

# MS Winter Term: 5th and 6th Grades Courses & Electives Catalog 25-26

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### Game On! Mastering Strategy and Winning Moves Through Board Games

Game On! Mastering Strategy and Winning Moves Through Board Games is the ultimate showdown where brains meet fun! In this class, students will dive into exciting strategy games like Chess, Risk, and Othello, unlocking the secrets to outsmarting opponents and mastering game-winning tactics. Get ready to level up your critical thinking, teamwork, and decision-making skills while having a blast with friends!

### Get Google-Savvy!

In this hands-on class, students will explore the essential tools of Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides while building real-world skills. From formatting fun paragraphs and designing brochures to making colorful schedules and creative presentations, students will learn to navigate and use Google tools confidently. The course wraps with a personalized "How-To" guide project that shows off everything they've learned. No prior experience needed—just curiosity and creativity!

### Mathapalooza

Get ready for a math adventure like no other! In this exciting and hands-on class for 5th and 6th graders, you'll dive into the world of patterns, puzzles, and problem-solving through games, coding rovers, and building amazing 3D shapes with Zome tools. Compete in fun challenges to earn your Math Ninja belts, team up with friends, and explore how math is everywhere—from logic games to real-world designs. Whether you're a math fan or just love to play, explore, and build, this course is packed with activities you'll want to keep doing long after class ends.

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#### Stomp (Bang to the Beat)

Got a knack for rhythm? Can't resist tapping your fingers or moving to a beat? Get ready to turn everyday items into musical magic in STOMP. Join us as we explore the exciting world of percussion, where we'll transform ordinary objects into extraordinary instruments. From buckets and brooms to pipes and even your own body, you'll learn how to create captivating sounds and beats. In collaboration with your teachers, you'll master rhythmic coordination, syncing beats and movements to craft spectacular performances. But that's not all - we will dive into the science of sound. You will discover how vibrations and frequencies come together to make the music we love. You will also experiment with different material to uncover unique sounds, all while working in teams to create awesome group routines. This class is all about teamwork, creativity, and having a blast. Uncover new rhythms and let your creativity run wild. Get ready to stomp, drum, and rock your way through an unforgettable experience.

# Sustainable House Design

\*This course is not available to students who took it in past years.

What if our buildings were built using more recycled materials? How can our buildings help us conserve water? Can Minecraft Education help us explore sustainability? If these questions caught your attention, then your problem-solving skills can help us to contribute to a more sustainable world. By the end of this course, participants will explore various sustainable design solutions and incorporate these systems into their own house design using Minecraft.

# 5th and 6th grade courses: AFTERNOON COURSE OPTIONS

### **Digital Storytelling**

Digital storytelling is the practice of using digital tools and media to create and share narratives. It combines the art of storytelling with multimedia elements like visuals, audio, video, and text, creating a more engaging and interactive experience for the audience.

#### **Engineering Challenges**

This course will incorporate skills and design thinking expected in engineering. Students will learn how to use an engineering notebook and then create prototypes and products that look at a variety of problems. They will construct and build a variety of different engineering products to demonstrate to others at the end of the course including a roller coaster and functioning egg car, among other creative engineering endeavors.

#### Maker

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#### **Recreating Historical Moments**

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Let's revisit significant historical moments in history. Pay close attention to the little details and create what you imagine this to look like. You can construct these scenes from the past either through the physical (Lego) or digital (Minecraft) world. By the end of this course, participants will have replicated how they imagine certain events in history may have looked like (Artifacts, Settings and Monuments).

#### **Relax and Revive**

We all need time to relax and revive! This course will offer opportunities to relax and reflect while learning the science behind the techniques. Find the right relaxation technique for you, when to use it, AND how these techniques work. This course will stretch your body and mind!

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#### **Smash Boom Best Debates**

This course is inspired by the podcast titled *Smash Boom Best*. Every episode takes two arguably cool things, smashes them together and lets YOU decide which is best. For example: Spiderman vs. Batman... or Birthday Parties vs. Trick-or-Treating... or Ice Cream vs. Nachos! Which side would you take?! After listening to a few episodes, debaters (YOU!) will use facts and passion to make your case about a topic of your choice -- learning how to defend your opinions along the way. By the end of the course, you will engage in a real-time debate to see which side is the Smash... Boom... BEST!



