

1st Quarter Electives
Fall 2020
August 31st-October 9th
Monday-Friday

1st Grade	11:00-11:30
2nd Grade	12:45-1:30
3rd Grade	1:30-2:15
4th and 5th Grade	2:15-3:00
Advanced Band/Orchestra	3:00-3:45

Course Description Guides 1st Quarter 2020

First Grade Elective Offerings

Friendship Special (PE/Health)

This course focuses on how to have positive, healthy relationships with peers. Upon completing this course, students will be able to identify traits of a healthy friendship and demonstrate through role play and activities what healthy relationships with peers look like.

Ballet (Dance)

This class will introduce students to the art of Ballet. We will learn vocabulary and basic skills of a typical ballet class. We will also learn about the history of ballet as well as create their own versions of popular ballets. Focus will also be on flexibility, strength, and proper body alignment.

This course will introduce students to the basic skills and terminology of ballet. Students will learn the history of ballet as well as the format of a typical ballet class. The students will develop strength, flexibility and the knowledge of proper body alignment.

Making Rainbows (Art)

Students develop a foundational understanding of color theory within this course. Students explore the following color concepts; primary, secondary, tertiary, complementary, warm, cool, as well as tints and shades. Your child will learn how to mix and make colors as well as basic painting and blending techniques. Most projects align with the color application techniques used by famous or master artists. In addition, students use color to explore their imaginative thoughts and feelings.

Storytime for Young Listeners (Music)

Listening is essential and basic to all musical experiences. Through a variety of integrated arts activities, students will learn music through children's literature. We will explore stories that will inspire music learning and making. Through this elective, students will reinforce and expand their knowledge and understanding of the elements of music. We will be singing, playing, moving, and creating.

Puppet Play (Drama)

Puppet Play is a creative exploration into puppetry. Students will learn and create various types of puppets, such as hand, rod, string, and shadow. This course incorporates literacy skills, reading, writing, as well as speaking and listening, as students develop and personalize puppet characters and performances.

Thinking Power AIG (Language Arts)

Thought processes can be sharpened through directed practice. Students in this course will participate in activities to develop skills such as comparing, classifying, interpreting, and summarizing. Thinking Power is a language arts course designed to spark thinking in a variety of ways, encouraging problem solving and creativity. Planned activities incorporate the multiple intelligences observed in human thought processing. Students will participate in activities designed to address their areas of strength and to develop areas that need improvement.

Mammals of the Sea (Science)

Ahoy! This course will familiarize students with seals, sea lions, manatees, dolphins, sea otters, and of course, whales. Students will learn what makes a mammal a mammal and be able to identify a variety of mammals. Students will study the fascinating habits and habitats of these interesting sea creatures.

Second Grade Elective Offerings

PE Variety (PE)

Do you want to have fun while learning about a variety of games and sports? Students will learn a variety of skills used in many different sports. Students will develop locomotor, non-locomotor and manipulative skills such as throwing, kicking, jumping and striking through different activities.

Yoga (Dance)

Students in this course will practice yoga poses to build strong, flexible bodies and breath control to calm the mind, as well as, play games and sing songs that enable students to deepen this practice. They will learn the vocabulary of yoga and hopefully will be able to continue their own yoga practice after this course is completed.

Astounding Artists (Art)

Students study the life and work of astounding artists to create “inspired by” masterpieces using a variety of art mediums and techniques. Students discuss the cultural context and creative contributions of each artist while expanding their knowledge of art history.

Meet & Make the Instruments (Music)

Students will be introduced to classroom, orchestral, and world instruments. We will explore sound, instrument families, play several instruments and even make some of our own. Through this elective, students will reinforce and expand their knowledge and understanding of the elements of music: pitch, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, and form. We will also be singing, playing, reading, and writing music as we learn about the instruments. Students will show their knowledge and creativity by making their own instruments.

Intro to the Stage (Drama)

In this introductory drama course students will learn about various aspects of the theater. Students will discover the role of the actor, director, and stage technician, and will become familiar with makeup, costumes, sets, and props.

We the People AIG (Social Studies)

What came before the U.S.A? What makes this the Land of Opportunity? Who is free here? What is freedom and were people always free? What is the Constitution and why does it matter? In this class students will learn about this country's history from the 13 colonies to the present day. They will recreate the American Revolution using modeling and stop-motion animation and will work as lawyers using the 27 amendments to represent people in court. This is a challenging but fun course that helps students understand this land and what makes it the place it is.

Book into Math (Math)

This course will integrate literature and mathematics. While exploring a variety of literature, students will practice speaking, reading, and writing skills to solve mathematical problems that occur in literature. To show their thinking, students will create technology-based, written, and art products both individually and in collaboration with others.

