conservation through Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematic activities. Our activities will allow students to take innovative approaches to solving challenges while being creative and most importantly, having FUN!

STEAM Strategy & Games Lab (Grades K-2)

Course #: SSTM06 | Sections & Times: 01 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), 02 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM) | Grades: KG, 1st, 2nd | Teacher: Lynch, Sanders

In this class we will use board games, card games and brain-teasing puzzles as well as hands on activities to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. We will collaborate with classmates and work together to explore the different areas of STEAM. We will also learn new games as well as play old favorite games. Get ready to explore and to have a great time!

Become a Code Cracker! (Grades 5-7)

Course #: SSTM04 | Section: 01 | Grades: 5th, 6th, 7th | Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Teacher: Gadzala, Nancy

In this interactive class, students will dive into the fascinating world of secret codes and encryption techniques. You will discover how codes have been used throughout history, explore various types of ciphers, and gain hands on experience encoding and decoding messages!

STEAM Strategy & Games Lab (Grades 3-5)

Course #: SSTM07 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM) | Grades: 3rd, 4th, 5th | Teacher: Lynch, Nancy

In this class we will use board games, card games and brain teasing puzzles as well as hands on activities to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. We will collaborate with classmates and work together to explore the different areas of STEAM. We will also learn new games as well as play old favorite games. Get ready to explore and have a great time.

STEAM into Summer (Grades 3-5)

Course #: SSTM09 | Sections & Times: 01 (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM), 02 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM), 03 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM), 04 (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM) | Grades: 3rd, 4th, 5th | Teacher: Pomeroy, Lindsey

Think like an engineer and create like an artist! This course blends technology with hands-on building to spark curiosity and teamwork. Students will explore STEAM concepts through interactive projects.

World Language

Spanish (Grade 5)

Course #: SWLA01 | Section: 01 | Grades: 5th | Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Teacher: Alsip, Tina

This enrichment course is designed for students entering 6th grade. The class will reinforce key Spanish language and communication skills through engaging activities such as games, songs, and storytelling. Students will strengthen vocabulary, conversational skills, and listening comprehension while building confidence in a supportive and interactive environment. This course helps maintain Spanish proficiency over the summer and prepares students for success in the upcoming academic year.

Spanish (Grade 6)

Course #: SWLA02 | Section: 01 | Grades: 6th | Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Teacher: Alsip, Tina

This enrichment course is designed for students entering 7th grade. The class will reinforce key Spanish language and communication skills through engaging activities such as games, songs, and storytelling. Students will strengthen vocabulary, conversational skills, and listening comprehension while building confidence in a supportive and interactive environment. This course helps maintain Spanish proficiency over the summer and prepares students for success in the upcoming academic year.

Spanish (Grade 7)

Course #: SWLA03 | Section: 01 | Grades: 7th | Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Teacher: Alsip, Tina

This enrichment course is designed for students entering 8th grade. The class will reinforce key Spanish language and communication skills through engaging activities such as games, songs, and storytelling. Students will strengthen vocabulary, conversational skills, and listening comprehension while building confidence in a supportive and interactive environment. This course helps maintain Spanish proficiency over the summer and prepares students for success in the upcoming academic year.

