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Summer Academics and Enrichment • Co-ed Grades PK4 - 12

2026 Course Catalog

2026 Summer Session Dates

Session 1: June 22-26
Session 2: July 6-10
Session 3: July 13-17

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Registration Worksheet

Student Name: _____
 Session Number: _____
 Dates: _____

Please use this worksheet to decide what classes your child will take during a session before you register online. Before submitting your registration to us, double check that there are no gaps in your child’s schedule and that no classes overlap. If you enter a class in one column, you should not enter a class in the other column that would conflict. For example, if a student will register for the three-hour class, do not enter a class in the left-hand column after lunch. Please remember to register your child for Extended Morning or Extended Afternoon (shown on this sheet) if your child will need to arrive early or stay late.

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| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Extended Morning | |
| 1.5-Hour Classes | 3-Hour Classes |
| 8:30 – 10 a.m. | 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. |
| 10 – 11:30 a.m. | |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Lunch | |
| 12 – 1:30 p.m. | 12 – 3 p.m. |
| 1:30 – 3 p.m. | |
| 3 – 5 p.m. Extended Afternoon | |

Session 1: June 22-26, 2026

Girls Camp (PK4-K): Let's Take a Girls Trip!

Boys Camp (PK4-K): Surf's Up

| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Extended Morning | | |
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| Lower School | 3-Hour Classes | Middle School |
| <p>8:30 – 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas in June (2nd-4th) Drone Flying Adventure (3rd-4th) The Eras Experience: A Week of Taylor Swift Creativity (2nd-4th) Sewing with Mrs. Olmos (1st-4th) Sports Around the World (1st-4th) STEAM Challenge: The Learning Lab (1st-3rd) | <p>8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego STEAM (PK4-K) Prep for Kindergarten: Planting Our Kinder "Garden" (K) Prep for First Grade: Not My First Rodeo (1st) Prep for Second Grade: Globetrotters (2nd) Sports Media and Broadcasting Bootcamp (6th-12th) 1 Week WITS (1st-8th) | <p>8:30 – 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas in June (5th) Drone Flying Adventure (5th) The Eras Experience: A Week of Taylor Swift Creativity (5th) Sewing with Mrs. Olmos (5th) Sports Around the World (5th) |
| <p>10 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bedazzling Bookworms (2nd-4th) Camp American Girl (1st-4th) Clay Critters (3rd-4th) Girls Self Defense (1st-4th) Junior Astronauts (1st-2nd) Sewing With Mrs. Olmos (1st-4th) STEAM Challenge: Destination Innovation (4th) Summer Olympics (1st-4th) | | <p>10 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bedazzling Bookworms (5th-8th) Canva With Confidence (5th-8th) Clay Critters (5th) Girls Self Defense (5th) Sewing With Mrs. Olmos (5th) STEAM Challenge: Destination Innovation (5th-6th) Stretch and Shine Pilates (for Middle School Girls) (5th-8th) Summer Olympics (5th) |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Lunch | | |
| <p>12 – 1:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Level 1 (1st-2nd) American Girl Christmas in June (1st-4th) Backstage on Broadway (1st-4th) Basketball (1st-4th) Gum-Do: The Art of the Korean Sword (1st-4th) Pickleball (1st-4th) Runway Rockstars (2nd-4th) Wearable Art (1st-4th) | <p>12 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brown's Gymnastics (PK4-5th) | <p>12– 1:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball (5th-6th) Chante y Canta (5th-8th) The Empowerment Lab (5th-8th) Gum-Do: The Art of the Korean Sword (5th) Pickleball (5th) Runway Rockstars (5th-6th) |
| <p>1:30 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Level 1 (1st-2nd) American Girl Playdate (1st-4th) Dodgeball and Kickball (1st-4th) Foodie Fun (2nd-4th) It's Showtime (1st-3rd) Modern Manners (2nd-4th) Stretch, Move, DANCE! (1st-4th) Typing and Internet Safety (2nd-4th) | | <p>1:30 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clay Critters (6th-8th) Dodgeball and Kickball (5th-6th) Foodie Fun (5th-8th) Game On! Sports and STEM Challenge (5th-8th) Modern Manners (5th) Typing and Internet Safety (5th-6th) |
| 3 – 5 p.m. Extended Afternoon | | |

Session 2: July 6-10, 2026

Girls Camp (PK4-K): Once Upon a Summer: A Princess & Mermaid Adventure

Boys Camp (PK4-K): Wild West Adventures

| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Extended Morning | | |
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| Lower School | 3-Hour Classes | Middle School |
| <p>8:30 – 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible Adventure (1st-4th) C'est La Vie! - Fun French Kids Culture (2nd-4th) Crafty Creations (1st-4th) Pickleball (1st-4th) Robotics, STEM, and Drones (1st-2nd) Soccer 360 (1st-4th) STEAM Challenge: Destination Innovation (4th) Summer Scribbles-Cursive (3rd-4th) Yoga Fun (1st-4th) | <p>8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego STEAM (PK4-K) Prep for Kindergarten: Camp Kindergarten (K) Prep for First Grade: Summer Safari (1st) Prep for Second Grade: "Whale-come" to Second Grade (2nd) 1 Week WITS (1st-8th) | <p>8:30 – 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C'est La Vie! - Fun French Kids Culture (5th-8th) Pickleball (5th) Soccer 360 (5th) STEAM Challenge: Destination Innovation (5th-6th) Summer Scribbles-Cursive (5th) |
| <p>10 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best of P.E. (1st-4th) Creative Collage Crafts (3rd-4th) Crest Quest (3rd-4th) Dog Lovers (1st-4th) Drawing and Painting (1st-3rd) Drone Flying Adventure (3rd-4th) Life Lessons With Laura Ingalls Wilder & <i>Little House on the Prairie</i> (3rd-4th) Mindful Journaling (3rd-4th) Summer Lawn Games (1st-4th) Taste of Geography (2nd-4th) | | <p>10 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best of P.E. (5th) Creative Collage Crafts (5th) Crest Quest (5th-6th) Drone Flying Adventure (5th) Life Lessons with Laura Ingalls Wilder & <i>Little House on the Prairie</i> (5th) Mindful Journaling (5th-8th) Study Skills Strategies (5th-8th) Summer Lawn Games (5th) Taste of Geography (5th) |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Lunch | | |
| <p>12 – 1:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Level 2 (1st-4th)** Basketball (1st-4th) Crafting With Mrs. Dora (1st-4th) Fashion Illustration (4th) Little Droplets Watercolor (1st-2nd) Math-O-Rama (2nd-3rd) Miam, Miam! French Food Tasting (2nd-4th) Sewing With Mrs. Olmos (1st-4th) SpaLaLa (1st-4th) Taekwondo (1st-4th) Watercolor (3rd-4th) | <p>12 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Browns Gymnastics (PK4-5th) | <p>12 – 1:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Level 2 (5th)** Basketball (5th-6th) Debate 101 (6th-8th) Fashion Illustration (5th-8th) Miam, Miam! French Food Tasting (5th-8th) Sewing With Mrs. Olmos (5th) Smart Sitters: Babysitting Basics (5th-8th) Taekwondo (5th) Watercolor (5th) |
| <p>1:30 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Level 2 (1st-4th)** Canva: Splash of Creativity (3rd-4th) Cheer/Pom (1st-4th) Dodgeball and Kickball (1st-4th) Fitness Ninja (1st-4th) Fort Building (1st-4th) Multiplication Masters (3rd-4th) Pet Apparel (3rd-4th) Sculpture (3rd-4th) Sewing With Mrs. Olmos (1st-4th) Sing and Shine (3rd-4th) | | <p>1:30 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Level 2 (5th)** Canva: Splash of Creativity (5th) Creative Collage Crafts (6th-8th) Dodgeball and Kickball (5th-6th) Global Voices-Model UN (5th-8th) Multiplication Masters (5th) Pet Apparel (5th-8th) Sculpture (5th) Sewing With Mrs. Olmos (5th) |
| 3 – 5 p.m. Extended Afternoon | | |