LET'S CHAT! (Beginning Spanish)

In this beginning Spanish class, students will be introduced to basic conversational Spanish through songs, games, and play.

Third Grade Elective Offerings

Speed Stacking (PE)

Learn about the sport of Speed Stacking! Students will improve their hand-eye coordination and ambidexterity by stacking cups in multiple formations and styles such as the 3-3-3, 3-6-3, 6-6, and the cycle. Students will create and perform a routine at the end of the course to demonstrate their new knowledge and skills.

Yoga (Dance)

Students in this course will practice yoga poses to build strong, flexible bodies and breath control to calm the mind, as well as, play games and sing songs that enable students to deepen this practice. They will learn the vocabulary of yoga and hopefully will be able to continue their own yoga practice after this course is completed.

Sculpture-Nature and Found Objects (Art)

Students explore the history, vocabulary and techniques associated with the sculpture medium. The focus this quarter will be on creating relief and 3-dimensional works inspired by nature, recycled materials and found objects. Students will create abstractions and well as realistic interpretations of the world around them.

Sounds of the World (Music)

Students in this course will explore the cultures of the world through music, movement, and instruments. Each week we will visit a new region to learn about their musical traditions. This elective will foster an appreciation for and peak curiosity about cultures and music from around the world.

Behind the Scenes (Drama)

Students will explore a variety of technical aspects of the theater: makeup, costumes, sound, properties, scenery, and lighting. Student projects will align with chosen literature

Pack Your Suitcase (Spanish)

This course will provide learners the opportunity to discover the latino culture of central and south america, as well as learn useful Spanish phrases and vocabulary for their travels!. Students will virtually travel to various countries such as Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina and so much more! The learners will be receiving a passport that will enable them to track their travels. They will also be receiving a suitcase in which to keep all of their “souvenirs.” During each trip to a different country, the learners will be experiencing activities such as: recognizing different weather/seasonal as well as time changes in different countries, learning about holidays.

Philosophy AIG (Social Studies)

Never has an elective class made the students think more deeply than this one. In this class students will explore mind-bending philosophical questions such as ‘Are we real?’, ‘Does time exist?’, ‘Who should decide what is right and wrong?’. We dive deep, covering realms from quantum physics to Plato to political philosophy to ethics and back again. This is a class to remember so prepare to be open-minded to new possibilities....you have been warned!

LOGIC AND PROBLEM SOLVING - AIG (Math)

This elective will launch you into fun and exciting activities to solve logic questions, learning problem solving strategies, and deductive thinking. Original puzzles, games, and logic grids will be developed by students using various digital tools in a fun and interactive way from our Virtual Google Classroom!

BLUE RIBBON BOOKS

There is no better way to motivate students to read than to supply them with great literature that is enjoyed by kids everywhere. From Newberys and Caldecots, to North Carolina Children’s book award winners this course will allow students to explore many types of prize-winning literature. This elective will provide an opportunity for students to choose their own reading material and communicate their experiences with the other members of the class through book commercials, trailers, and tasting.

Beginning Orchestra

This course is designed for students who have little or no experience playing one of the four string instruments: violin, viola, cello and bass. In this class students will learn the basics about their instrument. Students will need to either rent or purchase an instrument for the duration of the school year. No experience is necessary for this class.

BEGINNING BAND (Pathway to Band 1)

This course is designed for new musicians! Students in 3rd and 4th grade may sign up for Beginning Band and learn to play one of the following instruments: flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone or percussion. Students will need to either rent or purchase an instrument for the duration of the school year. We do have a few school instruments, which can be rented to students should they need them. This class will take place from 2:15-3:00 each day.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Elective Offerings

Juggling (PE)

This course is designed for students who are interested in learning about juggling and other eye hand coordination activities. Some of the equipment that will be used includes scarves, balls, Flower Sticks, and spinning plates.

Dance Forms (Dance)

This introductory course in dance will provide each student with the opportunity to explore a wide variety of dance forms. These forms will include creative rhythms, dance improvisations, as well as technique in ballet, tap, jazz, ballet, modern and hip hop. A historical perspective of dance and its relationships within our society will be examined. We will study famous choreographers and dancers that are well known in each form.

Art in Nature (Art)

Students explore nature through artmaking by observing and capturing a likeness of the natural world around them. Students acquire observational drawing techniques through still-life and landscape drawing and painting explorations. Your child will create projects that capture close-up and distant views of their natural surroundings while learning about connections to biology and ecology. Students also explore famous artists who use or used nature as their primary subject matter for artmaking.

Digital Music Making (Music Through A Variety of Sounds Sources) (Music)

Through this course students will explore both traditional and nontraditional means of digital music making. Students will work through the creating process with websites such as Chrome Music Lab, Noteflight, and Scratch. They will plan and create musical ideas, expand and develop those ideas, learn to evaluate and refine, and finally present and reflect on the process. Students will leave this elective with a few finalized musical products.

