ALF SUMMER SCHOOL
CLASSES* FOR GRADES K-6

All the World is a Stage

Students will develop the fundamentals of stage acting, improvisation, and use of props as they learn to "show" rather than "tell" a story. They will gain confidence and build self-esteem through drama games and teamwork. These skills will be showcased in a final performance.

Grades 4-6: Period 2 or 3

Art Adventures

Students will learn to express their creativity through various art forms such as drawing, painting, weaving, sculpting, and printmaking.

Grades 2-3: Period 3 Grades 4-6: Periods 1 or 2

Awesome Animals

Learn about the unique traits of animals and how these features help them find food, adapt to their environment, and survive in the wild. Students will explore the fascinating animal kingdom through crafts and stories.

Grades 2-3: Period 2

Backyard Science

Get ready to become an explorer in your own backyard! In this class, students will investigate the wonders of nature, conduct weekly experiments, and discover science all around them.

Grades 2-3: Period 1 or 3

Band for Beginners

Calling all aspiring musicians! This introductory class is designed for students with little or no experience in music. Learn the fundamentals of reading and understanding music as well as learning to play a woodwind or brass instrument. Please indicate instrument choice on the registration form. Students provide their own instrument or may rent one from ALF for a fee of $75.

Grades 4-6: Period 1 **CANCELLED**

Band - Intermediate

Musicians who currently play a band instrument (woodwind, brass, or percussion) and have participated in music instruction for a year are welcome. Improve your skills while having fun playing many different styles of music. Please indicate instrument choice on registration form. Students provide their own instrument or may rent one from ALF for a fee of $75. NOTE: Percussion instruments are not available for rent.

Grades 5-6: Period 2

Book Club

Read popular chapter books together for fun to enhance reading, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension skills.

Grades 4-5: Period 1

Book Club with Phonics

Read popular chapter books together for fun to enhance phonics, reading, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension skills.

Grade 2: Period 3

Bring on the Beat

Students will learn to "tune their ears" by listening to a variety of music styles, playing simple instruments, and singing together. By the end of the summer session, they will be making their own music!

Grades 2-3: Period 3

NEW! Camp ALF

For those who are looking for a fun camp-like experience, this class is for you. Students will enjoy nature-related crafts, simple and fun art projects, innovative games, and the opportunity to find and make fossils. Emphasis will be on creative expression, problem solving, game strategies, and team building. Each week is a new adventure focusing on dinosaurs, games, art and nature.

Grades 2-3: Period 1, 2, or 3 **PERIOD 3 CANCELLED**

Computer Programming

Using a JAVA-based coding program and some simple graphic design tools, students will learn basic coding skills by creating fun and engaging apps to share with family and friends.

Grades 4-6: Period 2 or 3

Computer Tech Lab

Students will build Chromebook literacy skills by researching and creating basic documents and presentations, while learning about internet safety and responsible use of technology.

Grades 2-3: Period 1

Crafting for Fun

This class will explore a variety of crafting specialties like tie-dye, paper mache, puppetry, miniatures, quilling and straw-weaving. Each specialty will allow students to use their imagination in many creative ways.

Grades 4-6: Period 1, 2 or 3

Creative Writing

Writing is a joy for some students and a challenging activity for others. A variety of writing activities will encourage both types of students to develop critical thinking, comprehension, communication, and creativity skills.

Grades 4-6: Period 1 or 2

Discovery Zone, Blue

This 3-period class emphasizes academic and phonics instruction, physical education, and fine arts (two recesses included.) Stories, songs, and poetry will foster creativity and broaden literacy skills. Reading time and discussion will strengthen oral language. Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies will be explored. Students will also participate in outdoor games and exercise. ALL 3 PERIODS MUST BE TAKEN.

Grade 1: Periods 1, 2 AND 3

Discovery Zone, Red

This 2-period class emphasizes academic and phonics instruction, physical education, and fine arts (one recess included.) Stories, songs, and poetry will foster creativity and broaden literacy skills. Reading time and discussion will strengthen oral language. Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies will be explored. Students will also participate in outdoor games and exercise. BOTH PERIODS MUST BE TAKEN.