# MS Winter Term: 7th and 8th Grades Courses & Electives Catalog 2025-26

# 7th and 8th grade courses: ALL DAY COURSE OPTIONS

### **Lion King Junior - Musical**

"Hakuna Matata - it means no worries for the rest of your days.... It's our problem-free philosophy... Hakuna Matata" Come join us for the Winter Term MS Musical: "Lion King Junior" - where we will transform the Freeman Theater into the wild plains of Africa and tell the story of young Simba, Timone, Pumba, Mufasa, Nala and all the characters you know and love from the hit Broadway Musical and movie into an incredible stage show! Singers, Actors, Dancers all needed! Join us and sing all those great songs including; Circle of Life, Hakuna Matata, I Just Can't Wait To Be King, Can You Feel The Love Tonight and more!

### Winter Term Musical: Design and build costumes!

Have you ever wanted to design costumes for a musical? Have you ever wanted to create them? This course is for you! We will work with the musical group and create costumes for their production, The Lion King Jr. Students will spend some time in the first several classes learning techniques in stitching, sewing, building and constructing costumes. Then the remaining classes will focus on designing and creating the costumes for the musical. Walk away from this course with your first IMDB credit!

# 7th and 8th grade courses: MORNING COURSE OPTIONS

#### **Becoming the BEST Babysitter!**

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Interested in playing with and caring for children of all ages? In this course you will learn about children's needs at different ages, fun activities and games that are appropriate for children, how to market yourself as an awesome babysitter, and be CPR/AED and First Aid certified. Our time will be balanced between having fun (testing out different foods that are safe for children, planning and playing games, and interacting with children) and becoming well-informed as a babysitter (knowing how to change a diaper, being able to respond appropriately when a child is choking, and how best to manage challenging behaviors during babysitting). By the end of Winter Term you will be in high demand by local families looking for excellent babysitters!

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### **Exploring War and Military Strategy through Documentaries**

Do you enjoy learning about military battles and strategy? Do you enjoy learning about the causes and effects of wars? Do you enjoy watching historical documentaries? Do you enjoy creating your own movies? This course will explore important wars that have impacted our world and our history. We will watch historical documentaries, we will research a war or battle of your choosing, and we will learn from technology experts on how to create an awesome historical documentary. By the end of course, students will research a war they want to study and explore and create and produce their own historical documentary.

### History or Hollywood? Digging for the Truth Behind Animated Legends

Ever wondered how much of your favorite animated movies are actually true? In this eye-opening course, we'll explore *Pocahontas*, *Mulan*, *The Lion King*, and *Anastasia* to uncover the real history behind the fantasy. Through a mix of movie viewing, historical deep-dives, and critical discussions, you'll learn how filmmakers twist, enhance, or erase facts for the screen. You'll dive into stories like the Epic of Sundiata and compare it to Simba's journey, and examine how the legend of Hua Mulan differs from the Disney portrayal. By the end of this course, you will create and present your own idea for a historically grounded animated movie concept.

#### **Hooked on Crochet**

Want to turn yarn into something amazing? Join *Hooked on Crochet* and learn the basics of this relaxing and creative craft. From keychains to cozy coasters, you'll be stitching up your own projects in no time. No experience needed—just bring your imagination and get ready to get hooked!

### How to Train Your Dragon: Turning Al Into Your Own Pet Monster

Al might feel like a mysterious, powerful creature — a little wild, a little unpredictable. In this course, we'll treat it like Toothless from *How to Train Your Dragon* — not something to fear, but something to understand, challenge, and train in the context of humanities learning. We will begin by learning how to prompt, how to ask better questions and question strings before considering ways to use Al as a tutor, a research assistant, a brainstorming buddy, and maybe even an historical detective who can help us, for example, find out who is to blame for the sinking of the Titanic. By testing what programs like Snorkl or Canva or ArcGIS can and can't do, you will gain insight into how it was built, where its ethical lines are drawn, and how it evolves based on your choices.

### K-Pop and Storytelling Across Media

What if an album was more than a playlist—what if it was a portal to another world? In this winter term course, we will step into the expansive and mysterious storyworlds of two different K-pop idol groups, where every detail matters. Song lyrics hint at hidden truths. Music videos reveal new twists. Concept posters, short films, fashion, choreography, and even merchandise all hold clues that bring the narrative to life. K-pop creates more than just music—it builds ever-changing universes that unfold across media, inviting fans to follow, imagine, and interpret endless stories. Together, we will use these two weeks to uncover how artists build lore: stories that stretch across albums and performances, blurring the lines between lyrics and life, artist and character, fantasy and reality.