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Session 3: July 13-17, 2026

Girls Camp (PK4-K): Pink Palooza

Boys Camp (PK4-K): Adventures After Dark

| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Extended Morning | | |
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| Lower School | 3-Hour Classes | Middle School |
| <p>8:30 – 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illustrate Your Imagination (1st-3rd) No Bake Desserts (2nd-4th) Pet Apparel (3rd-4th) Soccer 360 (1st-4th) SpaLaLa (1st-4th) Stretch, Move, DANCE! (1st-4th) Summer Olympics (1st-4th) | <p>8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego STEAM (PK4-K) Prep for Kindergarten: Swimming into Kindergarten (K) Prep for First Grade: Let's "Dive" into First Grade (1st) Prep for Second Grade: Have Fun with Nature (2nd) 1 Week WITS (1st-8th) | <p>8:30 – 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Bake Desserts (5th) Pet Apparel (5th-8th) Soccer 360 (5th) Summer Olympics (5th) |
| <p>10 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballet Folklórico (2nd-4th) Best of P.E. (1st-4th) Clay (1st-3rd) Crafty Creations (1st-4th) Dog Lovers (1st-4th) Enigmatology (2nd-4th) Green Thumb Explorers (1st-4th) History's Got Talent (3rd-4th) Mindfulness Matters (3rd-4th) No Bake Desserts (2nd-4th) Summer Lawn Games (1st-4th) | | <p>10 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballet Folklórico (5th) Best of P.E. (5th) Fashion Accessories (5th-8th) History's Got Talent (5th-6th) No Bake Desserts (5th) Summer Lawn Games (5th) |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Lunch | | |
| <p>12 – 1:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Advanced (1st-4th)** American Girl Accessories (2nd-4th) Drawing and Painting (1st-3rd) Fort Building (1st-4th) Lego Your Imagination (1st-3rd) Poetry Camp (2nd-4th) Sewing With Mrs. Olmos (1st-4th) Summer Olympics (1st-4th) Wearable Art (1st-4th) | <p>12 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brown's Gymnastics (PK4-5th) | <p>12 – 1:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Advanced (5th-6th)** Canva With Confidence (5th-8th) Mindfulness Matters (5th-8th) Sewing With Mrs. Olmos (5th) Slam Dunk Public Speaking (5th-8th) Summer Olympics (5th) |
| <p>1:30 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Advanced (1st-4th)** American Girl Playdate (1st-4th) Cheer/Pom (1st-4th) Crafting With Mrs. Dora (1st-4th) Creative Writing Camp (2nd-4th) Curious Kids: A Science Adventure (1st-4th) Lego Masters (3rd-4th) Papier Mâché (3rd-4th) Sports Around the World (1st-4th) Summer Scribbles-Print (2nd-4th) Typing and Internet Safety (2nd-4th) | | <p>1:30 – 3 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A-Z Woodworking, Advanced (5th-6th)** Game On! Sports and STEM Challenge (5th-8th) Lego Masters (5th) Papier Mâché (5th) Sports Around the World (5th) Study Skills Strategies (5th-8th) Typing and Internet Safety (5th-6th) |
| 3 – 5 p.m. Extended Afternoon | | |

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Girls Camp

This weekly program is for girls entering PK4 through Kindergarten. Students must be four years old by July 1, 2026. The 3 theme-based weeks will include integrated curriculum where girls will experience an enjoyable, fun-filled, nurturing atmosphere with arts and crafts, games, story time, music, sports, and FUN Fridays! Choose from full-day or half-day options. All students enrolled in Duchesne Academy's Heart of the Summer **must be completely potty-trained**.

Full Day (8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.) – \$550

Half Day (8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) – \$375

Session 1: Let's Take a Girls Trip!

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Lions, tigers, and kangaroos? You bet! Pack your bags, grab your passports, and let's explore the world without ever leaving camp! From the lush rainforests of South America to the snowy peaks of Antarctica, each stop on our trip will bring cool crafts, fun music, and tasty snacks to fuel our explorations. Your passport to fun awaits!

Instructors: Rhonda Austin & Susan Knizner

Session 2: Once Upon a Summer: A Princess & Mermaid Adventure

Step into a storybook world where every girl is royalty - on land AND under the sea! Each day will be filled with magical adventures through themed learning centers, royal sing-along songs, and creative art projects fit for a castle gallery. With crowns, waves, and plenty of sparkle, this enchanting summer camp is perfect for girls who dream of royalty and ocean magic!

Instructors: Christy Casagli, Susan Knizner, & Tina Nguyen

Session 3: Pink Palooza

Calling all girls who love pink! We will explore all things pink through picture books, songs, arts and crafts, games, and more pink fun. Pigs, flamingos, pretty in pink tutus, cotton candy, baking pink cupcakes, and watching *Pink Panther* are some of our *pinkalicious* activities. This is every girl's dream. Sign up and don't miss this perfectly Pink Palooza!

Instructors: Melanie Rhode & Elisabeth Umanzor

Boys Camp

This weekly program is for boys entering PK4 through Kindergarten. Students must be four years old by July 1, 2026. The 3 theme-based weeks will include integrated curriculum where boys will experience an enjoyable, fun-filled, nurturing atmosphere with arts and crafts, games, story time, music, sports, and FUN Fridays! Choose from full-day or half-day options. All students enrolled in Duchesne Academy's Heart of the Summer **must be completely potty-trained**.

Full Day (8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.) – \$550

Half Day (8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) – \$375

Session 1: Surf's Up

Get ready to make a splash at Surf's Up Camp, the ultimate summer adventure for boys! Each day is packed with sunshine, laughter, and exciting ocean-themed activities designed to keep boys active, creative, and having fun with new friends. From beach games to sports challenges and cool crafts, every activity brings the spirit of the ocean and beach right to camp. Join the fun, where every day feels like a day at the beach!

Instructors: Catie Calderhead & Melanie Rhode

Session 2: Wild West Adventures

Saddle up, partners! This week, campers will head out on a Wild West adventure full of imagination and fun. We will ride pretend horses, search for gold, make cowboy crafts, and play exciting round-up games. Every day will be packed with adventure as we lasso our way through a rootin'-tootin' good time in the Wild West.

Instructors: Catie Calderhead & Alexis Simon

Session 3: Adventures After Dark

Get ready to stay curious as we explore the amazing world of animals that come out when the sun goes down. Campers will learn about owls that hoot, bats that swoop, and raccoons that sneak around in the night. Through fun games, stories, and crafts, boys will discover how these nighttime creatures see, hear, and move in the dark. Each day brings new animal friends and exciting activities that make learning about the night wild and wonderful!

Instructors: Catie Calderhead & Christy Casagli

Prep For Kindergarten (Co-ed)

This fun week will refresh your son's or daughter's PK4 skills and help make a successful transition to kindergarten. The class is offered 8:30-11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday.

Session 1: Planting Our Kinder "Garden"

Make a beeline for kindergarten this summer! During this "thyme," we will be planting the seeds to grow our pre-reading, writing, and math skills. This class will give you "peas" of mind when it's time to move up to kindergarten.

