

Enrichment Class Descriptions  
 Session 3  
 January 13-February 10  
 2009-2010

<b>K-1 Classes</b>	
Fun With Math	Fun with math can be made exciting with such games as Ice Cream Addition, Egg Carton Addition, Fruit Loop Patterning, M & M sorting and graphing and Ladybug counting.
Music and Movement	Join us for some fun! We move with Music.
Arctic Animals	Children will learn about the animals of the Arctic and Antarctica.
Famous Americans	Students will learn about different famous people from American History.
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>	
Chocolate!	This class is about all things chocolate. We will read about chocolate, learn about the history of chocolate, learn how chocolate is made, and of course no good "chocolate" class would be complete without eating chocolate!
Pirates	Explore the world of Pirates through many fun, hands-on activities.
Spectacular Science	Students will experience the science of Chemistry, Magnetism, and Force-In-Motion through hands-on learning.
Native Americans	Students will learn about our local Native Americans, the Yokuts.
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>4-6 Classes</b>	
Aye Matesy	We will be using the book the True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle as the starting point for our unit on Pirates. Some reading, writing, and a lot of fun!
Ceramics	Students will learn different hand building techniques to create several ceramic projects.
Writing Genres	Students will learn to write different genres including a personal narrative and a response to literature. Students must be able to write a complete paragraph(not for beginning writers).
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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.
Native Americans	Students will learn about a variety of Native American tribes.
Painted Rocks	"Artists Rock!" Let's enjoy creating something out of our natural resources.
Jewelry Making	Students will learn different techniques to make their own stylish jewelry. (Class Limit of 18).
Spectacular Science	Students will experience the science of Chemistry, Magnetism, and Force-In-Motion through hands-on learning.
Fishing	This class will review all things fish. Students must have their own fishing pole and reel. The class will conclude with a Saturday fishing trip to Hart Park. Parents must accompany their child for this activity and are welcome to fish. Please remember a fishing license is required for anyone over 16 years old.
WebQuest	Students will use the Internet and other software programs to complete a project on Penguins.
Origami	Celebrate the history and art of Japan through Origami. Students will learn and practice this ancient paper folding art. Class Limit of 15.
Jazzy Bag	Make-a-bag-for-Every-Season. Create something useful that's amazingly jazzy.
California Gold Rush	Eureka! I have found it. Learn about the California Gold Rush.
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. This class is designed for beginning writers.
<b>4-8 Classes</b>	
Orff Instruments	Experience playing our mallet and percussion instruments together in an ensemble. Rhythms and harmonies come together with xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels, drums, rhythm instruments, and voices.
<b>7-8 Classes</b>	
History of Rock & Roll	Students will be given an introduction to the historical and stylistic developments of rock music, with emphasis on its social, economic, and political consequences.
AG Animals	Spend some time on the Valley Oaks Farm with our furry and feathered friends. Please wear sturdy, closed toe shoes and plan to get dirty!
More with Publisher	Students will use Publisher to create weekly projects. (Class limit 12)
Tole Painting	Join Mrs. Dane for the latest and greatest Tole Painting project. (Class limit 15)
Crochet	We will become hooked on crochet from start to finish with this class.
Flora Culture	This class will review the concepts of flowers and floral design.
Wood Safety Certification	This class will cover all aspects of safety in the woodshop; prerequisite to Beginning Woodshop. (Class Limit of 15)
Beginning Woodshop	This class is a beginning woodshop class for all students who have completed the safety certification class. (Class Limit of 15).
Resisting the Masters	We will be studying the works of the masters as well as learn the techniques of "crayon resist" as we attempt to duplicate some of their works.
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Chemistry Lab	Students will conduct weekly lab experiments using the scientific method.
Horsemanship	Horsemanship is a class that will teach interspecies communication between human and equine, with a focus on western horsemanship.
Current Events Trivia	Join your fellow VOCs students and test your knowledge of current events with some great trivia fun.
PE	Students will participate in various sports and physical fitness activities.
<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. Class Limit 35.
<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. New students will attend class from 1:00-1:40 and returning students will attend class from 1:50-2:30.
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(semester long class)
<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.
Guitar	This is a semester-long class taught on Friday afternoons with Mr. Gamble.