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#### **Peak Performance for Aspiring Collegiate Athletes**

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This class is designed to prepare aspiring collegiate athletes to take full advantage of their MICDS experience. Students will learn about the importance of sleep, nutrition, and recovery to reach peak performance. Daily alumni guest speakers will share about their experience as collegiate athletes, and they will share their experience with recruiting and the transition to varsity athletics in upper school and transition to college.

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### What Are My Rights as an American?

In the United States of America: Can I say what I want in a public space -- even if most people disagree with it or are offended by it? Why do I have the right to practice any religion that I want --- or follow no religion at all? (Or why can I create my own religion if I want to?) What is the 2nd Amendment and why does it allow me to own a gun(s)? Can the police come into my house and search for illegal items without a reason? Why should a suspected criminal have rights such as "You have the right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of law....."? Why does a suspected criminal have the right to a trial by a jury of their peers? If you value the rights/freedoms granted to you in the U.S. Constitution, this Winter Term course is for you!

#### Winter Term Techies- Building a Show!

Techies unite! Do you love to design, paint, build or create? In this course, students will learn all the ways the props and set are essential to a successful stage performance. Students will design and build props and set pieces for the Winter Term Musical from the ground up- from painting the stage to building new platforms to designing every property of the show.

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#### **Blazing New Worlds: Women in Science Fiction**

What happens when women and girls take control of the future? In this course, we will step into worlds where imagination breaks the rules and anything feels possible. Through short stories, comics, films, and television, we will discover authors and creators who use science fiction to dream up bold futures, challenge unfair systems, and ask big questions about identity, connection, and change. For these women, science fiction is more than spaceships and aliens—it is a way to speak up, push back, and imagine what could be.

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#### **Create with CLAY!**

Who likes to work with clay? This whole course is designed for working only with CLAY. We will create 4 art pieces out of CLAY, using each hand building method. We will build clay forms using coils, slabs, hollow forms and by pinching.

### Crime Scene Investigation: Who Killed Pikachu?

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In this course, you will be learning techniques used for solving crimes through daily scientific labs, readings, short writings and videos. This is a very hands on course but does require learning about the lab before completing the lab. Crime scene techniques that you will learn include: fingerprinting, blood spatter, chromatography, fiber analysis, handwriting analysis and more! On the first day, you will walk in on a crime scene which involves the demise of Pikachu. At the end of the course you will use the techniques learned daily to create a theory of who killed him and write out a probable cause statement requesting this person's arrest. In addition, you will be exposed to careers that are related to crime scene investigation.

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### **Google Tools for Power Users**

This project-based course is designed for middle schoolers ready to level up their tech skills. Students will dive deeper into Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides, with collaborative challenges, shortcut tricks, and real-world applications like budgeting, flyer design, and research organization. They'll also explore creative formats like storybooks and digital newsletters. Along the way, they'll build digital confidence and leave with a polished final project that showcases their mastery.

#### How to Build a Drumbone

In this course, students will learn about pitch and rhythm. Students will enjoy the opportunity to make their own instruments (drumbones) using pvc piping and paddle mallets similar to flip flop shoes or ping pong paddle as they explore the science of sounds.

**The Leadership Playlist:** Ready to press play on your leadership journey? This series helps students discover who they are as leaders, define their vision and values, and build confidence. Through interactive labs, they practice teamwork, public speaking, interviewing, communicating, and conflict management while learning to lead with integrity and empathy.

### **MICDS Newsroom**

Join the MICDS Middle School Newsroom as a student journalist and take your storytelling skills to the next level! You'll learn how to make better photos and craft compelling stories while covering all the news that's fit to print during Winter Term. You'll be given an all-access press pass at the beginning of the course, and by the end, you'll be a published author and photographer on the School's website, in Weekly News, and on our social media channels.

### Movie Magic: Documentaries that Inspire and Inform

Do you enjoy learning about real people, real events, and powerful true stories? In this class, we'll watch a variety of exciting and eye-opening documentary films that will inform, inspire, and entertain you, all while helping you see the world in new ways. This class will challenge you to think deeply, ask questions, and maybe even feel inspired to make a difference in your own way. By the end of this class you might just change how you see the world.