Instructor: Sarah Michael Hines

Session: LS 1 (8:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Session 2: Camp Kindergarten

Follow us to the camping grounds where your incoming kindergartner will be practicing their pre-reading, writing, and math skills under the stars. There will be s'more fun than you can imagine!

Instructor: Sarah Michael Hines

Session: LS 2 (8:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Session 3: Swimming Into Kindergarten

Let's dive into kindergarten this summer! Put on your snorkel to jump in and explore our pre-reading, writing, and math skills. This class is a great way to get your feet wet for the upcoming school year.

Instructor: Sarah Michael Hines

Session: LS 3 (8:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Prep For First Grade (Co-ed)

Get a head start on first grade while experiencing an exciting week refreshing reading, writing, and math skills. The class will be held 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday.

Session 1: Not My First Rodeo

Howdy! In this rootin'-tootin' class your little cowpokes will lasso up their reading, math, and writing skills to gallop through first grade with a breeze. So saddle up and join us for a boot scootin' good time as we prepare for the big adventure of first grade!

Instructor: Meg Pool

Session: LS 1 (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Session 2: Summer Safari

This summer program embarks on an adventure to prepare young explorers for first grade with engaging math activities and creative writing exercises, setting the stage for a successful start.

Instructor: Jessica Vixamar

Session: LS 2 (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Session 3: Let's "Dive" into First Grade

We will be "diving" under the sea this week. Join us for an exciting journey where young learners will dive into the world of numbers and letters. This fun-filled summer prep program is designed to boost math skills through interactive games, engaging activities, and basic operations, while also nurturing writing abilities through creative storytelling and handwriting practice.

Instructor: Jessica Vixamar

Session: LS 3 (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Prep For Second Grade (Co-ed)

Get ready for second grade by strengthening reading comprehension, writing, and math skills and having fun at the same time! The class will be held 8:30-11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday.

Session 1: Globetrotters

Ready, set, explore! This week, we will sharpen our reading, writing, and math skills while exploring the globe. First, we will examine maps and landforms. Then we will “travel” to a different country each day, making discoveries through reading and writing. Finally, we will make a piece of art that represents each country we explore. At the end of the week, Globetrotters will bring home a folder filled with their work.

Instructor: Kathi Cossey

Session: LS 1 (8:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Session 2: “Whale-come” to Second Grade

Get ready to make a splash into second grade. Dive into a week filled with reading, writing, and math skills for a successful year.

Instructor: Madison McKay

Session: LS 2 (8:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Session 3: Have Fun with Nature

Let’s have fun using nature as a source for learning. Through reading, writing, and art, we will explore habitats, describe animals and insects, and explain the water cycle. Students will also practice math facts. Everyone will come home with folders filled with the week’s discoveries.

Instructor: Elizabeth Romero

Session: LS 3 (8:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$300

Course Descriptions

A-Z Woodworking, Level 1

Learn to SAFELY use real hand tools in this amazing hands-on class. This is a class for beginners. No experience necessary! Hammering, shaping, painting, sawing, making holes, smoothing, and gluing--while making several small projects to take home. (No kits are used.)

Instructor: Linda Engelland

Ages: Entering 1st-2nd Grades

Session: LS 1 (12-1:30 and 1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$180

A-Z Woodworking, Level 2

Learn to SAFELY use real hand tools in this amazing hands-on class. **This is a class for children who have taken Level 1 OR are beginners entering 3rd-5th grades.** Hammering, shaping, painting, sawing, making holes, smoothing, and gluing--while making several small Level 2 projects to take home. (No kits are used.)

Instructor: Linda Engelland

Ages: Entering 1st-5th grades who have taken Level 1 OR who are beginners entering 3rd-5th grades

Session: LS/MS 2 (12-1:30 and 1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$180

A-Z Woodworking, Advanced

Learn to SAFELY use real hand tools in this amazing hands-on class. **This is a class for children who have taken Level 2.** Hammering, shaping, painting, sawing, making holes, smoothing, and gluing--while making an Advanced Level project to take home! (No kits are used.)

Instructor: Linda Engelland

Ages: Entering 1st-6th grades who have taken Level 2

Session: LS/MS 3 (12-1:30 and 1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$180

American Girl Accessories

Create one-of-a-kind accessories for your American Girl Doll. Each student will be provided with all materials to create accessories—a one-of-a-kind tote bag, custom scarf, and custom hair accessory—through design planning, artwork, and creativity. We will use our imagination and have some fun! Add to your doll's wardrobe with these staple accessories. At the end of the week, we will have a party to show off each student's accessory design!

Instructor: Becky Hollands

Ages: Entering 2nd-4th Grades

Session: LS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)

Price: \$325

American Girl Christmas in June

It's a winter wonderland in the middle of the summer! Participants will engage in crafts, games, and other fun activities with a Christmas theme. There will be plenty of goodies to take home and enjoy at Christmastime, for both children and dolls. Make sure to bring your favorite doll to maximize the fun!

Instructor: Katie Turner

Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades

Session: LS 1 (12-1:30 p.m.)

Price: \$200

American Girl Playdate

Worrying about a rushed and busy summer with little time left for good old-fashioned unstructured play? Heart of the Summer has your child and her (or his) 18 inch bestie covered. Each day of this camp the room will convert into a doll wonderland with fun playsets and accessories to bring your child's imagination to life! We'll also share some doll care tips along the way. Be sure to bring your doll to share in the fun!

Instructors: Katie Turner & Meg Pool

Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades

Sessions: LS 1 & 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$200

Backstage on Broadway

Does your child love theater, but prefers the backstage life? In this one-week class, your child will get to learn all about costumes, stage makeup, lighting, sound, props and even get to create their own designs! They will also get to play fun theater games and build relationships while growing in confidence.

Instructors: Student Stars of River Oaks

Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades

Session: LS 1 (12-1:30 p.m.)

Price: \$275

Ballet Folklórico

This lively summer dance class introduces students to the beauty and tradition of Mexican Ballet Folklórico through movement, music, and cultural exploration. Dancers will learn basic steps, posture, and formations while practicing traditional dances from the regions of Veracruz and Jalisco. No dance experience is necessary—just curiosity, enthusiasm, and an interest in Mexican culture. Students will build confidence, coordination, and appreciation for Mexico's rich dance traditions in a joyful and supportive environment.

Instructor: Yelitza Cantu
Ages: Entering 2nd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$180

Basketball

This dynamic and energetic class emphasizes fun while learning the basics of passing, shooting, dribbling, defending, and teamwork. With creative planning and fun activities, Just Play Sports takes an already exciting sport and makes it even more incredibly fun for participants. In this class, kids will use the appropriately-sized balls and baskets to give them the best chance to be successful.

Instructor: Just Play Sports
Ages: Entering 1st-6th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1 & 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$165

Bedazzling Bookworms

Bling Your Book Week! Students will spend the week transforming ordinary books into dazzling masterpieces. Using beautiful rhinestones, we'll decorate book covers, whether it's a subtle sparkle or full-on bedazzle, the choice is yours. In addition to customizing covers, students will craft blinged-out bookmarks, stickers, and other themed accessories to celebrate their love of reading. We'll also learn the art of gift-wrapping books to share the joy of reading with others. An age-appropriate paperback will be provided for practice, or students may bring a favorite (but not too precious) book from home.

Instructor: Tanya Clark
Ages: Entering 2nd-8th Grades
Session: LS/MS 1 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$180

Best of P.E.

Are you missing your P.E. games already? We have the solution! Come and have fun playing your P.E. favorites with scooters, dodgeballs, parachutes, and more.

