

COURSE CATALOG SPRING 2015 1/12/15

Please note the recommended grade level next to each Course description.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basketball / Soccer (K-2) Joe Buzzetta	*Piano Beginner (K-2) Adrian Cohen	Tumble & Cheer (K-2) Sarah Scheldt	Designing Amazing Art (K-1) Maureen Crowley	Cooking Around the Clock (K-2) Kristin Beers
Animal Nature (K-2) Curious Jane	Sports Variety (K-2) Joe Buzzetta	Lego/Building (K-2) Danny McDonald	Cooking Around the Clock (K-2) Kristin Beers	Basketball (3-5) Danny McDonald
*Spanish: Beginner & Continuation (K-2) Cantanicka	Musical Theatre (K-2) Alyson Ryan	Chess: Beginner (K-2) Let's Play Chess	Do You Wanna Build a Snowman? (K-2) Sarah Scheldt	*Guitar Beginner (K-2) EzraGuitar
*Piano Beginner (K-2) Continuation Adrian Cohen	Pre Robotics (K-2) RoboFun	Computer Fun (K-2) Sara Thorne	Games, Games, Games! (K-2) Sara Thorne	
*Guitar Continuation EzraGuitar		Imagine, Create, Play (K-2) Ashley Sosa	Super Science (K-2) Susie Persaud	
Chess: Int/Adv (2-5) Let's Play Chess		Designing Amazing Art (2-3) Maureen Crowley	Cross Fit Sports (2-3) Dan Turret	
Gadgets That Go! (3-5) Curious Jane		*Piano Beginner (K-1) Continuation (1-5) Adrian Cohen	Boys' Sports (3-5) Kathy Nobles	
		Girls' Sports 3-5) Kathy Nobles	Intro to iLife (4-5) Susannah Sperry	

* Students currently enrolled in Piano, Guitar, and Spanish will be given priority for Spring term registration.

Course Fees & Schedules

- All courses are \$405 unless otherwise noted next to their descriptions. Courses offered through our external partners (Curious Jane, Carroll Gardens Piano, Ezra Guitar, Let's Play Chess, and Cantanicka) are \$450. Courses with external partner, RoboFun, are \$525.
- Courses will start on Monday, February 2nd. Courses run once a week for **15 sessions** (excluding holidays) unless otherwise indicated next to the Course description.
- When courses are offered on multiple days, families choose their preferred day(s).
- Unless otherwise noted in the course description, courses will begin at 2:50pm and end at 4:20pm. Children will be released by the course instructor in the outer cafeteria.
- If someone other than the parent, guardian, or other individual listed as authorized on your registration form will be picking up your child, please provide us with written notice of the name of the individual who is authorized to pick up your child, and the date(s) for which this authorization is valid. We require that each child be signed out every day.

Course Enrollment

- Courses can only be requested via waitlist. Enrollment is not guaranteed, but will be confirmed based on available space. Courses that exceed capacity will go to lottery.
- Visit the parent portal anytime between **Jan 12 - 21** to add your child(ren) to a waitlist. Course waitlists **close at midnight** Wednesday, Jan 21.
- **IMPORTANT! Please, please only wait list for Courses you are truly interested in.** Historically, only a few Courses actually sell out. Over enrolling makes more Courses go to lottery and has significantly increased the length of the lottery over the past few semesters.
- Enrollment confirmations and/or lottery notifications will be sent by **Jan 24**.
- The in-person lottery will be held Monday, **Jan 26** at 6pm only for Courses that exceed maximum capacity. Families that do not waitlist before midnight on Jan 21 may enroll after the wait list lottery is completed.

Drop Fees

- For each confirmed course dropped prior to the start of the term, an administrative drop fee of \$10 will be applied.

Withdrawals / Refunds

Withdrawals from Courses **prior** to the second session are eligible for a full refund. Withdrawals after the second session are eligible for a 50% refund. After the third session, no refunds or credits will be granted. Transfers to another Course are subject to availability.

