

From Pages to Projects

by Mindy Friedman & Angela LaMorte-Doerr

Mondays | Grades K-2 | \$325

Bringing Stories to Life Through STEM and Math! Each session begins with a beloved children's book and transforms the story into a hands-on STEM or math adventure. Students will explore characters, challenges, and ideas from the book while engaging in creative problem-solving activities, building projects, and math challenges inspired by the story. Through reading, designing, and creating, children will discover how stories can spark curiosity, innovation, and a love of learning.

Hair Accessories Design & Create

by Bowniqueness

Mondays | Grades K-5 | \$286

Kids will unleash their creativity by designing colorful hairbows, scrunchies, crowns, and headbands. Using fun fabrics, flowers, and beads.



STEM Lego Club with Ms. Diehl

by Eileen Diehl

Mondays | Grades 1-2 | \$312

Get ready for a world of imagination and fun with Central STEM teacher, Ms. Diehl at the STEM LEGO After-School Club! Designed especially for first and second graders, this club is all about building, creating, and exploring through LEGO bricks. Whether you're designing a futuristic city, constructing a magical castle, or inventing a brand-new superhero, the possibilities are endless! In this club, your creativity takes the lead. You'll work on individual projects and collaborate with friends to bring your wildest ideas to life. Every session is a chance to think outside the box, problem-solve, and express yourself through building. Join us and discover how fun it is to turn your imagination into something real—one LEGO brick at a time!

Detective 101

by MakeInspires

Mondays | Grades 3-5 | \$260

Welcome to Crime Lab, where curious kids become junior investigators! In this hands-on science class, students explore the world of forensic investigation through fun, age-appropriate mysteries. Each week, they'll analyze fingerprints, test mystery powders, decode secret messages, and uncover clues using real scientific techniques. Along the way, they'll build critical thinking skills, learn how to follow evidence, and experience the thrill of solving classroom "crimes"—no scary stuff, just smart, engaging fun!

Zumba Kids

by Gigi Longo

Mondays | Grades K-5 | \$208

Perfect for our younger Zumba Fans! Kids get the chance to be active and jam out to their favorite music. Classes feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba Choreography. We break down the steps, add games and activities into the class structure. Helps develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives by making fitness fun. Classes incorporate key childhood development elements like leadership, respect, team work, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, coordination and cultural awareness. Children should come with sneakers and a water bottle.

Registration will be live on August 18th at 9 am

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Vision Board Adventure Club

by Laurie McShea

Tuesdays | Grades 2-5 | \$338

Students will create a personalized vision board while learning about goal setting, kindness, growth mindset, creativity, and dreaming about their future. Each week focuses on a different theme, with activities that encourage self-reflection, collaboration, and artistic expression. By the end of the session, each student will have a complete vision board that represents their hopes, goals, interests, and values.

Mini Fashion Designer

by Bowniqueness

Tuesdays | Grades K-5 | \$286

Mini Fashion Designers Studio is a hands-on enrichment program that introduces students to the exciting world of fashion design. Students experience the same creative process used by fashion designers—from developing an idea and creating an inspiration board to selecting fabrics, hand sewing, and presenting a finished garment.

Each student will choose one garment to create:

- Skirt
- Pants
- Vest

Although every student begins with the same pattern, each finished garment becomes unique through individual fabric selections, embellishments, and creative vision.

STEM Lego Club LEVEL 2 MOTORS

With Ms. Diehl

Tuesdays | Grades 2-5 | \$312

Take your LEGO building skills to the next level with Central STEM teacher, Ms. Diehl, in the STEM LEGO After-School Club: Level 2 Motors! Designed for students ready for a new challenge, this club introduces exciting engineering concepts using LEGO gears, axles, pulleys, and motors to create models that move. Students will design, build, and test a variety of hands-on projects while exploring how simple machines and mechanical systems work. From spinning rides and moving vehicles to creative inventions of their own, participants will use teamwork, problem-solving, and imagination to bring their ideas to life. Each session encourages students to think like engineers as they build, experiment, improve their designs, and discover how motion and mechanics can make their LEGO creations come alive. Join us for an exciting adventure where creativity and engineering work together—one LEGO brick at a time!

Little Musicians

by MakeInspires

Tuesdays | Grades K-2 | \$260

K-2 students learn about the science of sound and variations of music. They will be introduced to the history and forms of music, its origins and sounds. Through games and hands-on activities, students will learn how to conduct their own music, write songs, and identify differences in pitch. They will practice on a variety of instruments they create, like drums, guitars, and more, and form a band with their classmates!

Stop Motion Animation & Storytelling

by Jackson Popiel

Tuesdays | Grades 3-5 | \$260

Students will create their own short stop motion animated films using iPads, Stop Motion Studio Pro, LEGO/props, storyboards, and a guided production process. Each week, students move through a different part of the animation process; from story ideas and planning to set-building, frame-by-frame animation, and presentation.

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Daxi Dog

by Sew Happy Studios

Wednesdays | Grades 1-5 | \$312

Get ready for the cutest sewing adventure ever! In this adorable hand-sewing class, students will create their very own stuffed dachshund puppy complete with charming accessories and delightful details.