Grade 1: Periods 2 AND 3

From Story to Stage

Every theatre performance begins with a story, book, or script. In this class, students will "bring books to life" by recreating stories. They will learn the basics of theatre, drama, and improvisation through acting games and ensemble-based activities which will encourage teamwork and enhance reading and listening skills.

Grade 3: Period 2

Games Unplugged

Unplug from your device and let's play games! Games are not only fun, but they teach good sportsmanship and social skills. Students will learn how to play a variety of games as well as design their own game to take home.

Grades 2-3: Period 3

NEW! Intro to Robotics

In this class, students will be introduced to the wonders of robotics and learn the fundamentals of computer science through interactive kits and real-life experiments. Small robots will be designed, assembled, and eventually operated by the students.

Grades 2-3: Period 2

NEW! Journey to Outer Space

Discover the wonders of the universe through hands-on experiments and creative projects. Students will explore planets, stars, black holes, rockets, and life in space while asking the big questions and thinking like young scientists. The class will conclude with students launching their own hand-made rockets.

Grades 2-3: Period 1 or 2

Kinder Kids, Green

This 3-period class is intended for students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. Using a combination of academic and play-based learning, students will engage in activities that strengthen basic skills through songs, stories, numbers, exploration, and physical movement (two recesses included.) ALL 3 PERIODS MUST BE TAKEN.

Grade K: Periods 1, 2 AND 3

Kinder Kids, Orange

This 3-period class is intended for students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. Using a combination of academic and play-based learning, students will engage in activities that strengthen basic skills through songs, stories, numbers, exploration, and physical movement (two recesses included.) ALL 3 PERIODS MUST BE TAKEN.

Grade K: Periods 1, 2 AND 3

NEW! Let's Go Global

Pull out your passport and get ready to see the world! Students will be introduced to a variety of countries and learn about the lands, cultures, traditions, foods, and what makes each country unique. Journey to some of the world's most iconic cultures. PARENTS, PLEASE LIST ANY FOOD ALLERGIES.

Grades 4-6: Periods 1, 2 or 3 **PERIOD 3 CANCELLED**

Mad Science

This class opens up the amazing wonders of science and encourages student curiosity in the physical world around them. Students will learn through daily experimentation with chemical reactions, polymers, and food science. They will have fun and improve their STEM skills while using scientific method to conduct their research. PARENTS, PLEASE LIST ANY FOOD ALLERGIES.

Grades 4-6: Period 1, 2 or 3

Math Exploration

Become a problem solver! Learn the math skills needed for everyday problem solving and critical thinking. Manipulative materials will be used to reinforce academic concepts.

Grade 2: Period 1 or 2 Grade 3: Period 2 or 3 Grade 4: Period 3 Grade 5: Period 1
Grade 6: Period 2

Persuasive Writing

This class will challenge students to become more aware of their own and other's attitudes and opinions. Through research and class exercises, they will learn to organize their ideas about a variety of contemporary topics to create persuasive arguments to support them.

Grades 5-6: Period 3

Read with Me

Designed for beginning readers, this class presents a fun approach to phonics through hands-on activities, whole group lessons, and reading games.

Grade 1: Period 1

Robotics & Coding

Students will have the opportunity to design, build, and program small mobile robots using VEX Robotics kits. The class will explore concepts from computer science: coding, structure programming, abstraction, reasoning under uncertainty, and real time control. Students will design and build robots to accomplish defined tasks.

Grades 4-6: Period 1 or 3

Sports Mania

Get outdoors and play a variety of sporting games and activities. This class emphasizes physical education, cooperation, and enjoyment of the sports students are familiar with.

Grades 2-3: Period 1 Grades 3-4: Period 2 Grades 4-6: Period 3

STEAM into Summer

STEAM education provides students with a stronger grasp of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math while strengthening problem solving abilities. Students will create projects that are relevant to real world applications.

Grades 3-4: Period 1, 2 or 3

What's Cooking?

Using an array of creative recipes, students will learn culinary skills as they prepare foods for everyone to enjoy. CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES CANNOT ENROLL IN THIS CLASS.

Grades 4-6: Period 1, 2 or 3

Writers Workshop

Drawing on personal experiences, students will develop an understanding of the writing process: pre-writing, draft, revision, and final edit. Phonics, spelling, and writing skills will be further developed with each completed story!

Grade 2: Period 2 Grade 3: Period 3 Grade 3 -4: Period 1

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