MONDAY COURSES

Basketball / Soccer (K-2) - \$405

with Joe Buzzetta



The basketball segment of the course will also start with warm-up exercises then drills to work on dribbling, passing and shooting. Students will engage in activities to improve agility and stamina. Players will be coached to show good sportsmanship and teamwork.

The soccer portion of this course will begin with fun warm-up games then focus on skill building activities to develop balance and coordination. We will have “scrimmage” games to familiarize the students with the structure of a game setting, while encouraging young kickers with positive reinforcement and promoting teamwork.



Animal Nature (K-2) – \$450

with Curious Jane



Girls learn about animals’ relationships to each other and their environment. Hands-on projects introduce girls to the classification of species, social and behavioral traits in small animals, symbiotic relationships, and ecosystems and food webs. Favorite projects include stinky-beans dichotomous key, insect habitats, create-your-own-creature, and investigations under the microscope. In inventing their own animal and designing its habitat, girls draw together everything they’ve learned about what animals need from their environment and how contribute to it.

Spanish (K-2): Beginner – \$450

with Cantanicka (www.cantanicka.wordpress.com)

Students will be taught beginner Spanish in a very artistic environment utilizing song, dance, arts & crafts, and storytelling. Children will take a wonderful trip throughout the semester; learning to speak about themselves and their family, the seasons and the world around them. They will use sculptures, puppets, masks and costumes to create stories, all while incorporating the Spanish language. Instructor, Monica Heiligman, is an early childhood and elementary educator who has worked at “Hands on World”, an International Language and Arts pre-school in Brooklyn. She has also taught Spanish in after-school programs, developing engaging art-based Spanish immersion curriculums.

Piano (2-5): Continuing Students – \$450 (2:50 – 5:00pm)

with Adrian Cohen of Carroll Gardens Piano (also offered on Wednesdays)



Returning piano students will review the concepts of notes and rhythms on the Bass and Treble staff and elementary musical form then explore them in more depth by learning longer and more detailed pieces. Returning students will also be introduced to the duet and other forms of group play to emphasize cooperation and listening skills. An online component will provide access to instructional videos and online music education resources for student practice between class sessions. These students will also explore composition by composing their own short pieces and playing them for each other towards the end of the course.

Students receive group instruction while using the school’s keyboards, and also have one-on-one time with the instructor at the piano. Children are grouped according to level—one group will get Piano from 3-4 p.m. and then Kids’ Club/Homework Help until 5 p.m., and the other group will have Kids’ Club/outdoor play first and then Piano from 4-5p.m.

Guitar (1-5): Continuing Students - \$450 (2:50pm – 4:30pm)

with EzraGuitar



EzraGuitar is an innovative small group guitar class for children based on a fresh approach tailored to their natural abilities. Students learn the basic elements of music making, from reading music to performance. Through creative games and ensemble work, children leave each lesson with a sense of accomplishment and musical knowledge that will remain with them as a foundation for any future musical endeavors. Students will perform in a concert at the end of each semester. Children will be assigned to one of two groups; one group will have Guitar

until 3:45 then Kids’ Club until 4:20 (or pick-up at 3:45), and the other group will have Kids’ Club/outdoor play first and then Guitar until 4:30. You will be notified in which group your child is placed.

Chess: Intermediate/Advanced Level (2-5) – \$450

with Let's Play Chess



Experienced chess players will learn advanced checkmating patterns, tactics, and opening principles in this exciting and fast-paced course. Learn how to trap your opponent with the Fried Liver Attack! Study the games of famous chess masters like Paul Morphy and Magnus Carlsen. Each semester will culminate with an in-class chess tournament, complete with prizes and trophies, through which students will be able to put into practice all they have learned.