Playwriting (Drama)

Imagination! That is what this course will require from young writers! Students will learn how to develop their ideas into writing. As they create their own plays, students will develop dialogue and storylines that showcase fun characters and unique situations.

BEGINNING CHINESE (ONLINE COURSE)

In this online course students are introduced to basic expressions, words and phrases through engaging, interactive activities. Students' primary focus is on listening and speaking, accompanied by opportunities to practice what they've learned in familiar settings. The goal is to build curiosity and awareness about the Chinese culture and familiarize students with the target language. Students will be exposed to authentic cultural stories.

BEGINNING FRENCH (ONLINE COURSE)

In this online course students are introduced to basic expressions, words and phrases through engaging, interactive activities. Students' primary focus is on listening and speaking, accompanied by opportunities to practice what they've learned in familiar settings. The goal is to build curiosity and awareness about the French culture and familiarize students with the target language. Students will be exposed to authentic cultural stories.

BEGINNING GERMAN (ONLINE COURSE)

In this online course students are introduced to basic expressions, words and phrases through engaging, interactive activities. Students' primary focus is on listening and speaking, accompanied by opportunities to practice what they've learned in familiar settings. The goal is to build curiosity and awareness about the German culture and familiarize students with the target language. Students will be exposed to authentic cultural stories.

Physics in Action AIG (Science)

This fun and challenging class offers a brief introduction to the forces of nature that make up our physical world. From gravity to inertia to friction to thrust they will conduct virtual experiments and make virtual machines to solve challenges all the while using physics to succeed. Who can make a rocket that uses aerodynamics to get the highest height? Who can make a car that has the correct gearing ratio to putt the most cubes? These are the types of tough challenges that they will be required to get their teeth into. $E=MC^2$ so bring your energy and get ready to excel.

Geometric Design AIG (Math)

Have you ever been to an amusement park? Have you ever successfully traced a line through a maze? Do you know what characteristics a shape must have to be called a polygon? In this virtual class, you will study the history of geometry and use the concepts of line, angle, and shape, to solve design challenges. You will see where these geometric elements exist in the world around you as you work to fully develop understanding of vocabulary and principles of geometry. You will be working creatively both alone and with classmates on specific tasks that provide opportunities to read about, write about, speak about, and listen to others speak about thoughts and ideas as we build deeper understanding of geometry concepts. Come join us on an a-maze-ing journey!

Computer Webmasters (Media)

Students will learn how to write and create their own personal web page using google sites. Students will use the computer to write stories, poems, imaginative narratives and personal narratives on a variety of topics for their web page projects. The web pages will be posted to the school's web site once peers and the instructor review them. Dialogue will be created during the review process to make sure that high quality web pages will be posted to the Internet. Students will learn how to insert photos, graphics and drawings into their web pages.

Narnia AIG (Language Arts)

Step through the wardrobe into a land of ... snow? And talking animals? Yes, you read that right. As we read the first of seven enchanting books, THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE, we will study the author, plot, setting, and major themes of the book. This elective will combine both reading and creative writing experiences to bring the story to life and teach reading skills. In a book club format students will complete fun assignments designed to express their learning in different ways. So pack your bags and join me on a journey to the magical land of Narnia! .

Continuing Orchestra

Continuing orchestra is designed for students with at least 1 year of playing experience either through Pathway to the Orchestra I or equivalent. Students will learn intermediate techniques and refine skills learned in Beginning Orchestra. Students will need to either rent or purchase an instrument for the duration of the school year. Beginning Orchestra is required to register for this class unless a student has special recommendations from the instructor.

Advanced Orchestra

Advanced orchestra is designed for students with at least 2 years of playing experience either through Continuing Orchestra or equivalent. Students will learn advanced techniques and refine skills learned in Continuing Orchestra. Students will need to either rent or purchase an instrument for the duration of the school year. Continuing Orchestra is required to register for this class unless a student has special recommendations from the instructor.

BEGINNING BAND (Pathway to Band 1)

This course is designed for new musicians! Students in 3rd and 4th grade may sign up for Beginning Band and learn to play one of the following instruments: flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone or percussion. Students will need to either rent or purchase an instrument for the duration of the school year. We do have a few school instruments, which can be rented to students should they need them. This class will take place from 2:15-3:00 each day.

ADVANCED BAND (Pathway to Band 2)

This course is designed for continuing musicians in 4th and 5th grade. Students must have successfully completed the Beginning Band curriculum in order to take the Concert Band class. This ensemble is composed of brass, woodwind and percussion students. Students study technique exercises as well as prepare pieces to perform at public concerts. This class will take place from 3:00-3:45 each day.