

Jewelry & Beading Accessories & Design Workshop by BEADZ

Mondays | Grades K-5 | \$384

In this creative, engaging and hands-on workshop, students construct beautiful and high quality keepsakes. Students work on individual bead design boards, choose from an amazing selection of beads (crystals, sea glass, ceramics, etc) lead-free charms and components. Each week will feature new projects including: necklaces, bracelets, rings, hair accessories, keychains, bookmarks, room decorations and many other fun items. Beading techniques will be demonstrated and used and the fall session will feature many new projects. All ages are welcome and accommodated. Melanie Rose, instructor, is the owner of BEADZ (www.gobeadz.com), Westchester's Jewelry & Beading workshop and party service.



Drawing on Location by Aaron Stone

Mondays | Grades 1-5 | \$442

Artists will be drawing each week in a different location around Murray Ave. This club will be able to enhance spatial reasoning, improve observation skills, increase knowledge retention, and foster emotional expression. This club will provide a hands-on way to connect with an artist's environment, develop fine motor skills, and engage with learning through a multi-sensory approach that can help them better recall information.

STEM Lego Club with Ms. Scotto

Mondays | Grades 1-3 | \$416

Get ready for a world of imagination and fun with Murray STEM teacher Mrs. Scotto at the STEM LEGO After-School Club! Designed especially for younger students, this club is all about building, creating, and exploring through LEGO bricks. 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!

Engineering Busters with Mrs. Cerbone

Mondays | Grades 1-2 | \$455

Engineering Busters is an exciting, hands-on after-school club designed for first and second graders who love to build, explore, and create! Students will use a variety of materials such as blocks, Magna-Tiles, LEGO bricks, connectors, and simple gears to design and construct their own unique creations. They will also experiment with marble runs, discovering how movement and design work together in fun and engaging ways. In addition, students will have opportunities to design and build using recycled materials, encouraging creativity and environmental awareness. Through guided challenges and open-ended building time, children will develop important skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking. Engineering Busters encourages creativity, perseverance, and curiosity, providing a playful environment where young learners can take risks, share ideas, and think like engineers!

Registration will be live on August 18th at 9 am
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Board & Card Games Club

by Laura Wechsler

Mondays | Grades 3-5 | \$423

Join Board & Card Game Club, where classic games become exciting opportunities to build friendships, sharpen strategic thinking, and practice teamwork in a fun and welcoming environment! Each week, students will explore a variety of age-appropriate board and card games while developing important life skills such as communication, problem-solving, perseverance, and good sportsmanship. Through friendly competition and cooperative play, students will strengthen their social-emotional skills by learning how to take turns, manage winning and losing gracefully, resolve conflicts respectfully, and encourage one another. Whether they're planning their next move, solving a challenge together, or discovering a new favorite game, students will enjoy an engaging hour filled with laughter, learning, and meaningful connections with peers.

Chess

by Alan Abrams

Mondays | Grades 1-2 | \$325

Begin with Chess basics. Students study games that previous students played in US Chess Championships. Students play against the instructor.

Improv & Introduction to Scene Study

by Rachel Nicks

Mondays | Grades K-5 | \$312

Students will build confidence, creativity, and communication skills through fun improv games, storytelling, movement, and character exploration. As they progress, they'll be introduced to scene study, learning the basics of character development, relationships, and performing short scenes. No acting experience is required. If a child is not yet reading, I will provide age-appropriate modifications so they can fully participate and succeed.

Mindful Movements & Strategies

by Laura Santavicca

Mondays | Grades 1-3 | \$416

The Mindful Movement Club is an engaging, calming enrichment program designed for young learners in grades 1–3. Over eight weeks, students explore mindfulness through simple movement, breathing exercises, yoga-inspired activities, focus games, and creative reflection. Each session follows a predictable, kid-friendly structure: a calm start, warm-up movement, main activity, quiet reflection or drawing, and a closing routine. Weekly themes include mindful breathing, animal movements, balance challenges, yoga stories, sound awareness, and student-made calming strategies.

Collage Club

by Aaron Stone

Tuesdays | Grades K-5 | \$455

This club is a hands-on art program where artists can express themselves through their imagination! We'll use various types of paper from photographs, tissue paper, textured paper, and so many other types to cut, glue, and assemble unique pieces of art. This club will inspire artists to explore creativity through using different types of paper and glue. Artists will assemble unique compositions using paper, fabric, and recycled materials; learn basic art techniques and design original artwork weekly. Artists will be experimenting with different types of textures and colors. This club will help develop fine motor skills (cutting, gluing) and self-expression through hands-on projects.

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Adventures in Art with Mrs. Cerbone

Tuesdays | Grades 1-2 | \$455

In this imaginative and beginner-friendly after-school program, first and second graders will embark on creative journeys in the Adventures in Art Club! Students will explore a wide range of art materials including paint, oil pastels, Model Magic, collage materials, and many more tools to inspire creativity. Each week, young artists will experiment with color, texture, and different techniques as they create unique and expressive works of art.

This exploratory class introduces basic art concepts while encouraging students to take creative risks, explore their imagination, and develop their own artistic style. Adventures in Art Club promotes creativity, problem-solving, and self-expression while helping children strengthen fine motor skills and build artistic confidence. It's also a wonderful opportunity for students to make new friends, share ideas, and celebrate their creativity together!