Instructor: Duchesne P.E. Department
Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 2 & 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$150

Bible Adventure

Get ready, set, let's go! Join us as we travel back in time to learn about some of the most memorable stories and people of the Bible. Through these stories your children will learn about God's love and strengthen their relationship through prayer.

Instructor: Dianna Thompson
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Session: LS 2 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$160

Brown's Gymnastics

Come beat the heat with the most exciting gymnastics camp in Houston! Campers will work in the areas of floor tumbling, including balance beam, mini trampoline, back and front hand springs, among other gymnastic tricks. Camp offers a mix of health, fitness, and well-being tips along with lots of fun. We set three goals for the boys and girls: 1) Learn to work hard for what you want; 2) Learn to control yourself, both physically and mentally; 3) Have FUN, because after all, it's CAMP!!

Instructors: Olga and Mark Weathers, Brown's Gymnastics Staff
Ages: Entering PK4-5th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1,2,3 (12-3 p.m.)
Price: \$295

Camp American Girl

Get ready to enjoy the fun of sleepaway camp with your favorite doll right here on the Duchesne campus! From making s'mores for you and your dolls, to telling stories around the campfire, to creating a cozy sleeping bag for your doll, we'll do it all! Games and crafts abound; don't forget to bring your favorite doll to join in the fun!

Instructor: Katie Turner
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Session: LS 1 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$200

Canva: Splash of Creativity

Let your creativity shine! In this fun and hands-on class, you'll learn how to use Canva to make colorful, professional looking projects. From personalized posters to fun digital art, you'll get to create and share your unique style. By the end of the week, you'll have a collection of awesome designs to show off! **Students will need to sign up for a free Canva account at [canva.com](https://www.canva.com) prior to the start of class.**

Instructor: Jessica Vixamar
Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$180

Canva with Confidence

Ready to bring your ideas to life? Students learn the basics of graphic design and digital creativity using Canva. They'll create eye-catching posters, social media-style projects, and personal designs while building confidence in presenting their ideas visually. **Students should bring a laptop and charger to class. They will need to sign up for a free Canva account at [canva.com](https://www.canva.com) prior to the start of class.**

Instructor: Jessica Glazier
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Sessions: MS 1 (10-11:30 a.m.); MS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$180

C'est La Vie! - Fun French Kids Culture

Dive feet first into all things France—French music, French television, French fashion, French slang, and more! Learn about how French kids and teens enjoy their lives. Is it the same as us? Is it different? You get to discover and decide!

Instructor: Sara Hewett
Ages: Entering 2nd-8th Grades
Session: LS/MS 2 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$170

Chante y Canta

Let's make summer sing! Chante y Canta is a vibrant class where students explore the joy of music through French and Spanish songs. It's all about rhythm, language, and self-expression, perfect for kids who love to sing, move, and discover new cultures.

Instructor: Zoya Mazneva
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Session: MS 1 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$150

Cheer/Pom

Hey! Hey! What do you say? Go team go! This class will be a fun way to learn cheers, chants, motions, and more. Join us as we practice supporting our team as mini cheerleaders and pom girls.

Instructors: Jen Bower and Cheer Assistants
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Sessions: LS 2 & 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$150

Christmas in June

Celebrate the holiday spirit with a summer twist. This creative course invites students to explore sustainability through handmade ornaments, eco-friendly card making, and imaginative holiday projects. Discover how to spread cheer while creating beautiful and sophisticated decor and gifts using recycled materials and summertime inspiration!

Instructor: Becky Hollands
Ages: Entering 2nd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 1 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$325

Clay

Students will learn how to create three dimensional pieces and use their creativity to paint and decorate their final product.

Instructor: Eva Vig
Ages: Entering 1st-3rd Grades
Session: LS 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$200

Clay Critters (3rd-5th)

Explore the tactile world of clay craft. Students will make hand-built ceramic creatures in the pinch method, stretching their creativity as they learn about texture and composition. At the end of the session, students will come away with new skills, a fully fired piece of ceramic art, and the satisfaction of working with one of the oldest artistic mediums in the world. Please note: Because of the drying and firing time, pieces will be fired and ready for pickup during Summer Session 2. Families will be contacted when they are ready.

Instructors: Jill Hess & Rachel Hess
Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 1 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$200

Clay Critters (6th-8th)

Explore the tactile world of clay craft. Students will make hand-built ceramic creatures in the pinch method, stretching their creativity as they learn about texture and composition. At the end of the session, students will come away with new skills, a fully fired piece of ceramic art, and the satisfaction of working with one of the oldest artistic mediums in the world. Please note: Because of the drying and firing time, pieces will be fired and ready for pickup during Summer Session 2. Families will be contacted when they are ready.

Instructors: Jill Hess & Rachel Hess

Ages: Entering 6th-8th Grades

Session: MS 1 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$200

Crafting with Mrs. Dora

This week will be full of creative FUN! We will focus on making crafts to share, give, and keep. We will also work on other projects that bring joy to ourselves and others. Come craft with Mrs. Dora!

Instructor: Helen Dora

Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades

Sessions: LS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.); LS 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$200

Crafty Creations

The sky is the limit on what we will use to create! We will work with a variety of materials to create one-of-a-kind items. So, if you like arts and crafts, this is a class for you!

Instructor: Helen Dora

Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades

Sessions: LS 2 (8:30-10 a.m.); LS 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$200

Creative Collage Crafts (3rd-5th)

Students will explore the fascinating, hands-on world of collage. Using the paper media that surrounds them every day, students make little works of art, and then get to see that art applied to different projects that they can use and enjoy. From buttons to bookmarks and notebook covers, students will get to hold in their hands the unique proof of a job well done. Learn about color, composition, and the beauty of the mundane with collage crafts!

Instructors: Jill Hess & Rachel Hess

Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades

Session: LS/MS 2 (10-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$200

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Instructors: Jill Hess & Rachel Hess

Ages: Entering 6th-8th Grades

Session: MS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$200

Creative Writing Camp

This imaginative writing class invites young authors to create magical characters, exciting adventures, and vivid worlds through guided storytelling. Students will explore descriptive writing, character development, setting, and plot while building confidence and a love of writing. With engaging prompts, drawing, and sharing time, writers will bring their stories to life and publish a final piece to celebrate their work. Perfect for students who love to imagine, create, and tell stories!

Instructor: Yelitza Cantu

Ages: Entering 2nd-4th Grades

Session: LS 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$175

Crest Quest

Students dive into family history, heritage, and symbolism to design their own family crest. This creative project teaches research, self-expression, and storytelling through art, all while connecting to history and personal identity.

Instructor: Jessica Glazier

Ages: Entering 3rd-6th Grades

Session: LS/MS 2 (10-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$180

Curious Kids: A Science Adventure

Ignite your curiosity in this hands-on science laboratory! We will conduct exciting experiments using different everyday materials to explore fundamental scientific principles, from chemistry to physics. Get ready to observe amazing reactions, make surprising discoveries, and expand your knowledge of the world around you.

Instructor: Madison McKay
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Session: LS 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$180

Debate 101

Debate 101 is an introduction to the world of structured debate. Students learn how to craft arguments, think critically, and communicate persuasively in a supportive environment. This class is perfect for building public speaking skills and self-confidence.

Instructor: Jessica Glazier
Ages: Entering 6th-8th Grades
Session: MS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$160

Dodgeball and Kickball

We are excited to be combining two of America's favorite playground games! Yes, kickball and dodgeball! Kids will participate in a variety of fun and safe dodgeball and kickball games. Players will spend the week having a blast and working on their lateral movements, speed, and agility as well as hand-eye coordination all in an exciting, energetic environment. Don't miss this action-packed week!

