

## Fall 2023 Enrichment Class Descriptions

### **Scratch Coding**

*Mondays for 2nd - 5th Grade*

This scratch coding class is all about learning how to use technology to create, inspire and build unique things only computers are capable of such as video games, stories, music and much more! Coders, whether they are new or returning, will use a visual block-based program on iPads, to create all the things their imaginations are capable of. This class opens the door for students to explore new ways to use their creativity on devices (computers), rather than just playing on them, while also learning new problem solving skills and critical thinking.

Throughout these classes, we will work towards learning how to use the tools we just learned to hopefully create our own programming project

### **The Intuitive Writing Project**

*Tuesdays for 3rd - 5th Grade*

The Intuitive Writing Project focuses on finding joy and confidence through writing. Students will learn about the various components of writing stories, and will work on developing their own unique voice through testing out a variety of genres. This process will involve playful writing prompts as well as self-reflection. Each session involves instruction on the "art of storytelling" along with an inspirational reading, a writing prompt, and time to share and receive feedback. We follow the Amherst Writing Method, a methodology rooted in the belief that everyone is a writer, and that all feedback must be positive.

The Intuitive Writing Project is a unique hybrid of creative writing class and personal development program. As young people write their stories and assert their voice, they discover who they are, who they want to become, and how to find their own answers.

### **ECE Cooking and Science**

*Tuesdays for PS-PK*

#### **Cooking:**

Cooking helps cognitive development by encouraging critical thinking, problem solving and creativity. We will explore new foods and take a look at practice using math to count and add our ingredients together. The kids will practice following directions and working together, we will use fine motor skills to cut, scoop and serve foods. In cooking class this fall, we will learn how to make some fun and easy recipes and we will explore and try new foods together! Since it'll still be hot out we will make some tasty summertime favorite foods. We will make

strawberry lemon tarts, homemade butter, we will try bruschetta and look at the different types of tomatoes, yogurt parfait, and we will make smoothies and ice cream in a bag! At the end we will print out a recipe book that they can take home as a keepsake! We will also vote on which was our favorite recipe!

### **Science:**

Science can help kids develop critical thinking, problem solving and learn about cause and effect. We will work together to learn and experiment new things! For science we will do activities like making a compass, look at how plants and leaves breathe, make our own fossils, see how sunscreen works, and watch crystals grow! I am looking forward to doing some of these fun science projects with your kids this fall! At the end of their science class they will take home a Science Journal with copies of the experiments we did!

### **Glee Club**

*Wednesdays for K-5th Grade*

If you are obsessed with singing like we are and **Come Alive** when you hear certain songs ... **Come On Out** and join Glee Club! Glee Club is a weekly vocal ensemble performance class where students sing, learn fun dance moves and staging while singing their hearts out to their favorite songs. Students will **Move Like Butter** while creating their own show stopping choreography, utilize their artistic talents while making **Dynamite** props to accompany the songs, sing solos, learn performance technique, and play games with their friends. Session ends with an epic live performance that will give you **Shiver!**

### **Cartooning/ Science Fun**

*Thursdays for 1st - 5th Grade*

This hands-on and very interactive class is geared towards students who would like to not only draw, create, and make, but also build, brainstorm and experiment. For half the sessions, we will be doing cartooning, which will be hands-on, focusing on fun projects that not only entail drawing, but also creativity. We will be doing things from making 3D paper cities, comic books to simple bubble letters and cool 3D art. For science, we will be doing many fun projects that spurt creativity and imagination. Students will learn how to brainstorm and work together with others to build things such as newspaper bridges, while also using their engineering skills to make cool bottle rockets and volcanoes. Lots of fun experiment projects that innovate kids to become something more.

## **ECE Soccer**

*Thursdays for PS-PK*

For ECE Soccer, students will learn the very first basics and fundamentals of soccer. They will practice their fine motor skills as well as learn how to work collaboratively with other students. They will practice dribbling the ball, learning how to kick as well as know how to listen to directions and follow along as the teacher does. This class is meant to be fun and allows kids to get introduced to sports while getting that valuable outdoor experience.

## **Soccer with Soccer Stars**

*Fridays for K-2nd and 3rd-5th*

[Soccer Stars](#) is the leading educational youth soccer program provider in the country—and we're excited to now offer weekly after school enrichment programming for Saklan K-5 students! Our Super Soccer Stars curriculum is non-competitive and designed by soccer and early childhood development experts. Using the soccer ball as our vehicle, professionally trained coaches teach the FUNdamentals of soccer, promoting teamwork, developing social skills, and building self-confidence in every child. Our unique and highly structured program uses imagery and games to make learning fun and relatable, helping kids develop life and soccer skills while having a blast!

Classes are 45 minutes and will be held on Fridays for our K-2nd graders and our 3rd-5th graders. Because our class curriculum is based on the age and stage of development, we have broken our students into two groups to maintain our low child-to-coach ratio to ensure each child feels confident in their own abilities.

[Here](#) is a flier about our program.