Schedule at a Glance

Grade Level	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Kindergarten	Disney and Dance Intro to STEAM! Word Play	Intro to STEAM!	Intro to STEAM! Journal Jam! STEAM Strategy	Intro to STEAM! Journal Jam! STEAM Strategy
1st Grade	Author Spotlights Disney and Dance Intro to STEAM! Legos Robots Coding	Holiday Crafts Intro to STEAM! Legos Robots Coding Picture Book Splash Word Play	Arts & Crafts Engaging Exercise Fables & Fairy Tales Intro to STEAM! Journal Jam! STEAM Strategy	Engaging Exercise Intro to STEAM! Journal Jam! STEAM Strategy
2nd Grade	Author Spotlights Intro to STEAM! Legos Robots Coding Poetry Party! Reading Road Trip	Broadway Bound Holiday Crafts Intro to STEAM! Legos Robots Coding Picture Book Splash Poetry Party! Reading Road Trip	Arts & Crafts Engaging Exercise Fables & Fairy Tales Intro to STEAM! Reading Road Trip STEAM Strategy Wild About Reading	Engaging Exercise Intro to STEAM! Reading Road Trip STEAM Strategy
3rd Grade	Legos Robots Coding Poetry Party! Readers Theatre Reading Road Trip STEAM Strategy STEAM into Summer	Broadway Bound Legos Robots Coding Poetry Party! Reading Road Trip STEAM Strategy STEAM into Summer	Engaging Exercise Fables & Fairy Tales Reading Road Trip STEAM into Summer Wild About Reading Would You Rather	Arts & Crafts Engaging Exercise Mission Math Reading Road Trip STEAM into Summer
4th Grade	Historic Mythology Poetry Party! STEAM Strategy STEAM into Summer Crochet	Poetry Party! Readers Theatre STEAM Strategy STEAM into Summer Crochet	Engaging Exercise Legos Robots Coding Show Choir STEAM into Summer Crochet	Arts & Crafts Beads and String Engaging Exercise Legos Robots Coding Life is A Cabaret Mission Math STEAM into Summer Crochet
5th Grade	Basketball Skills Historic Mythology Lego SPIKE Intro Poetry Party! Reading Kickoff to MS Rowing for Fitness STEAM Strategy STEAM into Summer Crochet	Basketball Skills Lego SPIKE Intro Poetry Party! Reading Kickoff to MS Rowing for Fitness Spanish STEAM Strate- gy STEAM into Summer-Time Travel Analysis Crochet	Creative Writing Engaging Exercise Legos Robots Coding Rowing for Fitness Sensational Short Stories Show Choir STEAM into Summer Summer School Scoop Crochet	Arts & Crafts. Crochet Beads and String Become a Code Cracker! Creative Writing Engaging Exercise Legos Robots Coding Life is A Cabaret Rowing for Fitness STEAM into Summer Stress-Free Strategies The Masterpieces
6th Grade	Basketball Skills Chef's Corner Crochet Lego SPIKE Intro Rowing for Fitness	Basketball Skills Chef's Corner Crochet Lego SPIKE Intro Rowing for Fitness	Chef's Corner Creative Writing Crochet Lego Spike Comp. Ready Rowing for Fitness Sensational Short Stories Spanish Summer School Scoop	Arts & Crafts Beads and String Become a Code Cracker! Creative Writing Crochet Life is A Cabaret Rowing for Fitness Stress- Free Strategies The Masterpieces
7th Grade	Basketball Skills Chef's Corner Crochet Lego SPIKE Intro Rowing for Fitness	Basketball Skills Chef's Corner Crochet Lego SPIKE Intro Rowing for Fitness	Chef's Corner Creative Writing Crochet Lego Spike Comp. Ready Rowing for Fitness Sensational Short Stories Summer School Scoop	Advanced Chef's Corner Beads and String Become a Code Cracker! Creative Writing Crochet Rowing for Fitness Spanish Stress-Free Strategies The Masterpieces

Summer Learning FAQ

Where does drop-off and pick-up take place?

All students should be dropped off and picked up at the main entrance of Clarendon Hills Middle School (Door #1). Please follow the designated traffic loop and remain in your vehicle to ensure a smooth and safe flow of traffic.

What should my child do if they have back-to-back classes?

There is a 5-minute transition period between classes. Staff members will be stationed in the hallways to help students find their next classroom. If your child is staying for multiple hours, we recommend packing a small, nut-free snack.

What is the procedure if my child is sick or will be absent?

Please contact the Summer School office at smartin@d181.org or call 331.444.6194 to report an absence. Because the program is only three weeks long, consistent attendance is highly encouraged!

Does my child need to bring a device?

Yes. For all STEAM and Language Arts courses, students should bring their school-issued iPad or Chromebook fully charged each day.

Are there classes on Friday, June 19th?

No. In observance of Juneteenth, there are no in-person classes. Students will have asynchronous (at-home) activities to complete at their own pace.

