

Enrichment Class Descriptions  
Session 1  
September 9-October 7  
2009

<b>K-1 Classes</b>	
Oh, What Can I Be	What do you want to be when you grow up? In this class we will learn about many community workers and the jobs they do in our city.
Oceans	Come join us on an exciting and fun exploration of the oceans and ocean life in songs, literature, science, and art.
Rain Forest	Through literature based activities, students will learn about the rainforest habitat and the animals who call it home.
Triple L Train	Explore the world of Literature through fun, hands-on learning activities.
Music	We will learn building blocks of reading music, sing fun songs, play singing games from different cultures, play Orff instruments, rhythm instruments, and bells!
Author Study	Jan Brett will be the subject of our author study. We will look at several of her books including The Hat, The Mitten and some of her earlier works. There will be craft activities that go along with each story
AG Animals	Come up close and personal with the Valley Oaks animals. Please wear sturdy, closed toe shoes and plan to get dirty!
Hands On Science	Explore the world of Science through many fun, hands-on activities.
<b>2-3 Classes</b>	
Paragraph Writing	This class is intended to model and practice the basic skills of writing a paragraph. Focus on: topic sentences, supporting details, cluster ideas, and reference materials.
Lost! Mapping Skills	Learn how to use a compass, make an elevation map and use your map skills to find buried treasure.
Right Brain Activities	Right Brain Activities is a class that uses creative hands-on art activities to stimulate your right brain. Come and join us for creative fun and leave those left brains at home.
Animals & Their Habitats	Students will learn about five different animals and explore each one's habitat through art, literature, and fact finding.
Ceramics	Get in touch with that creative side. Our projects this year include using "hump molds" and "slump molds".
PE	Students will participate in various sports and physical fitness activities.
AG Plants	Work the soil, plant seeds, and pick produce. Please wear sturdy, closed toe shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.
Music	We will learn about reading and writing music, sing fun songs, play singing games from different cultures, play Orff instruments, rhythm instruments, and bells! We will learn about the different families of instruments in the orchestra.
<b>4-5 Classes</b>	
Mini-Museum	Students will review various artists and create a miniature museum diorama.
Fall Into Fall	Students will study fall vegetation, fall fruits and vegetables...along with a few fall crafts and art projects.
Computer Basics	Students will learn basic computer skills such as keyboarding, Word, Publisher, and the Internet. Class limit of 12.
AG	It is time to clear out the vegetation for the winter crop. We have a lot to get ready and a lot to plant. Please wear sturdy, closed toe shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.
PE	Students will participate in various sports and physical fitness activities.
Biology and Dissection	Students will learn lab terminology, lab safety, and dissection procedures. Students will also learn the biology/anatomy of an animal one week and perform that animal's dissection the following week.
The Great Kern County Fair	Learn about the history of the fair, entering exhibits, showing animals, activities during the fair, the carnival, what goes on behind the scenes, and what it takes to put on a fair.
No Bones About It	We will learn all about the inner structure that keeps our bodies strong.
Lost! Mapping Skills	Learn how to use a compass, make an elevation map and use your map skills to find buried treasure.
Math Magic	Come learn some math tricks and games that are fun, but also help with math skills.
Mystery on the Mission Trail	Students will read "Mystery on the California Mission Trail" and complete a literature unit about the California Missions.
Horse Sense	Come and learn the basics of how to handle and care for horses. Go Hidalgo!
Sewing	Sew, Sew much fun for everyone. It may seem impossible, but it's not.
Writing Basics	Starting with the basic paragraph and working towards multi-paragraph essays, this is a 12 week class intended to help with writing fundamentals.
<b>4-8 Classes</b>	
Play the Recorder!	Learn to play the recorder in an ensemble! Students will learn some basics of reading music. Recorders will be available to borrow or purchase. (Returning students are welcome.)
<b>6-8 Classes</b>	
Odyssey of the Mind	Out of the box problem solving activities. There is a possibility this will become a team competition. Class Limit of 15.
Biology and Dissection	Students will learn lab terminology, lab safety, and dissection procedures. Students will also learn the biology/anatomy of an animal one week and perform that animal's dissection the following week.
Toile Painting	Come and explore the world of synchronized painting(not swimming). The project will be a recipe card holder. Class Limit of 12.
Sewing	Students will have sew much fun with projects that are useful and wearable.
Jewelry Making	Students will learn different techniques to make their own stylish jewelry. Class Limit of 15.
Wood Safety Certification	This class will cover all aspects of safety in the woodshop; prerequisite to Beginning Woodshop. Class Limit of 12
Beginning Woodshop	This class is a beginning woodshop class for all students who have completed the safety certification class. Class Limit of 12.
History Mysteries	Students will investigate historical events, search for clues, interview witnesses from the past and solve different mysteries.
Ceramic Masks	Masks can be an interesting reflection of ourselves. In this class you will learn about and create a ceramic mask.
Pigeons	Learn about the care, handling, and training of pigeons.
News Bowl	News Bowl Online Current Events League is a current event contest between teams from schools throughout the United States. The contest questions will cover events from the month being studied. (World and National News, People News, Geography, Arts/Entertainment, and Sports News).
Mini-Museum	Students will review various artists and create a miniature museum diorama.
Advanced CSI	Students will participate in solving mysteries and learn advanced crime scene techniques. This class is for students who have already taken the Beginning CSI Class.
Origami	Celebrate the history and art of Japan through Origami. Students will learn and practice this ancient paper folding art. Class Limit of 15.
Needle Felting	Create beautiful projects with just some dyed wool and needles. Class Limit of 15.
PE	Students will participate in various sports and physical fitness activities.
Handyman	Want to learn to plumb or fix things around the house? This class is for you!
<b>Support Courses</b>	
Constitution	This class will cover everything an 8th grader needs to know about our country's Constitution. Covering this material and passing the Constitution test is a requirement for graduation. This is a semester long class.
<b>Afternoon Classes</b>	
Intro to Piano	Get an introduction to the Piano with this 10 week basic course. Class limited to available number of pianos and students in grades 2-6 only.
Farm Warriors	Spend some time on the Valley Oaks Farm. Please wear sturdy, closed toe shoes and plan to get dirty!
Advanced Woodshop	This class is for students who have passed the safety certification class and have taken woodshop for two or more enrichment sessions. This will be an advanced class for woodshop students.
AG Mechanics	We will be completing many of the tasks required on the farm: welding, light construction, irrigation, plumbing, animal husbandry, and gardening. A strong work ethic and safety will be taught. Please wear long jeans, boots, welding shirt and welding cap. Open to 7th and 8th graders only. Class Limit of 15.
<b>Additional Afternoon Music Classes(offered on other days of the week)</b>	
Chime Choir	Come learn to play the chimes. We will learn to read the music and play together in an ensemble. We have a new set of choir-chimes(like hand bells) with special tables, gloves, and music binders! This is a semester-long commitment. Students must come on time to every class. We will hopefully perform at the Lamplight Tours and the Valley Oaks Christmas Party!
Guitar	This is a semester-long class taught on Friday afternoons with Mr. Gamble.

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