Instructor: Just Play Sports
Ages: Entering 1st-6th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1 & 2 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$165

Dog Lovers

This class will begin with two or three "good dog" visits. Students are encouraged to bring pictures of their furry friends of all kinds to promote funny or heart-warming tales. Students will be encouraged to create watercolor portraits of their buddies (suitable for framing), while we enjoy a wide variety of dog cartoons, videos, and movie clips. We will also discuss the importance of proper care and feeding as well as veterinary care.

Instructor: Erin Saldana
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Sessions: LS 2 & 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$180

Drawing and Painting

Students will be taught to create pictures with different mediums. We will be learning how to draw and paint in perspective by using pencils, pen and ink, watercolors, and acrylic paints. Our final masterpieces will be three-dimensional pictures on paper or canvas.

Instructor: Eva Vig
Ages: Entering 1st-3rd Grades
Sessions: LS 2 (10-11:30 a.m.); LS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$200

Drone Flying Adventure

DroneTogether is bringing an exhilarating and innovative STEM class to Heart of the Summer. Come have fun spending time in one of the fastest growing spaces in technology - drone flying. All flying abilities are welcome, as we build on basic flying skills to advance to more challenging and exciting opportunities. Some of the opportunities include tricks, team flying challenges, flying adventures, obstacle design, and course design. All activities are designed to be collaborative, fun, and safe for all students. Come see what all the buzz is about and join us as we zoom, flip, and soar our way through an exciting week of learning.

Instructor: DroneTogether Staff
Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1 (8:30-10 a.m.); LS/MS 2 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$220

The Empowerment Lab

Students explore self-awareness, personal strengths, and dreams through a hands-on art project. Each student decorates a 3-D block featuring their initial with images, words, and symbols that represent their vision, goals, and things that make them unique. This creative process helps students reflect on themselves, build confidence, and express their personal story in a tangible, artistic way.

Instructor: Jessica Glazier
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Session: MS 1 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$180

Enigmatology

Do you like to problem solve? Come be an enigmatologist and discover creative ways to develop your memory skills, as well as an ability to plan, test ideas, and solve problems. We will spend the week solving puzzles as well as creating our own mathematical, word, and logic-oriented puzzles.

Instructor: Karina Cepeda
Ages: Entering 2nd-4th Grades
Session: LS 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$200

The Eras Experience: A Week of Taylor Swift Creativity

Calling all Swifties! Step into the colorful world of Taylor Swift's Eras and spend a week creating, singing, and expressing yourself through art and storytelling. Each day, students will explore a different Taylor Swift era, from *Fearless* to *Midnights*, through hands-on projects and group fun. Throughout the week, students will write simple song lyrics and short stories inspired by Taylor's music, design their own album cover art and custom eras t-shirts, make friendship bracelets and share mini performances, and take part in a fun Eras Showcase on the final day. Perfect for Swifties who love music, art, and imagination, this class celebrates creativity across every era!

Instructor: Houston Tutorial Association Staff
Ages: Entering 2nd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 1 (8:30-10 am)
Price: \$300

Fashion Accessories

Discover the art of stylish sustainability in this hands-on course focused on eco-friendly fashion accessories and jewelry. Students will learn to design and create unique pieces using reclaimed, recycled, and natural materials while exploring the impact of fashion on the environment. Through creative projects and discussions on ethical production and design, this class empowers students to express their style with purpose and sustainability in mind.

Instructor: Becky Hollands
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Session: MS 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$325

Fashion Illustration

Explore your creativity through fashion illustration! Each student will learn to communicate fashion ideas through visual form: drawing and painting. We will explore proportion specific to fashion illustration, techniques to convey apparel in movement, and bring home an illustration of a personally designed ensemble on a fashion croquis as a keepsake. All materials included.

Instructor: Becky Hollands
Ages: Entering 4th-8th Grades
Session: LS/MS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$325

Fitness Ninja

Kids love this class because they get to run, jump, kick, spin, and basically be kids! Parents love this class because their kids get to burn off energy and exercise while having fun, and as a bonus, learn tenets such as self-discipline, confidence, and respect. During "Fitness Ninja," your ninja will learn Martial Arts, obstacle course, Bo staff, and much more.

Instructor: Master Bruce Alamdari
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Session: LS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$230

Foodie Fun

Join us as we explore baking and how to prepare different desserts. Students will get hands-on experience with planning and preparation for baking. This will be a fun, interactive way to learn about a variety of flavors and try new things.

Instructor: Tanya Clark
Ages: Entering 2nd-8th Grades
Session: LS/MS 1 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$200

Fort Building

Create with the heart, build with the mind. This week, let's use our imaginations to design, build, and create 3-D environments. We will construct caves, forts, tents, crawl spaces—you name it, we'll build it. Activities will be designed to enhance teamwork, creative expression, and problem solving. Big or small, there's a fort for all!

Instructors: Mira Mupier & Claire Tenney
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Sessions: LS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.); LS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$175

Game On! Sports and STEM Challenge

Get your game face on for a week of sporty experiments, friendly competition, and creative challenges! Each day, students explore how science and math power their favorite games, from the bounce of a basketball to the spiral of a foam football. Working in teams, students will measure, test, graph, and problem-solve like real sports scientists. Throughout the week, teams earn points for teamwork, creativity, and STEM smarts, leading up to the ultimate Invent-a-Sport Challenge, where they'll dream up and design a brand-new game of their own. It's a perfect mix of science, sports, and imagination that keeps students learning, laughing, and cheering all week long!
*Course fee includes all materials needed for experiments and challenges.

Instructor: Houston Tutorial Association Staff
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Sessions: MS 1 & 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$315

Girls Self Defense Class

Our self-defense class teaches girls discipline, offers a fun activity, and helps teach them confidence. Children who learn self-defense skills are better aware of their surroundings and are trained in how to defend themselves against attackers, both children their age and adults. It helps them deal with common bully situations without becoming bullies themselves.

Instructor: Master Bruce Alamdari
Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 1 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$230

Global Voices - Model United Nations

Young delegates will embark on a fun, hands-on journey into global problem-solving! Each student represents a country, researches real-world issues, and collaborates with new friends to find creative solutions, culminating in an exciting final round table of ideas and teamwork. Students will receive a delegate folder (country profile, issue brief, research guides). They'll work in pairs or small teams (depending on enrollment) and use interactive whiteboard sessions, group discussions, and role-play activities. On the final day, they can dress in smart casual attire for their "conference" and present their resolutions to their peers and instructors. This class will be a week of diplomacy, discovery, and fun, where they learn that their voice can shape a better world!

Instructor: Houston Tutorial Association Staff
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Session: MS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$300

Green Thumb Explorers

Get your hands dirty in this fun gardening adventure! We will explore the amazing world of plants by planting our own seeds, learning the essential tips for plant care, and decorating the perfect pots for our growing friends. Through exciting activities, we'll uncover the science behind how plants grow and thrive.

Instructor: Madison McKay
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Session: LS 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$180

Gum-Do: The Art of the Korean Sword

Gum-Do is a Korean, sword-based martial art that teaches children discipline, focus, and physical coordination through a structured system that begins with safe, foam training swords. For kids, Gum-Do offers numerous benefits, including improved balance, coordination, strength, and a fun, hands-on way to learn traditional martial arts and Korean culture.