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### Winning the Financial Game of Life

In this course, participants will explore the financial decisions made in adult life: choosing a career, college choices, buying or renting a home, paying taxes, saving for emergencies, and planning for retirement. We will look at national statistics to anticipate income and costs, and we will learn about spreadsheets to organize our expenses. Students will learn to budget their money each month and year, building to a full 20 year plan, which will be presented to the class.

### Winter Term Techies- Producing a Show!

Without Techies, the world would be a dark and boring place. In this course, you learn how techies make things more exciting. Students will help design and run the Winter Term musical. Students will act as everything from makeup and run crew to light board operation, props management and wardrobe supervision, learning the ins and outs of live theatre.

### 5th-8th Electives

#### 52 Deck Card Games

Learn how to play hearts, spades, stud, draw, and other group card games with French-suited (standard 52-deck) cards. No experience necessary.

# **5K Train Your Way**

Have you ever wanted to train for a 5K race? Do you love to run? Are you intimidated by running? Do you find running relaxing? Do you want to get better at running? All of these are reasons to sign up for this 5K training elective. Whether you are an experienced runner, or just a beginner, we will create a plan together that fits your needs. During this course you will learn about the benefits of running, good technique, and proper nutrition. You will learn about the importance of rest, recovery and positive self talk. We will discuss how to set attainable goals, put your plan into action, and even get you registered to run in a 5K race if you would like. The end goal of this unit is to ignite your enjoyment of running.

#### Book It!

Do you enjoy reading and wouldn't mind some extra time for it? Then come join us! It doesn't matter whether you like fantasy, science-fiction, romance, adventure, biography, mystery or history... All genres are welcome! So grab your favorite book and come sprawl out in a chair, on the floor, or in a corner and settle in with whatever book interests you. By the end of this elective, it's highly likely you'll have finished an extra book or two.

### **Dancing Around the World**

Interested in learning dances from around the world? Well this is the elective for you. Come learn dances from Slovakia, Panama, Israel, Russia, and many others (as well as the USA)

### **Dungeons and Dragons**

Brave the wild adventures of Elves, Trolls, Dragons, and more. Students will learn the basics of the "World's Most Popular Role Playing Game," including how to make a character, how to create a story for your character, and how to role-play your character in a group setting of cooperative play. A love of fantasy, acting, writing, and simple math is a must as we journey together through the perils of Stormwreck Isle. By the end of this elective, participants will have created their own fantasy character, and taken that character on a grand adventure of mystery and intrigue through cooperative play and storytelling.

### Football 101

Have you ever wanted to learn more about football than how to throw and catch a football? This elective will teach you each position and their roles, and also some basic football strategy. By the end of the course you will be able to put your knowledge into play with a 4 day tournament, giving you a chance to be a player and coach!

#### Guitar Ensemble (Guitar and capo required)

Guitar Ensemble is an introductory guitar ensemble class designed to teach students a few basic guitar chords through Taylor Swift songs. Students will gain hands-on experience by learning 4-6 basic guitar chords that will enable them to play many songs. By the end of the class, students will have the knowledge and confidence to play a few Taylor Swift songs and will walk away feeling encouraged to continue playing guitar. Some guitar experience is required- students do not need to currently be great guitar players but it is helpful if they've at least held and played around on the instrument before.

#### **Hands Games**

Students will learn a variety of hand clapping games, rhythm-based challenges, and competitive hand games Through active participation and reflection, students will gain insights into the social, cognitive, and motor skill benefits of hand games. The course emphasizes teamwork, rhythm, memory, and cultural appreciation, making it ideal for educators, recreation specialists, and anyone interested in movement-based learning.

#### The Hip Hop Experience

In this elective, students will explore the roots and evolution of hip hop through listening, discussion, and hands-on practice. We'll look at how hip hop grew from a local movement in the Bronx to a global force, and how it continues to reflect identity, culture, and community. Students will try their hand at turntablism, dive into classic and contemporary tracks, and collaborate to create an original hip hop piece.

### **Hoop Challenges**

Get ready to play fun basketball games that help you shoot, dribble, pass, and work as a team. Whether you're just starting out or already love the game, this elective is all about friendly competition and leveling up your hoops skills!

#### **Kids Kare**

"Though she be but little, she is fierce" - William Shakespeare from A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Regardless of your age or size, you can make a difference in your community. Community service is a great way to practice responsibility, empathy, and teamwork while making a positive impact in the community. This elective will involve hands-on activities and explore several service-learning opportunities.