Gadgets That Go! (3-5) – \$450

with Curious Jane



This theme explores the many different ways in which to make things move! Girls experiment with a variety of methods and mechanisms -- jet propulsion, springs, levers, offset gears, catapults and more. Projects may include: rubber-band propelled vehicles; model windmills; balance scales and marionettes with simple shapes. But all focus on tinkering and engineering to achieve a "zoom!" factor.

TUESDAY COURSES

Piano (K-2): Beginner – \$450 (2:50 – 5:00pm)

with Adrian Cohen of Carroll Gardens Piano (also offered on Wednesdays)



This course will introduce young beginners to the language of music through these main concepts: Rhythm, Melody, Harmony Musical Form, Dynamics, and Tempo. Students will develop a basic familiarity with these ideas through learning short pieces designed to reinforce each concept. Some pieces will be played on piano, and others will be rhythm pieces, using simple percussion instruments and hand clapping/foot tapping. By the end of the 15 week course each child will be able to: read basic notes and rhythms on the Bass and Treble staff, understand elementary musical form, play simple pieces on the piano or rhythm instruments, play simple pieces with their fellow students, emphasizing cooperation and listening skills

Students receive group instruction while using the school's keyboards, and also have one-on-one time with the instructor at the piano. Children are grouped according to level—one group will get Piano from 3-4 p.m. and then Kids' Club/Homework Help until 5 p.m., and the other group will have Kids' Club/outdoor play first and then Piano from 4-5p.m.

Sports Variety (K-2) – \$405

with Joe Buzzetta

In this course, students will have the chance to play soccer, basketball, kickball, football, baseball and floor hockey. Children will learn the proper techniques on how to play each sport and learn about good sportsmanship as well. They will also engage in other fun and challenging fitness games and activities to serve as a warm-up prior to playing the sport of the day.



Musical Theatre (K-2) - \$405

with Alyson Ryan



Do you love Broadway? How about movie musicals like Frozen or Tangled? Then this is the course for you! In Musical Theatre, you will get to listen to music and watch clips from real Broadway shows like Annie, Matilda, The Lion King, and more! After having fun learning many songs and dances, you will become a real "broadway star" with a performance for your friends and family at the end of the course

LEGO® Pre-Robotics (K-2) - \$525

with RoboFun



Students will enjoy experimenting with science while they learn to build playful motorized creations with LEGO®. They will create projects with LEGO® parts, then add a battery box, switches, and motors to make their creations go go go! Example projects include a motorized vehicle, a working elevator, and an animal with a moving tail. Students won't take creations home, but families are invited to the final class to see a presentation of final projects.

RoboFun, a division of Vision Education & Media (VEM), provides after-school programs to youth in technology and multimedia. Our mission is to construct solutions that inspire students and teachers and to address the widest possible range of academic standards through the use of leading-edge technologies. RoboFun offers dynamic workshops for children where they build and program robots, design and construct video games and make stop motion animations; learning engineering, coding and creative thinking. Our work is based upon children's innate passion and curiosity and our workshops allow children to become makers and designers. <http://robofun.org/>

WEDNESDAY COURSES

Tumble & Cheer (K-2) - \$405

with Sarah Scheldt



Get in the spirit of this fun course with former USAG gymnast and coach and member of The University of Mississippi dance team, Sarah Scheldt. In this exciting course, students will get moving and learn basic tumbling and cheerleading skills and techniques including motions, jumps, basic stunting, and motivational cheers and chants. They will choose a team name, design team shirts This course will also incorporate basic tumbling skills such as rolls, cartwheels, handstands, round-up offs, and more!

Lego / Building (K-2) - \$405

with Danny McDonald

Let's get busy building! This course will cover Building and Architecture. Students will learn about buildings, bridges, skyscrapers, and other structures. We will use various types of art materials, as well as blocks and Lego to build and create. We'll create Lego scenes such as an airport, a park, a day at the beach, a train station, a highway with buses and cars, buildings, neighborhoods, etc. Students will have the opportunity to create their own structures.