Summer Resources

Note: See course descriptions for details on how these resources are utilized.

Fables and Fairy Tales (Grades 1-3)

- Fables: Aesop's Fables (Sneer), Ant and Grasshopper (Luli), Town Mouse Country Mouse (Stevens / Brett), Tortoise and Hare (Stevens), The Lion and The Mouse & Three Billy Goats Gruff (Pinkney).
- Classic Fairy Tales: Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Beauty and the Beast, Three Little Pigs, Snow White.

Historic Mythology (Grades 4-5)

- The Minotaur (Selections) by Russell Punter
- Oh My Gods: A Modern Retelling of Greek and Roman Myths by Phillip Freeman
- Norse Mythology for Kids by Mathias Nordvig
- A Child's Introduction to Norse Mythology... by Heather Alexander
- Introduction to Norse Mythology for Kids... by Peter Aperlo

Reading Road Trip (Grades 2-3)

- Larry Gets Lost in Boston / Los Angeles by John Skewes & Eric Ode
- Are We There Yet? The First Road Trip Across the USA by Stacy McAnulty
- The Boy Who Loved Maps by Kari Allen
- Whales in the City by Nancy F. Castaldo
- Redwoods by Jason Chin
- Crossing Niagara by Matt Tavares
- Andre, the Famous Harbour Seal by Fran Hodgkins
- The Liberty Bell by Mary Firestone
- To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers by Wendie Old
- Are We There Yet, Daddy? by Virginia Walters
- Heartland by Diane Siebert
- Travel Guide for Monsters by Lori Degman
- Cactus Queen by Lori Alexander
- The Lobster Lady by Alexandra S. D. Hinrichs
- The Camping Trip that Changed America by Barb Rosenstock

Readers Theatre: Modern Stories (Grades 3-4)

- Plays (Scholastic Storyworks): The Legend of Robin Hood, Cinderella, The True Story
- Books & Movie Pairings: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Dahl / Rated PG) | Because of Winn Dixie (DiCamillo / Rated PG) | Stuart Little (White / Rated PG) | Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (Barrett / Rated PG) | The Lorax (Dahl / Rated PG) | Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (Rated G)

Journal Jam! (Grades K-1)

- What Do You Do With an Idea? by Kobi Yamada (Compendium, 2013)
- Write! Write! Write! by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater (WordSong, 2020)
- The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds (Orchard Books, 2018)

Wild About Reading (Grades 2-3)

- Scholastic Storyworks, EPIC! Reading App, Brain-Pop

Author Spotlights (Grades 1-2)

- Mo Willems: Elephant and Piggie, Knuffle Bunny, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, The Pigeon Will Ride the Rollercoaster
- Laura Numeroff: If You Give a... Pig a Pancake / Cat a Cupcake / Moose a Muffin / Dog a Donut
- Jory John: The Good Egg, The Bad Seed, The Smart Cookie, The Cool Bean, The Couch Potato

Picture Book Splash! (Grades 1-2)

- Jabari Jumps (Cornwall), The Nice Dream Truck (Ferry), There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell (Colandro), Clark the Shark (Hale), There Might Be Lobsters (Crimi), The Pout Pout Fish (Diesen), Fatima's Great Outdoors (Tariq), Oona (DiPucchio), It's a Firefly Night (Ochiltree), June-teenth for Mazie (Cooper), The Watermelon Seed (Pizzoli), It Began with Lemonade (Sterer), Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee (Van Dusen), Ice Cream Face (Sheffield), The Sandcastle that Lola Built (Maynor).

Time Travel Analysis (Grades 5-7)

- "Backward Step" by Paul Jennings
- "Dark They Were and Golden Eyed" by Ray Bradbury
- "The Capture of Father Time" by L. Frank Baum
- "The Time Machine" (Abridged) by H. G. Wells



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- Non-D181 Families: April 7 - April 17 @ 2:00 p.m.



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- JUNE 8 - 26, 2026
- MONDAY - FRIDAY
- CLARENDON HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 301 Chicago Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL
- Friday, June 19, 2026 - Asynchronous/At-Home Day

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