

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ART 012 CERAMICS

Grades 6-8 Instructor: Joe Petito

With a little clay, some glaze and a lot of creativity, learn the basic techniques of pottery making and develop your personal style of “throwing” a pot.

ART 017 COMIC BOOK ART

Grades 6-8 Instructor: William Maddocks

Learn how to draw superheroes and cartoon characters. Through the use of shading and other drawing techniques, you will learn to make your characters come alive. Perhaps your cartoon/drawing will be published in the “summerbook.”

ART 055 MULTICULTURAL ART

Grades 6-8 Instructor: Amber Wimberly

Experience cultures from around the world and learn about their traditions and values through the art they create. Learn to make piñatas as in Mexico; basket weaving and creating intricate patterns/designs as in Africa; telling a story in sand like the Native Americans, and so much more.

ASL 010 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Grades 6-8 Instructor: Sheril Farell

This class will teach the basics of signing. We will work on finger spelling, number concepts and basic words and phrases. Learn how to greet and meet someone in sign language, colors, shapes and basic phrases. Come learn about this wonderful language and have fun at the same time.

CS 010 COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Grades 6-8 Instructor: Kelly Demos

Learn to use the computer software programs that will enhance your ability to perform in school: Word, Excel, PowerPoint and others. Proficiency in these programs will also provide you with marketable skills in the workplace. High school and those summer jobs are not that far away!

ENG 015 CREATIVE WRITING

Grades 6-8 Instructor: William Maddocks

You could become the next J.K. Rowling! Learn techniques to spice up your writing through the creative use of alliteration, metaphors, similes, and descriptive phrases. We will read short stories by some of today’s best authors discuss their skills and include these ideas into our own creations. Through the “writing process,” peer editing and rewriting you will reinforce your writing ideas.

ENG 020 READERS WORKSHOP

Grades 6-8 Co-Instructors: Mary Ann Torres and Sheril Farell

Whether you like to read for pleasure or just need to brush up on some reading skills, this is the class for you. With vocabulary building, skill lessons and book talks, you will learn to appreciate reading. You will also acquire many reading strategies that will help you to improve your reading comprehension.

ENG 060 LANGUAGE ARTS – 6th GRADE

Grade 6 Instructor: Gail Nowak

Living Legends / Dead Dudes: Select a famous celebrity of your choice and learn the fundamental steps of writing a research paper from beginning (locating information and note taking) to end (bibliography). You will be engaged in this class as you perfect your writing skills, expand your vocabulary and learn more about the written word.

ENG 071 LANGUAGE ARTS – 7th GRADE

Grade 7 Instructor: Lois Easter Sepahban

Through books, poetry and short stories, students will expand their vocabularies, improve their writing skills and learn more about the written word.

ENG 081 LANGUAGE ARTS – 8th GRADE

Grade 8 Instructor: Amber Wimberly

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Have you ever wondered what it would be like to interview celebrities, watch movies for a living, visit a crime scene or create your own comic strip? Learn the basics of journalism and improve your writing through the creation of our “summerbook.”

ESL 010 **ESL: READING AND WRITING**

Grades 6-8 *Instructor: Lois Easter Sepahban*

Students learning English as a Second Language will find this course helpful in building vocabulary and developing their reading and writing skills.

FRE 010 **PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?**

Grades 6-8 *Instructor: Lois Easter Sepahban*

This class is designed to introduce students to the French language and culture. Students will focus on speaking, reading, and writing French, while learning some grammar dynamics and building a basic French vocabulary. This course also incorporates elements of French history, geography, art, and music to give students broader appreciation of French culture.

HEC 010 **ADVENTURES IN COOKING**

Grades 6-8 *Instructor: Jenna Gebel*

Don't know a spatula from a whisk? Join us for five weeks of cooking fun and learn the basics of cooking, kitchen and food safety and nutrition. You will spend time in the kitchen preparing nutritious snacks, entrees, desserts, veggies, breakfast drinks and ethnic dishes. Simple food garnishing will also be covered.

