

ART & THEATRE

Introduction to Art

Art will be explored using pencil, pen & ink, watercolor and oil paint. Each month children will focus on a different medium and theme. Still Life, Character/Cartoon drawing, and Landscapes will be some of the themes children will create in this interactive class.

Supplies needed: Drawing paper, set of pencils (2H, HB, 2B, 4B, 6B), kneadable eraser, pink eraser, drawing pens, canvas. Paints and brushes will be supplied. Supplies can be purchased at the front desk at a discounted bundle price.

Advanced Art

This class is for advanced art students who want to further enhance their skills. Teacher placement is required for this class. See the front desk if you have questions about whether this class is appropriate for you or your child. Pencil drawing, pen & ink, watercolor and oil paint will be used. Each month a different theme and medium will be explored. Themes include, figure drawing, ink & watercolor, oil painting, along with various other themes.

Supplies needed: Drawing paper set of pencils (2H, HB, 2B, 4B, 6B), kneadable eraser, and regular eraser, canvas, drawing pens. Optional: colored pencils, pastels or crayons. Paint and brushes will be supplied. Supply bundles can be purchased at the front desk for a discounted price.

Pottery

This fall participants will experience the fun of using clay to create a variety of useful and interesting objects, utilizing various hand building, decorating and glazing techniques.

Creative Drama

Put your imagination to work! This class teaches the basics of acting in a fun and safe environment. Students will develop self-confidence and creativity as they act out well-known tales and create some of their own. This class is designed for ages Kindergarten to 8 years old.

Theatre I

An introduction to basic acting technique, acting etiquette, and stage movement! Kids develop improvisation skills and even experience a few stage productions! Students will gain an appreciation and an understanding of the basics of Acting. They will do warm ups both physical and vocal every class and gain a greater awareness of their surroundings and of their habits. They will gain confidence in themselves and learn the basics of acting from auditioning; scene and monologue work to performance in a short play. This class is designed for children ages 9 years and up.

Theatre Troupe

Students further develop theatrical skill as they delve deeper into acting technique, stage movement, and improvisation. They will sharpen their skills in character development, motivated action, intentions and tactics through continued monologue and scene work. Creativity thrives as serious students develop skills necessary for compelling characterization and ensemble acting. The Troupe will be involved in several performance opportunities throughout the year. Auditions are necessary to participate in the Theatre Troupe.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & WRITING

Intro to Sign Language

Discover American Sign Language. Basic skills and signs will be taught to introduce you to communication with your hands. The fascinating world of the Deaf Culture will also be discussed. Using the beautiful language of American Sign Language musical interpretation will also be explored. American Sign Language is not only fun it is recognized as a foreign language. Children need to be able to read to take this class.

Beginning Chinese

Beginning Chinese is an introduction to spoken and written Mandarin, the standard dialect of Modern Chinese, in a fun, student-centered learning environment. Students will begin with simple words and phrases, and learn to write basic characters, including numbers.

Creative Writing for Children

Creative writing for children is an introduction to writing poetry and fiction. With a variety of writing prompts and fun group activities, students will learn to move a piece of writing from inspiration to finished product. At the end of the class, each student will choose their favorite piece for "publication" in a class literary journal.

MUSIC

Intro to Music

This class is an introductory study of the basic rhythms and melodies of music, which will provide a basis for future musical exploration. The fundamental concepts learned are the core building blocks of all music and will enhance any future music endeavor. Different instruments will be used throughout this class to teach the main concepts. This class is required prior to taking a specific instrument.

Beginner Guitar

This class is taught in a group environment with the emphasis on ensemble performance. Handling, tuning, and care of the guitar as well as fundamental cord placement will be the core skills taught. Finger exercises and independent motor control will be stressed.

Glee Club

Explore musical theatre at Gateway! Learn vocal technique as well as choreography that will propel you to the top of any audition! Round out your acting skills or just dance the night away with GLEE! This is designed to be a performing choir. Performance opportunities will be offered throughout the year. Auditions are necessary to join the Glee Club.