Computer Fun! (K-2) - \$405

with Sara Thorne



Do you love playing on the computer? In this course we will learn how to use awesome programs like Photobooth, Kidspiration, and Comic Life. We will use our imaginations along with great programs and websites to create cool works of art as well as play games! We will even become familiar with the keyboard, typing, and moving from program to program. Each class will begin with a quick Typing Game warm up. This helps kids learn where the letters, symbols, and commands are on the keyboard and will help them use the computer more easily throughout the course. Over the course of the semester, we will cover art, photography & videos, puzzles, designing and games!

Imagine, Create, Play! (K-2) - \$405

with Ashley Sosa



This course will encourage imaginative play using props and toys the kids make themselves! We will pretend to be superheroes, princesses, fairies, aliens, pirates and anything else we can imagine! Crafts will include puppet/doll making, creating costumes, capes, wings, masks, wands, utility belts and many other props!

Chess: Beginner (K-2) – \$450

with Let's Play Chess



In this course, you'll learn the basics of one of the world's oldest games. Children who are new to the game of chess will learn how each of the pieces move, how to castle, and how to checkmate their opponents. Students will also be introduced to chess tactics, such as the pin, the fork, and the skewer, as well as basic checkmating patterns. Each semester will culminate with an in-class chess tournament, complete with prizes and trophies, through which students will be able to put into practice all they have learned.

Designing Amazing Art (2-3) – \$405

with Maureen Crowley



Let's make amazing art using the seven elements of art design. Line, shape, texture, color, value, form, and space are the building blocks that all artists work with to create many different types of art, from drawings and paintings to collage, weaving, and sculpture. We'll find inspiration for our art all around us. And don't forget the most important tool for making amazing art is ... your imagination! Let's experiment with the techniques to create original art that's a personal reflection of you. That's what truly "amazing art" is all about. Our art classes will culminate with a joint art show scheduled for Thursday, June 11th at 4:30pm.

Piano (K-1): Beginner - \$450 (2:50 – 5:00pm)

This course will introduce young beginners to the language of music through these main concepts:

Rhythm, Melody, Harmony Musical Form, Dynamics, and Tempo. Students will develop a basic familiarity with these ideas through learning short pieces designed to reinforce each concept. Some pieces will be played on piano, and others will be rhythm pieces, using simple percussion instruments and hand clapping/foot tapping. By the end of the 15 week course each child will be able to: read basic notes and rhythms on the Bass and Treble staff, understand elementary musical form, play simple pieces on the piano or rhythm instruments, play simple pieces with their fellow students, emphasizing cooperation and listening skills. Students receive group instruction while using the school's keyboards, and also have one-on-one time with the instructor at the piano. Children are grouped according to level—beginner group will get Piano from 3-4 p.m. and either be picked up at 4pm or stay for Kids' Club/Homework Help until 5pm.



Piano (1-5): Continuation – \$450 (2:50 – 5:00pm)

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Girls' Sports & Fitness Activity Challenges (3-5) - \$405

with Kathy Nobles, PS29 P.E. Teacher



This exciting course will empower girls through sports and physical activity challenges. The class will be full of fast-paced, high-energy sports, which include soccer, basketball, volleyball, floor hockey as well as running. We'll play P.S. 29 favorite games such as gaga, prison ball, ships to shore, scram ball and castle ball as well as fitness obstacle courses. Each class will be filled with various challenges that will leave the girls with a sense of accomplishment.

THURSDAY COURSES

Designing Amazing Art (K-1) – \$405

with Maureen Crowley



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Cooking Around the Clock (K-2) - \$405 \$351 for 13 sessions

with Kristin Beers



Get ready to cook around the clock! In this course, we'll make tasty recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and dessert! Cooking reinforces the use of fine motor skills, sequencing, math skills, and following multi-step directions. This hands-on course is fun AND delicious! The children will have a hand in choosing the recipes for the course. Each week the children will take home the recipe along with the food item made in class. Yum! Come join the cooking fun.