Instructor: Master Bruce Alamdari
Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 1 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$230

History's Got Talent

A fun, performance-based history class where students bring historical figures, events, and stories to life through skits, mini-plays, and creative presentations. Students explore history while honing acting, teamwork, and storytelling skills.

Instructor: Jessica Glazier
Ages: Entering 3rd-6th Grades
Session: LS/MS 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$180

Illustrate Your Imagination

Join us for a fun and creative adventure where you'll learn how to bring your drawings to life! In this class, we'll explore the exciting world of illustration through hands-on activities, games, and projects. Whether you love to draw animals, create fantasy worlds, or design your own characters, this class is the perfect place to let your imagination run wild.

Instructor: Karina Cepeda
Ages: Entering 1st-3rd Grades
Session: LS 3 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$200

It's Showtime

Does your child love musicals? Or want to be the next star? Join us for a spectacular performance class! We will learn songs and dances from a popular musical, play fun theater games, create props, and build relationships as we grow in confidence.

Instructor: Student Stars of River Oaks
Ages: Entering 1st-3rd Grades
Session: LS 1 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$275

Junior Astronauts

3...2...1...blast off into an out-of-this-world adventure! Each day, students will train like real astronauts as they explore the wonders of space, building rockets and learning about planets, simulating moon missions, and creating galaxy art. Through science experiments, hands-on activities, and fun, physical "astronaut training" activities, children will discover what it takes to explore space while developing teamwork, curiosity, and a love for discovery.

Instructor: DroneTogether Staff
Ages: Entering 1st-2nd Grades
Session: LS 1 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$200

Lego Masters

Put your Lego skills to the test and join us for a week of fun, competitive Lego challenges. During the week you will learn to work on creating self-portraits, balloon-powered cars, houses on stilts, and famous landmarks. Join us for a fun week of teamwork while we get our Lego skills on!

Instructor: Karina Cepeda
Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$180

Lego STEAM

Become a LEGO Engineer this summer! This camp will prepare our students for school by building confidence and social skills, while igniting their Lego STEAM journey. From simple machines to small towns, students will grow their understanding of gears, motion, measurement, and solving problems together in a fun and engaging way. Your child will experience a full week of 100% hands-on building activities that will inspire curiosity and encourage learning through play.

Instructor: Bimbomba Educational Programs
Ages: Entering PK4-Kindergarten
Sessions: LS 1,2,3 (8:30-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$340

Lego Your Imagination

Come feed your imagination and turn your ideas into reality. During this week, we will build engineer-designed projects such as bridges, mazes, and cars. This will be an excellent way to discover and learn about the basic engineering fundamentals.

Instructor: Karina Cepeda
Ages: Entering 1st-3rd Grades
Session: LS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$180

Life Lessons With Laura Ingalls Wilder and *Little House on the Prairie*

This class introduces students to the life, time, and writings of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Through guided reading, historical explanation, hands-on activities, and creative projects, students will deepen their appreciation of pioneer life, develop reading comprehension skills, and build connections between literature and American History.

Instructor: Dianna Thompson
Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 2 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$160

Little Droplets Watercolor

Get ready to mix, splash, and create with watercolor fun, a hands-on introduction to the magical world of watercolor painting. Over this session, young artists will learn how to make colors bleed, blend, and bloom on the paper using simple techniques like wet-on-wet, blotting, and gradient washes.

Instructor: Sarah Michael Hines
Ages: Entering 1st-2nd Grades
Session: LS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$180

Math-O-Rama

Brush up on math skills and strategies! We will review important concepts, such as time, place value, money, and fractions. We will also play math games to help students strengthen their math skills. Go back to school as a math whiz kid!

Instructor: Melanie Rhode
Ages: Entering 2nd-3rd Grades
Session: LS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$150

Miam, Miam! French Food Tasting

Are you curious about what French people like to eat? What drinks do they like? What are their favorite desserts? Why is their cheese so stinky? Learn about and TASTE this and more in this trip for your taste buds! Each day you will learn about traditional and new French foods, and then you will get to TRY them out and rate them, just like a food critic!

Instructor: Sara Hewett

Ages: Entering 2nd-8th Grades

Session: LS/MS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)

Price: \$220

Mindful Journaling

In a fast-moving world of quick decision making and technology reliance, "Mindful Journaling" will allow the students to unplug and fine tune their executive functioning skills. Students will monitor the patterns in their life, keep track of accomplishments, and build self confidence in their abilities by reflecting on their data. They will track the past, monitor the present, and plan for the future. Habit trackers build positive, healthy life practices, while novel/book trackers promote fluency and language acquisition through self-reflection and book analysis. The added bonus of learning calligraphy and purposeful doodles along the way will add personality and ownership to each page!

Instructor: Julie Sirianni Barnes

Ages: Entering 3rd-8th Grades

Session: LS/MS 2 (10-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$190

Mindfulness Matters (3rd-4th)

Mindfulness Matters is perfect for the student who wants a little extra help navigating emotions and feelings. We'll discover and explore a variety of mindfulness practices, including but not limited to, strategies involving the arts, nature and outdoors, movement, relationships, and spirituality. Our hope is students will develop mindful tools that can be used at home, school, and in the community. We'll also take time to connect, build healthy relationships, and process experiences in a supportive environment.

Instructor: Meg Kozel

Ages: Entering 3rd-4th Grades

Session: LS 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$190

Mindfulness Matters (5th-8th)

Mindfulness Matters is perfect for the student who wants a little extra help navigating emotions and feelings. We'll discover and explore a variety of mindfulness practices, including but not limited to, strategies involving the arts, nature and outdoors, movement, relationships, and spirituality. Our hope is students will develop mindful tools that can be used at home, school, and in the community. We'll also take time to connect, build healthy relationships, and process experiences in a supportive environment.

Instructor: Meg Kozel

Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades

Session: MS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)

Price: \$190

Modern Manners

Modern Manners is a comprehensive course designed to help students navigate social situations with confidence and courtesy. From table manners and conversational etiquette to digital communication and respectful behavior, this class explores the essentials of good manners in today's world. Through interactive activities and real-world scenarios, students will learn how small gestures can make a big difference in building lasting positive impressions.

Instructor: Becky Hollands

Ages: Entering 2nd-5th Grades

Session: LS/MS 1 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$300

Multiplication Masters

Mastering your multiplication facts and having lots of fun is the goal of this class! Using games, activities, and songs, students will gain an understanding of the concept of multiplication and its many applications. Rapid calculation tricks will be learned. Go back to school a master of multiplication!

Instructor: Melanie Rhode

Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades

Session: LS/MS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$150

No Bake Desserts

Get ready to mix and have fun. In this super-sweet class, we'll make delicious no-bake treats that are fun, easy, and totally kid-approved desserts without ever turning on an oven. Bring your sweet tooth because dessert magic is about to happen! Join us for a sugary adventure where the only rule is...have fun (and maybe save a treat for later)!

Instructor: Dianna Thompson
Ages: Entering 2nd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 3 (8:30-10 a.m. and 10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$220

Papier Mâché

Want to get ooey and gooey in art class? Explore materials and techniques to create a one-of-a-kind piece of art! Using recycled materials, newspaper, paint, and flour + water paste, sculpt a papier mâché masterpiece.

Instructor: Eva Vig
Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$200

Pet Apparel

Do you have a pet dog or cat? Explore your creativity by personalizing a shirt or bandana for your furry family member. Through his or her artwork, each student will personalize and paint his or her own design on a pet shirt or bandana. Each design will be inspired by each pet's personality. At the end of the course, we will present these personalized shirts to the class. We will also have a guest pet model for the end of the course for our design presentation.

