

Dance- A physically engaging activity that exposes students to several genres of dance including: ballet, modern, contemporary, hip hop and lyrical. At the end of the semester students will perform in a showcase based on a theme that was decided by reaching a consensus.

Cheer- The cheer team activity exposes students to community, leadership and sportsmanship while learning the fundamentals of tumbling, chanting and partner work. This team will perform many times for pep rallies, basketball games and flash mobs.

Music Prod- In this activity, students will learn the fundamentals of beat making using FL studio. Students will also explore the business side of the music industry from creating their own “label” to uploading their own original music on platforms such as soundcloud. Through this activity, students will gain the skills of collaboration and leadership while tying in components in the stem field.

Theatre- In this activity students will learn the fundamentals of acting including, improvise, delivering monologues, two person scenes, vocal projection, script writing and so much more. This activity's goal is to give the students the tools to produce their own theatre production.

Robotics- A Stem Activity where students learn how to build and code their own robots to solve problems and compete. This activity will produce a small showcase for the community to see the robots and experiments held.

Architecture/Lego Build- This hands on architecture program introduces students to the exciting world of building design, creative problem solving and structural thinking. Through interactive projects, students explore the fundamentals of architecture- form, function and aesthetics- while learning to think like designers and engineers.

Board Game Design-Throughout the program, participants will work in teams, encouraging **respectful collaboration, creative problem-solving, and shared leadership**. Students will have opportunities to playtest each other's games, give and receive constructive feedback, and revise their designs in a supportive, inclusive environment. By the end of the course, each student will present a fully playable game that reflects their unique voice, imagination, and perspective—culminating in a **Game Expo** where families and community members are invited to join the fun!

Art reconstruction-Students will learn about art history, techniques, and cultural significance while gaining practical skills in sketching, painting, collage, mixed media, and digital tools. They'll also explore how art can be used to **tell powerful stories, preserve cultural identity, and spark conversations in their communities**. Each student will complete a final project that showcases their reconstructed artwork alongside their inspiration and creative process,

culminating in a student-led **Gallery Walk** open to families and community members.

Chess-In Strategic Minds, middle school students will dive into the challenging and rewarding world of chess—where every move counts and every player has the potential to lead. Whether they're brand new to the game or looking to sharpen their skills, students will learn essential strategies, classic tactics, and the deeper thinking that makes chess a timeless tool for growth. Through friendly competition, group discussions, and problem-solving challenges, students will develop skills in **critical thinking, patience, and sportsmanship**. The class emphasizes collaboration, personal responsibility, and respectful gameplay—creating a supportive environment where everyone can learn at their own pace. The program will culminate in a student-organized **Chess Showcase Tournament**, inviting families and community members to celebrate the achievements and leadership of each young player.

Bubble Lab- students will learn the basics of skincare and self-care in a safe, inclusive, and age-appropriate setting. Designed specifically for middle schoolers, this class focuses on helping students understand how to care for their skin while promoting **healthy habits, self-confidence, and positive self-image**.

Students will explore topics such as skin types, daily routines, hygiene, reading product labels, and how internal factors like nutrition and stress can affect the skin. The class also emphasizes the importance of **self-respect, personal responsibility, and body positivity**—creating a space where students can ask questions, share experiences, and support each other.

Through interactive activities, DIY projects (like making natural face masks), and open discussions, students will walk away with practical knowledge and a stronger sense of self-worth.

Film Studies- In Frame by Frame, students will explore the art of storytelling through film—from Hollywood blockbusters to independent shorts and global cinema. Designed for middle schoolers, this interactive class will help students understand how movies are made, what they communicate, and why they matter. Participants will learn the basics of **film analysis**, including visual storytelling, character development, sound and editing, genre, and theme. Through group discussions, writing exercises, and creative projects, students will build media literacy skills and discover how films reflect—and shape—the world around them. In the final weeks, students will create their own short video essays or mini-documentaries, applying their knowledge in a **student film showcase** open to families and community guests.

Photography- Participants will study photography basics—like lighting, composition, and perspective—while also exploring deeper themes such as identity, culture, and self-expression. Weekly photo challenges and collaborative critiques will build both technical skills and confidence in creative decision-making. By the end of the course, students will curate a personal or themed photo series to be featured in a **community photo exhibition**, inviting families and community members to celebrate their unique perspectives.

Crochet- This hands-on class teaches the fundamentals of crocheting—starting with basic stitches and building up to creating personalized items like hats, bags, and wall art.

More than just a craft, crochet becomes a way for students to develop patience, focus, and confidence. Working independently and in small groups, participants will experience the satisfaction of bringing something to life with their own hands while also learning the importance of **sharing skills, supporting peers, and expressing themselves through art**. The course will culminate in a **community display or service project**—such as donating handmade items or hosting a student-led “crochet pop-up gallery”—showcasing each student’s creativity and care.

Gardening Art- Students will learn the fundamentals of gardening using a hydroponic garden. This class mixes art and science as students will not only be learning about plant life but will be tracking the progression with drawings in their journals. This activity culminates in a small garden showing for the community.