

Enrichment Class Descriptions  
 Session 2  
 October 28-December 9  
 2009-2010

<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>4-6 Classes</b>	
Can You Dig It	Students will be doing a literature circle based on the novel Holes by Louis Sachar. Some writing will be included in this class.
Sewing	Sewing for the young at heart on our very own VCOCS machines.
Seasonal Crafts	Students will create a seasonal/holiday craft in each class. The activity will tie into a short holiday story.
AG Plants	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.
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.
Stitchery	Hand stitchery, an art to work anywhere, anytime with anyone.(Class Limit 15)
Lost! Mapping Skills	Learn how to use a compass, make an elevation map and use your map skills to find buried treasure.
Science Fair	Learn how to plan and prepare a project for the Science Fair.
Printmaking	Students will review several different printmaking techniques.
Desktop Publishing	Students will use Publisher to create weekly projects. (Class limit 12)
Mad About Money	Learn about Money...the history of money, how money is made, money, money, money!
Writing Basics(cont)	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>	
Choir	Learn to sing holiday songs to perform at the Valley Oaks Christmas Party and the Lamplight Tour at the Kern County Museum.
<b>7-8 Classes</b>	
Printmaking	Students will review several different printmaking techniques.
Christmas Ornaments	Students will paint, decorate, and create a variety of Christmas ornaments.
Desktop Publishing	Students will use Publisher to create weekly projects. (Class limit 12)
Pearl Harbor	Students will learn about Pearl Harbor and the part it played in America's involvement in World War II.
Mosaics	Students will be making projects that include a house number. Dress for mess!
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 15)
Beginning Woodshop	This class is a beginning woodshop class for all students who have completed the safety certification class. (Class Limit of 15).
Domino Art	Students will create art using Dominoes.
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.
Computer Projects	Students in this class will use the computer to complete various projects, including a calendar and a power point presentation.
Beginning CSI	Dead bodies to fingerprints...this class will explore the science of forensics.
Knitting	Have needles will knit. Knitting will warm your hands and heart.(Class limit 15)
Calligraphy	Learn about the origins of calligraphy and how to write in the style of calligraphy.
Needle Felting	Create beautiful projects with just some dyed wool and needles. (Class limit of 15)
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).
PE	Students will participate in various sports and physical fitness activities.
Blacksmith	Students will learn to work with metal in the forge. (Class Limit 20)
<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.(cont. from session 1, no new students)
<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(cont. from session 1, no new students)
<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.(cont. from session 1, no new students)
Guitar	This is a semester-long class taught on Friday afternoons with Mr. Gamble.(cont. from session 1, no new students)

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