MTH 006 **INTRODUCTION TO 6th GRADE MATH**

Grade 6 *Instructor: Laura Kennerson*

Get ready for 6th grade math! This course will introduce students to the 6th grade math curriculum. Students will receive introductory lessons in number sense, pre-algebra, measurement, geometry and mathematical reasoning.

MTH 011 **BRIDGE TO GEOMETRY**

Grade 8 *Instructor: Lorena Benitz*

Students who have successfully (grade "C" or above) completed Algebra I will prepare to engage Geometry in the fall.

MTH 017 **PRE-ALGEBRA – 7th GRADE**

Grade 7 *Instructor: Laura Kennerson*

Upcoming 7th graders will receive introductory instruction in 7th grade math curriculum. Class will focus on early skill building in pre-algebra, measurement, geometry and mathematical reasoning.

MTH 008 **ALGEBRA – 8th GRADE**

Grade 8 *Instructor: Lorena Benitz*

This course will provide introductory coursework and support in Algebra for entering 8th graders.

MTH 030 **FANTASY BASEBALL**

Grades 6-8 *Instructor: Chantal Zotter*

If you love baseball or just want to understand the game better, this is the class for you. Throughout this course you will examine how everyday math concepts such as addition, subtraction, fractions, decimals, percents, etc. apply to baseball and the real world. You will learn how batting averages and player statistics are computed by playing a variety of games. You will also use actual baseball cards to create your own baseball team and compete against other teams in the class. While learning the mathematical concepts behind the game and players you will also learn about the history of baseball and baseball legends.

PED 011 **ARCHERY**

Grades 6-8 *Instructor: Jason Druten*

Learn the basics of archery and explore its history, techniques and safety procedures. You will be provided with bows, arrows and safety equipment.

PED 018 **YOGA**

Grades 6-8 *Instructor: Katherine Griffith*

This is an entry-level class. Students learn a variety of poses or series of flowing postures. This class emphasizes yoga as a means to an increased quality of life for young adults, promoting focus and concentration, increased flexibility, relaxation and coping mechanisms for the stressors common to middle school students. Outside reading and practice of yoga postures will be encouraged, but not required.

PED 019 **TAEKWONDO**

Grades 6-8 *Instructor: James Choi*

This course will introduce students to the techniques and philosophy of Taekwondo. Objectives of this course are for students to learn basic Taekwondo history, terms, tenets, forms, stances, footwork, kicks, punches, Olympic sport techniques and strategies. Students begin with the first Taekwondo rank, *White Belt*. By the end of the course, with discipline and diligent training, students will be prepared to graduate to the second Taekwondo rank, *Yellow Belt*.

PED 020 CHEER & DRILL

Grades 6-8 Instructor: Kelly Demos

Are you ready to try out for your school cheer/drill team? Join in the fun as we learn the basic motions and jumps. Learn some cheers and synchronized routines. Class will begin with a short warm-up and some basic stretching.

PHI 050 THINK FAST!

Grades 6-8 Instructor: Gail Nowak

Learn trivia facts and game strategies in a motivating, challenging, fun and exciting way. Work in teams to improve your ability to think and respond rapidly while participating in fast-paced activities, mastering puzzles and brainteasers, sequencing and problem solving, all in an interesting and fun way. Games will include Brainquest, Family Feud, Jeopardy, and more.

SCI 030 CSI: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

Grades 6-8 Instructor: Chantal Zotter

Students will solve crimes while learning scientific concepts, methods and techniques. Students will assume the role of crime lab chemists by observing carefully, thinking critically and conducting forensic lab tests on evidence that is typically found at a "crime scene."

SPA 068 SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Grades 6-8 Instructor: Mary Ann Torres

Students study the Spanish language and culture in a cooperative environment focusing on reading, writing, oral and listening skills. In a fun format, through music, art and themed activities, students will master Spanish pronunciation and speaking skills.