#### Learn Ukulele!

Students will learn the basics of the Ukulele, learning the chords needed to play along to your favorite song. No prior experience necessary!

#### Let's Break Some Guinness World Records!

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Are you competitive? Do you like challenges? Let's work together to try and break some Guinness World Records! Possible challenges include: Let's see how long you can keep two balloons in the air—using only your head! Let's see who can build the tallest Lego tower in 30 seconds—using only one hand! Let's see how fast you can sort 30 M&Ms— using only chopsticks! Ready, set, let's go!

### **Open Studio**

This elective is exactly what it says... The Art Studio is Open for you to choose what you want to create and I will be there to guide you if you want and give you access to materials already found in the studio. Fun/Laid back atmosphere to let your inner artist play!

#### **Origami Station**

Unfold creativity in our Middle School elective, introduction to origami. Learn the ancient art of paper folding crafting animals, shapes, and objects while enhancing motor skills. Discover origami's math and cultural connections. Join us to create, learn, and appreciate the art of paper transformation.

#### **Pass the Bricks**

In this elective you will be able to work independently or in groups to create models using random donated Legos as well as the instruction manual. In creating the instruction manual, you will be using photography and technology to create the document for the instruction manual that can be used to recreate your model. Your goal is to have one or more completed models with instructions ready for donation. These models will be donated to children who do not have Legos so you will not be taking anything home.

# **Perfecting Your Dude Perfect Trick Shot**

Try your hand (or feet) at creating, designing, and carrying-out the perfect shot inspired by Dude Perfect. Each day in this elective will bring new challenges filled with sports equipment, collaboration, constraints, and fun!

#### Pokémon Club

Calling all trainers-newbies and experts alike! Join us for a winter term adventure into the world of Pokémon. Whether you're just learning about Pikachu or you've been battling with Charizard for years, this club is for YOU. We'll explore different Pokémon card games, including friendly face-offs and team-based challenges. No cards? No problem! We've got everything you need to start your journey, but feel free to bring your own decks from home too. Get ready to trade, battle, strategize, and connect with fellow fans as we dive into the fun and excitement of the Pokémon universe.

#### **QB-RB-WR-TE Play for Students**

Do a deeper dive into skill level play on the offensive side of the ball and focusing on the Passing Game and how best to read and attack the defensive secondary.

#### Relax, Reset, Recharge!

The goal - feel your best! This course gives you time and space to tap into parts of yourself that you may not always have time to explore. We will take time to read, journal, dance, sing, go on walks, play games, and do other mindful activities that will hopefully bring you joy and relaxation. It's time to use our minds differently and feel re-energized to tackle the semester ahead! By the end of Winter Term you will leave with a few activities and strategies that will help you focus, re-energize, and feel your best.

#### **Shorts: Let's Watch SHORT Movies**

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If you want to explore short movies, then this class is for you! We'll dive into the world of short films that are fun, fast-paced stories packed with emotion, action, suspense, and laughs. Each day, we'll watch several short films and talk about what makes them interesting, surprising, or meaningful. By the end of this class you will build skills in critical thinking, empathy, and communication as we share different points of view and interpretations.

#### Step In Time

Our step and slide class is for anyone. We use step dancing as a form of exercise, a way to build community and an avenue to find a child likeness in our day. This class doesn't require any previous dance experience, just a willingness to try. We dance popular line dances like the Tamia Slide, Electric Slide, Cha-Cha Slide, Cupid Shuffle, YMCA, Dougie, and many more.

### Watercoloring with Nature

Unleash your creativity and learn the magical world of watercolor painting! In this hands-on course, students will explore the fundamentals of watercolor techniques, including washes, blending, texture, and color mixing. Students will be introduced to watercolor brushes and techniques, practice new skills, and create their own unique masterpieces. Through guided lessons and personal expression, students will build confidence in their artistic abilities while developing an eye for color, composition, and creativity. No prior experience needed—just a love for art, nature and a willingness to explore!

#### Where in the World? - World Geography Quiz Games & Competition

Do you enjoy playing GeoGuessr? How about the Seterra geography quiz games? Whether you have enough geography knowledge to compete in the Geo Bee or you just enjoy playing these online geography games for the fun of it, join us for this enjoyable elective and improve your knowledge of the fascinating world that we live in.