Instructor: Becky Hollands
Ages: Entering 3rd-8th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.); LS/MS 3 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$325

Pickleball

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and combines the skills of tennis, badminton, and racquetball. Improve your footwork and learn to volley in a fast-paced and fun environment. All ages can enjoy this game in both competitive and recreational spaces.

Instructor: Duchesne P.E. Department
Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1 (12-1:30 p.m.); LS/MS 2 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$180

Poetry Camp

In this joyful poetry class, young writers will play with words, rhythm, and imagination while discovering that poetry can be fun, silly, and meaningful. Through sensory poems, haiku, list poems, and creative comparisons, students will explore their unique voices in a supportive, encouraging environment. Each day includes writing, sharing, and illustrating poems, ending with a special Poetry Café celebration. No prior poetry experience needed—just curiosity and creativity!

Instructor: Yelitza Cantu
Ages: Entering 2nd-4th Grades
Session: LS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$175

Robotics, STEM, and Drones

This STEM Robotics beginner class has it all: building, creating, designing, engineering, coding concepts, and basic robotics and drones. We aim to make a child's first experience with STEM both fun and engaging, so we bring in exciting and age-appropriate technology, help create spaces for the kids to work collaboratively, and encourage them to bring their ideas to life. This is a very hands-on class. Our belief is, the more fun they have in this early learning environment, the more likely they are to continue pursuing STEM opportunities in the future. Opportunities will abound in this space for years to come, and no STEM company has more fun - so come join us this summer in living out our motto: "Bringing the Future to People...Today."

Instructor: DroneTogether Staff
Ages: Entering 1st-2nd Grades
Session: LS 2 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$200

Runway Rockstars

Calling all Fashionistas! Step into the spotlight with Runway Rockstars, a dynamic course designed to help students own the runway and radiate confidence in every step. Students will learn the fundamentals of dressing, body alignment, runway posture, and graceful walking techniques. Through guided practice and personal coaching, students will explore how to express individuality through fashion while developing poise, body awareness, and stage presence. The course also covers topics such as personal styling, presentation skills, and mindset training to help students project confidence both on and off the runway. Whether preparing for fashion shows, photo shoots, or everyday self-expression, Runway Rockstars empowers learners to walk tall, feel strong, and shine with authentic confidence.

Instructor: Becky Hollands
Ages: Entering 2nd-6th Grades
Session: LS/MS 1 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$300

Sculpture

The art of sculpture helps students to learn how to create three dimensional objects. Students will use their observation skills to study something such as their favorite animals, flowers or person and use their creativity to sculpt what they see.

Instructor: Eva Vig
Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$200

Sewing Class with Mrs. Olmos

Students will learn to make many different items: aprons, bags, stuffed animals, pajamas, pillows, and vests. They will learn to sew by hand and on sewing machines. Before sewing our project, we will learn to pin our patterns on fabric and cut out the project. All patterns, fabrics, supplies, and sewing machines are provided.

Instructor: Martha Olmos
Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1 (8:30-10 a.m. & 10-11:30 a.m.);
LS/MS 2 (12-1:30 p.m. & 1:30-3 p.m.);
LS/MS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$210

Sing and Shine

This course is perfect for children who are always singing, dancing, and performing. Sing and Shine will give students an opportunity to share their talents in a safe and supportive environment. Through karaoke, group routines, silly games, and confidence-boosting activities, students will explore music and movement in a fun, supportive environment. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and energy! We'll end the week with a mini performance guaranteed to make everyone feel like a star.

Instructor: Meg Kozel
Ages: Entering 3rd-4th Grades
Session: LS 2 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$175

Slam Dunk Public Speaking and Creative Expression

Discover your voice, refine your communication skills, and express your creativity in Slam Dunk Public Speaking and Creative Expression! The fear of public speaking is common in children and adults. Instructors aim to alleviate fears and arm students with helpful tools and techniques to bring into the classroom while preparing for life's next communication challenge or opportunity. The students will deepen their knowledge of figurative language and writing techniques while learning to express themselves verbally in a clear, authentic, lively, and ear-catching way! Instructors will teach students the foundations of delivering a solid speech while engaging the audience. They will help students come out of their shell using creative arts like slam poetry and songwriting while delivering persuasive, entertaining, informative, and demonstrative speeches. Audience participation will be just as important and fun as sharing the stage in class.

Instructor: Houston Tutorial Association Staff
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Session: MS 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$300

Smart Sitters: Learning Babysitting Basics

This course will teach students how to become a smart and confident babysitter. Whether they are older siblings looking to help parents out at home or tweens and teens ready to take on their own gigs, this class will cover all the essentials. Students will learn the basic skills needed to be a safe, responsible babysitter who parents can trust and a fun, engaging playmate kiddos will be begging to hangout with on the weekends!

Instructor: Meg Kozel
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Session: MS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$200

Soccer 360

Summer soccer class is for young athletes who want to stay active and improve their skills during the summer months. Led by experienced and energetic coaches, each class focuses on a specific aspect of soccer, such as dribbling, passing, and shooting, and includes drills and games to help kids develop their technique and coordination in a fun environment.

Instructor: Duchesne P.E. Department
Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 2 & 3 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$150

SpaLaLa

Ooh, la la! A day at the spa! Students will be pampered with facials, skin care, pedicures, and manicures. Special attention will be paid to hygiene. No sharing hair accessories. Sorry, moms aren't allowed at this exclusive spa!

Instructors: Erin Saldana, Madison McKay
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Sessions: LS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.); LS 3 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$200

Sports Around the World - International Playmakers

Ever wonder what sports kids play in different areas of the world? Come be an international playmaker and learn to play games from around the world. We will foster teamwork and international understanding through fun and diverse games.

Instructor: Duchesne P.E. Department
Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1 (8:30-10 a.m.); LS/MS 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$150

Sports Media & Broadcasting Bootcamp

Sports Media & Broadcasting Bootcamp introduces students to the world of sports broadcasting and storytelling. Get in front of the camera and learn the basics of anchoring, reporting, and interviewing. Multiple guest speakers from across the industry will visit in person and via Zoom to share their experiences and insights. By week's end, each student leaves with a foundational on-air résumé reel, a clearer view of careers in sports and broadcast media, and a lifetime's worth of memories and stories to tell.

Instructor: Andrew Dougherty
Ages: Entering 6th-12th Grades
Session: MS/US 1 (8:30-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$250

STEAM Challenge: Destination Innovation

Students will compete in small groups to complete timed activities related to the elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). These challenges will require students to engage both the creative side of the brain, as well as the engineering mind. Can you create the strongest bridge, the safest capsule for a zipline, the longest launch on a catapult? Thinking outside of the box is required for success!

Instructor: Julie Sirianni Barnes
Ages: Entering 4th-6th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1 (10-11:30 a.m.); LS/MS 2 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$180

STEAM Challenge: The Learning Lab

Students will work in small groups to discover topics related to the elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). These activities will require students to engage both the creative side of the brain, as well as the engineering mind. Can you pick up the most food with your bird beak invention, launch an item with your catapult, piece together a puzzle upside down? Creativity and ingenuity will be rewarded over perfection and professionalism!

Instructor: Julie Sirianni Barnes
Ages: Entering 1st-3rd Grades
Session: LS 1 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$180

Stretch and Shine Pilates (for Middle School Girls)

This summer, let's help girls build strength, confidence, and body awareness through a fun and empowering Pilates program designed just for them! Stretch and Shine Pilates blends movement, mindfulness, and motivation in a way that's age-appropriate, engaging, and totally energizing.

Instructor: Zoya Mazneva
Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades
Session: MS 1 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$150

Stretch, Move, DANCE!

