



After School Program Enrichment Classes Spring 2017 – April 10th to May 25th

Spring Enrichment Classes begin the week of April 10th and end May 25th. The class fee covers all associated costs and is billed to your account at the end of April. Refunds are not given for missed classes or withdrawals. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Please note the grade level requirements for each class; this will not be modified. Classes fill quickly, so you are urged to register as soon as possible. Classes that do not meet the minimum enrollment will be cancelled; you will be notified via email and your account will not be charged.

To register, send an email to After School Program Assistant Carly Meloche at cmeloche@emerson-school.org with your child's name, grade, and desired classes.

Tuesday

Tap Dancing – Grades 2-5

Make music with your feet as you explore this classic American dance form. We'll learn tap dance skills from Broadway and from the great Hollywood musicals. No tap shoes required; you can learn in sneakers as we dance on the stage in the AIC.

Instructor: Susan Filipiak, Ann Arbor Dance Instructor

Class Limit: 8 students

Day and Time: Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm

Fee: \$105

Electronic Basics – Grades 2-5

This new class is a fun introduction to electronics and circuitry with projects pulled from a variety of disciplines. We will explore some basic circuits through hands-on activities and work with conductive ink, copper tape, and wire and alligator clips. Participants will learn a general idea of how everyday electronics work by exploring, building and testing. Come check it out!

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Company

Class Limit: 14 students

Day and Time: Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm

Fee: \$112

Cool Science – Grades K-3

Cool Science is a brand new enrichment class for students who are interested in learning more about the latest “cool” discoveries occurring in the world of science and technology. Each week students will be introduced to a significant scientific topic that is trending and relevant. Examples of potential topics include the James Webb space telescope, dark matter, biomimicry, the human brain, sustainability, nanoparticles, alternative energy, the Pacific Ring of Fire, exoplanets, and autonomous cars--just to name a few. Through presentations, discussions, and related activities, K-3 level students will be given an opportunity to explore the wonderful world of science in more depth and detail.

Instructor: Mike Wilson, Emerson K-3 Science Teacher

Class Limit: 14 students

Day and Time: Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm

Fee: \$112

Wednesday

WeDo Robotics – Grades K-2

This course introduces young students to the electronics and programming of robotics where each child will be encouraged to process and develop his/her higher level thinking skills. With an easy-to-use set, students will build LEGO models featuring working motors and sensors. Through hands-on activities, we will explore a series of cross-curricular, theme-based projects while developing skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as language and literacy.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Company

Class Limit: 14 students

Day and Time: Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm

Fee: \$112

Cartooning – Grades 3-6

Do you LOVE to design and create cartoon characters? Do you find yourself doodling any chance you get? Then come join our Cartooning class - we had so much fun in the winter session, we wanted to bring it back! Mr. Wilson will guide you in drawing activities showing how to develop characters and story lines. You'll draw and ink panels, and create and write dialogue. You'll also have the opportunity to create different style cartoons utilizing a variety of panels and layouts. The opportunity for collaborative work will arise as we create a "class comic book" which will include finished comics and cartoons.

Instructor: Mike Wilson, Emerson K-3 Science Teacher

Class Limit: 10 students

Day and Time: Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm

Fee: \$98

Walk in the Woods – Grades 3-8

Now that Spring has arrived, we'll go to our neighboring wild lands just across Zeeb to explore! The landowner has granted us permission to explore the woods' trails, pond, and meadow. The migratory birds are coming back. Learn to recognize some of the birds' songs and some frog songs, too. What kinds of trees and wildflowers might we see? Let's get out in nature and explore around! This is a get-outdoors program; be sure to wear or bring a **long-sleeved shirt, long pants, boots, and a hat** each week.

Instructor: Connie Weber, 5th grade teacher

Class Limit: 12 students

Day and Time: Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm

Fee: \$78

Note: this class begins on April 19th, no class on April 12th

Kaleidoscope – Grades K-8

The purpose of this group is to allow Emerson students who self-identify as children of color to come to a space where they are able to reflect upon, feel empowered by, and validated in their identity. Friends and those curious about this group, whether of color or not, are welcome to join. A nutritious and fun snack is provided each meeting followed by an opening welcome with questions and discussions. Hands-on activities will be planned for participation at each session with a time for reflection, sharing, and closing.

Instructors: Linda Lakshminarayanan, Librarian and Jennifer Tanau, Lower School Art Teacher

Class Limit: 14 students

Day and Time: 3:15-4:30pm, April 26th and May 17th

Fee: **Free to all Emerson students, registration required**

Thursday

Capoeira Martial Arts Class – Grades K-3

The Brazilian Martial Art of Capoeira helps develop balance, coordination, flexibility, sense of rhythm and awareness of your own body. In this brand new class, students will learn some Portuguese, music skills with Brazilian instruments and teamwork skills. The musical aspect of Capoeira helps kids feel more comfortable and more willing to exercise. Training in Capoeira also builds self-esteem and helps children to develop a sense of identity as an individual and helps build personalities through self-expression in a fun and playful way. Come check it out!

Instructor: Fabio da Cunha, Certified [Capoeira](#) Instructor

Class Limit: 12 students

Day and Time: Thursday 3:30-4:30pm

Fee: \$112

Let's Dance! – Grades K-2

Come explore the wonderful world of dance where boys and girls will receive an intro to many different dance forms: tap dance, modern dance, ballet, hip hop, and musical theater dance. Focus the mind and body on movement skills and unleash creativity in moving to music. Comfy clothes and sneakers are all you need to participate as we dance on stage in the AIC!

Instructor: Susan Filipiak, Ann Arbor Dance Instructor

Class Limit: 8 students

Day and Time: Thursday 3:30-4:30pm

Fee: \$105

Digital Photography – Grades 3-5

Come discover the world around us with *Digital Photography*. In this new class, students will have the opportunity to explore their own personal photographic vision and learn how to create a digital portfolio using photo-related software in the Mac Lab. We will learn about the basics of photography, and how to use both manual and automatic functions of the cameras, as well as the techniques for how to successfully use color, light, and image construction in photographs.

Instructor: Jyl Barnett Nolan, Certified Teacher and Summer at Emerson Instructor

Class Limit: 12 students

Day and Time: Thursday 3:30-4:30pm

Fee: \$105

Sculpey Creations – Grades 3-8

Join us in Connie's room to create detailed, colorful, and vastly imaginative creatures from Sculpey clay! Meet with friends of all ages and make creatures that can play and interact with each other. We can make landscape items, accessories, furniture, plants, and even strange and curious pets for your creatures. Let yourself go wild with friends across the grades!

Instructor: Connie Weber, 5th grade teacher

Class Limit: 12 students

Day and Time: Thursday 3:00-4:00pm

Fee: \$78

Note: this class begins on April 20th, no class on April 13th

Friday

Chess Club - Grades K-8

The Emerson After School Chess Club is celebrating over 24 years with instructor John Smalec! There are two classes offered on Fridays based on chess experience. Beginning Chess is offered to students brand new to the game and players with 1-2 years of playing experience. Advanced Chess is open to players with at least 3 years of playing experience. Typically, students take 3 sessions of Beginning Chess before advancing to Advanced Chess. In each class, John is great at challenging everyone at their own level. Throughout the year, John will share opportunities for your child to play in local chess tournaments as individuals and also as a team representing Emerson School.

Instructor: John Smalec, Emerson Chess Master

Class Limit: 16 students

Beginner Chess: Friday 3:00-4:00pm

Advanced Chess: Friday 4:00-5:00pm

Fee: \$90