Stop Motion Animation and Green Screen with Mrs. Scotto

Tuesdays | Grades 3-5 | \$449

Ready to bring your ideas to life? Join the STEM Stop-Motion Video and Green Screen Club, where upper grade students dive into the exciting world of animation and video production! In this hands-on club, you'll learn the magic behind stop-motion video creation using your favorite toys, clay figures, or even everyday objects to tell your own story. We will really make things come to life with the use of green screens. You'll explore the science and technology of animation, discovering how each frame comes together to create movement. With the help of cameras, apps, and your imagination, you'll become a stop-motion director, designing and animating your very own mini-movie. Whether you're making an action-packed adventure, a silly comedy, or a heartwarming tale, you'll work with friends to create something unique. By the end of the session, you'll have your very own stop-motion video to share and show off to the world! Join us for an exciting, creative journey where you can bring your STEM skills and storytelling to life

Canasta Kids

by Alison Ivler & Ali Siotkas

Tuesdays | Grades 4-5 | \$455

Ready to learn a classic card game that's fun, strategic, and social? Join Canasta Kids! Students will learn the basics of Canasta through hands-on games and friendly competition. Along the way, they'll build critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while having fun with friends. No experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm, and we'll teach you the rest!

Poetry & Performance Club

by Laura Wechsler

Tuesdays | Grades 3-5 | \$423

Poetry & Plays Club invites students to explore the magic of words through creative writing, dramatic reading, and fun theatrical performances in a supportive and encouraging environment. Throughout the eight-week session, students will read and perform engaging poems and reader's theater scripts, experiment with writing their own poetry, and collaborate with classmates to create and perform short plays. Along the way, they'll build confidence in public speaking, strengthen reading fluency and expressive language, and develop creativity through storytelling and performance. The collaborative nature of the club also fosters important social-emotional skills such as empathy, active listening, cooperation, self-confidence, and respectful communication. Whether performing for classmates or sharing an original poem, every student will have the opportunity to discover their unique voice while having fun with language and theater.

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Students study famous games played with an emphasis on tactics and strategies. Students will notate games and play against the instructor.

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Around the World Culture Club

by Laura Santavicca

Tuesdays | Grades 1-4 | \$442

Students in grades 1–4 will explore countries and cultures from around the globe through stories, art, music, traditions, language, and hands-on activities. This club was inspired by the excitement and global connection of the World Cup this summer. Students will discover how people around the world come together to celebrate their cultures, traditions, and shared passions. Just like athletes representing their countries on the world stage, our young explorers will “travel” to new places each week, learning what makes each culture unique and special. Throughout this 8-week adventure, students will create their own passports, enjoy stories and songs, create artwork and structures, explore maps and landmarks, learn fun phrases... and more! Students will finish the club as proud World Travelers, with a passport full of discoveries, creations, and memories from their journey around the globe! Come join us as we celebrate curiosity, creativity, and the beautiful diversity of our world!

Hair Accessories Design & Create

by Bowniqueness

Thursdays | Grades K-5 | \$286

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



A Journey Through Time

by Aaron Stone

Thursdays | Grades K-5 | \$468

This after-school art club explores the world of art history by letting students create their own masterpieces inspired by different eras and cultures. Through hands-on projects young artists will learn about famous artists and art movements from around the globe, such as the Impressionists, or even pop art. Artists will experiment with various materials and techniques, developing their creativity and appreciation while being inspired through the history of art. Students will explore a new artist or art movement each week, such as Van Gogh's starry night, or Andy Warhol's pop art.

Guitar for Beginners

by The Music Path

Thursdays | Grades K-3 | \$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.

Board Games

by Sara Goldstein-Stoll

Thursdays | Grades K-3 | \$364

In this elective, students will have the opportunity to play a variety of board games. They will learn how to play new games, get the chance to play old favorites, and will make new school-wide connections along the way. Board games will be provided so students do not need to bring anything.

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No Heat Cooking Chefs

by Christine Dizenzo

Thursdays | Grades 1-3 | \$488

Welcome to No-Heat Cooking Chefs, where young chefs discover the magic of food without ever touching a stove! Designed specifically for grades 1-3, this hands-on elective transforms a standard classroom into a bustling culinary laboratory. Each week, students build fine motor skills through safe slicing, spreading, mashing, and rolling. Our little chefs will explore early math concepts like measuring and patterns, practice teamwork, and develop an adventurous palate. From edible storybook art to shake-it-up science snacks, this club turns everyday ingredients into delicious, independent masterpieces. Grab your aprons—adventure is on the menu!

Daxi Dog

by Sew Happy Studios

Fridays | 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.



Imagine Arts: World of Design

by MAD Science

Fridays | 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!

Engineering Adventures

by MakeInspires

Fridays | Grades 3-5 | \$260

Working through hands-on engineering design problems, students will hone their technical problem-solving skills while completing fun and challenging activities! Our makers in training will explore the facets of engineering: electrical with circuitry, mechanical with catapults, civil with bridges, and so much more! This course is the perfect jumping-off point for any maker who is curious about engineering and design or as a follow-up to Little Builders!

Game On!

by Alison Ivler

Fridays | Grades 3-5 | \$390

Looking for a fun way to spend your afternoon? In Game On!, students will explore a collection of classic games, including Hearts, Rummikub, Backgammon, and more. Each week, we'll play different games, practice good sportsmanship, and challenge our minds while enjoying time with friends. Whether you're trying a game for the first time or sharing one you already know, there's always a seat at the table!

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