Games, Games, Games! (K-2) - \$405

with Sara Thorne

Everyone loves to play games, and some of the most fun games can help develop various skills and talents. In this program, students will learn and play fun and educational games that can improve Memory, Logic, Reasoning, and more! Each week, students will make a new game, learn the rules, play it with friends, and get to take it home for more fun!



Do You Wanna Build a Snowman? (K-2) - \$405

with Sarah Scheldt



We'll build a snowman and other Frozen-related crafts and activities. During some classes, we will watch a clip from the movie and create a craft based on your favorite scenes and characters. In this fun class, we will perform skits, make costumes/accessories and sing songs.

Super Science Experiments with Everyday Items (K-2) - \$405



In this fun and creative course scientist will conduct experiments with everyday household items. We will conduct chemical reactions, travel to space, dig for dinosaurs, create optical illusions, learn about the human body, and other fun scientific activities. Scientists will learn how to make observations, ask questions, and test out theories in this adventurous course.

Cross Fit Sports Variety (2-3) - \$405

with Dan Turret

In this course, students build the strength and skills needed to play a variety of different sports. During the first half of the class, we will do different cross fit exercises such as: lunges, burpies, jumping hurdles, sprints, squats, push-ups, sit-ups, and agility drills. Then we incorporate the skills we learned doing those exercises into the different sports we play the second half of the class: basketball, football, whiffle ball, soccer, Ga-Ga, and dodge ball. Experience a fun way to live a healthier lifestyle!



Boys' Sports & Physical Activity Challenges (3-5) - \$405

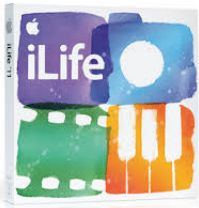
with Kathy Nobles, PS 29 P.E. Teacher



In this active and exciting course, boy's will learn skills and rules to play various team sports including basketball, flag football, soccer, floor hockey, wiffleball, and volleyball to name a few. We'll play P.S. 29 favorite games such as gaga, prison ball, running bases, knockout, castleball and capture the flag as well as fitness obstacle courses. Through creative instruction and positive encouragement boys will be filled with a sense of accomplishment.

Intro to iLife: iPhoto, iMovie and GarageBand (Grades 4-5)- \$405

with Susannah Sperry, PS 29 Technology & Research Teacher



Are you a creative kid who loves computers? In this course, we will learn digital photography basics and create a few digital photo crafts. Then, we will learn the basics of GarageBand and create our own original digital music CD! Finally, we will explore iMovie and work on creating short iMovies using video clips we record in class. **Course note: It would be very helpful if students who enroll in this course have a device that they could bring in for taking photos and recording video clips. This may be a digital camera, an iPad, iPhone, etc. Kids without a device may still sign up, but we will have to share limited devices for photography and recording.**

FRIDAY COURSES

Cooking Around the Clock (K-2) - \$405

with Kristin Beers



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Basketball (3-5) - \$405

with Danny McDonald

Join our club and we will pass, dribble, and shoot our way to a fun time! Not only is basketball an exciting game but it is also a great exercise to build cardiovascular stamina and agility. We will play fun games like Knockouts and Horse and work on developing basic skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, fast breaks and defense. We will also make new friends and learn about teamwork.



Guitar: Beginners (K-2) – (2:50-4:30pm) - \$450



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Children will be assigned to one of two groups; one group will have Guitar until 3:45 then Kids' Club until 4:20 (or pick-up at 3:45), and the other group will have Kids' Club/outdoor play first and then Guitar until 4:30. You will be notified in which group your child is placed. High quality guitars that are the correct size are a must! EzraGuitar offers guitars for purchase (with a special return and upgrade policy for students) on their website at: www.ezraguitar.com