Students will create:

A lovable stuffed dachshund named Daxi Dog.

A matching collar and cozy coat for their pup.

A stuffed dog bone toy.

A treat bag filled with tiny handmade snacks.

Fun dog-themed pins and accessories for the owner.

This imaginative class combines sewing, creativity, and storytelling as students personalize their dogs with unique colors, fabrics, and decorative details.

Students will practice hand sewing, stuffing, embroidery, embellishing, and accessory construction while building confidence and fine motor skills through playful project-based learning.



Fun with Pottery

by The Plaster Palace

Wednesdays | Grades K-5 | \$312

Enjoy painting various ceramic crafts while you learn about colors, sponging and other fun techniques!

Paint your unique collection of mugs, plates, banks and others! Parents will treasure the hand prints of their children and all crafts are food and dishwasher safe! New crafts each session!

For the Love of Art

by Lydia Hasn

Wednesdays | Grades K-2 | \$293

Have fun making collages, sculptures, mobiles, paintings, drawings, printing, scrap wall-hangings, and more! If you like art, join us and be creative after school!

Guitar for Beginners

by The Music Path

Wednesdays | Grades 2-5 | \$221

Learn the basics and foundations of playing the guitar. Technique, scales, chords, melodies, and songs will all be covered. We promise to teach you as many real songs as possible! This class is a great introduction for students who might then proceed to a private teacher. We will get your hands picking, strumming, and fretting. An electric or acoustic guitar is okay (no amplifier required).

Materials: Bring in a guitar you already own, or we recommend First Act guitars online as an inexpensive solution (starting around \$40). You must bring a guitar.

Crazy Chemworks

by MAD Science

Wednesdays | Grades K-2 | \$358

Come and spark imaginative learning with some Mad chemistry. Watch as we combine elements and make them fizz, crackle and change color! We'll delve into molecules and chemical reactions that produce light, gas and even slime. Some of the weekly topics in this session include : Lab Works, Junior Reactors, p.H. Phactor, Slime Time, The Glow Show, Dry Ice Capades, Icky Sticky Stuff, Chemistry Corner, The Mystery of Chem and Kitchen Chemistry.

Fairy Tales, Fables, & Fun

by Mindy Friedman & Angela LaMorte-Doerr

Thursdays | Grades K-2 | \$325

Get ready for a magical adventure where favorite stories come to life! Each session takes students on a journey through classic fairy tales, fables, and nursery rhymes, followed by a fun, hands-on challenge inspired by the story.

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MusicStart Keyboarding by The Music Path

Thursdays | Grades K-3 | \$221

MusicStart® is a patented progressive music learning system that balances fun and development of skills. Using familiar songs, it teaches all the necessary basics to get started playing music. The MusicStart® Keyboard uses 4 instructive Attachments that vary the challenge from color matching to letter matching to note matching and reading standard musical notation. MusicStart® is a preparation for (or a supplement to) playing any instrument and teaches step-by-step problem-solving. All materials are provided. Both new and repeat students are welcome and will be appropriately challenged. VISIT WWW.BEGINMUSIC.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN ONLINE VIDEO OF MUSICSTART IN ACTION

Cardboard Creations

With Ms. Diehl

Thursdays | Grades 1-2 | \$312

Imagine, design, build, and create! In the Cardboard Creations Club with Central STEM teacher, Ms. Diehl, students will transform simple cardboard into incredible works of art and engineering. From designing masks and costumes to building race cars, castles, robots, dollhouses, and towering buildings, the possibilities are endless. With plenty of time to explore their ideas, students can work independently or team up with friends to plan, design, and build unique creations using cardboard and a variety of recycled materials. Along the way, they'll strengthen their creativity, problem-solving, collaboration, and engineering skills while bringing their imaginations to life. Whether you have a masterpiece already in mind or just love to invent, this is the perfect place to create something amazing!

Imagine Arts: World of Design by MAD Science

Thursdays | Grades K-2 | \$358

Take a journey to the farthest reaches of the imagination while learning about the ocean, Mars, a futuristic city, and more! We'll create Movie posters, map out universal tree houses, develop comic book characters and much more. Spend each week experimenting with Crayola® products and many art techniques like sculpting, collage, and mixed media. Discover different design careers and use the design thinking process to solve real-world problems. Some of the weekly topics in this session include : Game On! Wild Animation, Comic Book Heroes, Futureville, Picture Perfect, Pitch Your Product, Universal Treehouse, Mars Habitat and more!

Beginner Spanish

By ABC Language

Thursdays | Grades K-2 | \$312

¡Hola! ¿Cómo estás?. That's Spanish for Hi! How are you? Learn this and other useful phrases in this new interactive after school club for kids who have never learned Spanish before. In our class your child will learn short sentences and daily vocabulary such as greetings, introductions, colors, numbers and food through songs, movement and interactive games. The class will also focus on getting your child started on reading and writing Spanish words and simple short sentences in addition to learning about the fun aspects of the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking countries!

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