This energetic class provides activities that focus on strength, flexibility, and dance. Through a combination of stretches and creative movements, students will develop an awareness of their body and essential core strength. Students will learn choreography for different styles of dance such as ballet and jazz. Moving to beautiful and upbeat music will develop a wonderful sense of musicality and rhythm. Learning choreography is also a fun way to keep the mind sharp and the body happy!

Instructor: Meg Pool

Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades

Sessions: LS 1 (1:30-3 p.m.); LS 3 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Price: \$150

Study Skills Strategies for Hybrid Learning Success

In this interactive week-long study skills course, students will kick off the week by being paired into small groups, working together to uncover key study skills through daily challenges and activities. Throughout the week, groups will earn points in a friendly team competition, building toward a final project or presentation that showcases what they've learned. Creative instructors will help students enhance their study skills in this new environment. The curriculum covers organization, time management, goal setting, note-taking, advanced test preparation, and reading comprehension, while also exploring students' own learning styles. Each day blends collaboration, creativity, and strategy, helping students understand how to learn most effectively both in and out of the classroom. By the end of the week, students leave with practical tools, a completed workbook, and renewed confidence as independent thinkers, strategic learners, and masters of preparation, ready to take on any academic challenge.

Instructors: Houston Tutorial Association Staff

Ages: Entering 5th-8th Grades

Sessions: MS 2 (10-11:30 a.m.); MS 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$325

Summer Lawn Games

Welcome to classic camp entertainment! Before the age of screens and devices, campers bonded over simple, active games that fostered teamwork, strategy, and good old-fashioned fun. Summer lawn games are tried-and-true favorites, perfect for enjoying the great outdoors and making memories. Here are some staples you'll likely play during your time here: bocce ball, croquet, and corn hole.

Instructor: Duchesne P.E. Department

Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades

Sessions: LS/MS 2 & 3 (10-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$150

Summer Olympics

Welcome to the Heart of the Summer Olympic Games! We will put your athletic abilities and teamwork skills to the test. Explore games such as lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, curling, relay events, and more. Let's see who takes home the gold!

Instructor: Duchesne P.E. Department

Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades

Sessions: LS/MS 3 (8:30-10 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m.)

Price: \$150

Summer Scribbles - Cursive Edition

Give your student a creative and confident boost when it comes to their writing with Summer Scribbles-Cursive Edition. Throughout the week, students will practice and learn strokes and shapes that form cursive words, practice connecting letters, and build handwriting confidence through games and personalized feedback. Whether your child is brand new to cursive or needs extra practice to feel confident, Summer Scribbles is the perfect blend of skill-building and summer fun.

Instructor: Erin Saldana

Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades

Session: LS/MS 2 (8:30-10 a.m.)

Price: \$160

Summer Scribbles - Print Edition

In this playful and interactive summer handwriting course, students will have a blast learning and refining their handwriting skills. Through fun activities, games, and practice exercises, kids will develop strong fine motor skills and gain confidence in their print handwriting. We'll explore letter formation and spacing while focusing on making handwriting easy and enjoyable.

Instructor: Erin Saldana

Ages: Entering 2nd-4th Grades

Session: LS 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)

Price: \$160

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a total learning activity. Lessons are tailored to your child's age and skill level. Your child begins by practicing, kicking, blocking, striking, and punching. These fundamental skills increase your child's physical coordination, flexibility, and balance. Taekwondo develops your child's athletic abilities and self-awareness and improves the child's capabilities in self-defense.

Instructor: Master Bruce Alamdari
Ages: Entering 1st-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$230

Taste of Geography

A great way to learn about other cultures is through food! In this class, we will go on a taste testing adventure around the world by exploring the cuisine of a different country each day. Students will have the opportunity to create and eat one food dish from each nation we investigate while also learning about the geography, language, traditions, and games found in these regions.

Instructor: Julie McConn
Ages: Entering 2nd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 2 (10-11:30 a.m.)
Price: \$210

Typing and Internet Safety

Becoming more proficient at typing is a life skill. Typing and Internet Safety will guarantee you will be able to type at a faster pace than you do today. This course will also cover internet safety to help students become safe users of the internet. Internet safety will differ depending on the grade level.

Instructor: Clinton Joshua
Ages: Entering 2nd-6th Grades
Sessions: LS/MS 1 & 3 (1:30-3 p.m.)
Price: \$150

Watercolor

Students will learn about how to use watercolor paints and how to use water with the paint to create light or dark colors. We will create dimension by using lightness and darkness of colors while painting landscapes, flowers, plants, and pictures of animals. Through soft and delicate paint strokes, students will paint a subject of their choosing for their creation.

Instructor: Eva Vig
Ages: Entering 3rd-5th Grades
Session: LS/MS 2 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$200

Wearable Art

Who says art is just for hanging on the walls? Fashion, personal expression, and art come together in this fun and creative class. We will design t-shirts, make jewelry, hair accessories and more. On the last day we will have a fashion show to display our wearable art. Join this class where you wear your art on your sleeve...literally!

Instructor: Sarah Michael Hines & Margie Dye
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Sessions: LS 1 & 3 (12-1:30 p.m.)
Price: \$200

Yoga Fun

Yoga fun is all about stillness AND movement! We practice breathing techniques and meditate, but we also stretch, strengthen, dance, and balance (sometimes on our heads). In this class, students will have a blast putting together different sequences, playing tons of yoga games, performing, and creating their own yoga adventures! Kids' yoga helps to increase confidence, build concentration, develop self-awareness, and manage stress.

Instructor: Julie McConn
Ages: Entering 1st-4th Grades
Session: LS 2 (8:30-10 a.m.)
Price: \$175

The WITS Writers Workshop at Duchesne Academy

WITS - One Week

For 40 years, Writers in the Schools (WITS) has worked together with educators and professional writers to teach students the craft of writing. The WITS Writers Workshop at Duchesne Academy's Heart of the Summer is designed to get students excited about writing from a crafting perspective. The workshop will focus on the writing process and address key objectives in language arts, including original voice, inventive word choice, sentence fluency, and clear organization. By writing and reading daily, we'll discuss what makes writing succeed, and we'll use these multi-genre prompts to help us put our own thoughts down on the blank page.

Students enroll in an exciting and fun 1-week, 15-hour workshop session taught by a professional writer from the WITS roster. For younger students (1st-4th), we will explore the nuts and bolts of writing, and through prompt-based exercises, help young students develop their own voice, have fun with vocabulary, and allow them to use their imaginations. Writers will inspire student writing by using age-appropriate creative entry points that may include reading mentor texts, engaging in art projects, or participating in group writing exercises. For older students (5th-8th), we will use the college creative writing workshop as a model to help students peer review each other's work in a supportive environment. We will spend a lot of time learning the tools of strong revision. Students will develop their writer instinct, gain confidence, and improve public speaking skills, all while having fun with strategic multi-genre writing projects.

At the end of the 1-week session, students will leave with a curated writing portfolio that includes their work, their first and final drafts, and their own reflections on their pieces.

Register your students by the grade level they will enter in Fall 2026. Students will be grouped according to age once registration closes. WITS and Heart of the Summer will create class groupings considering students' age and grade level. For example, we may combine 3rd-5th grades into one room, but we would not create a class of 2nd-5th grades in one room.

*If your child is registering with a friend in the same grade level and they would like to be in the same class, email extendedprograms@duchesne.org **at the time of registration** to make this request.

Ages: Entering 1st-8th Grades

Sessions: LS/MS 1, 2, & 3 (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

Price: \$275