



After School Program Enrichment Classes Winter 2017 – January 17th to March 24th

Winter Enrichment Classes begin the week January 17th and end March 24th. The class fee covers all associated costs and is billed to your account at the end of September. 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

Sumo Battle Bots – Grades 2-5

Using the LEGO Mindstorms NXT robot kits, students will become familiar with the fundamentals of computer programming by using an icon-based, drag-and-drop computer language to build robots that exhibit intelligent behavior. Sumo Battles will then take place in a 4ft. diameter ring with the goal of knocking your opponent out of the ring as quickly and efficiently as possible. Strategy is a must, and students will repeatedly try new ideas in order to test and refine their robot before they begin the official battle rounds, learning as they go.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Company
Class Limit: 14 students
Day and Time: Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm
Fee: \$144

Castle Building – Grades K-2 ***2 spaces left***

Join us in the Science room to design our own custom-made castles out of foam core board, complete with the details you wish. Since the castles will be made to assemble and disassemble, you'll be able to take home your masterpiece at the end of the session. Bring your imagination to this creative class!

Instructor: Mike Wilson, Emerson K-3 Science Teacher
Class Limit: 12 students
Day and Time: Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm
Fee: \$126
Note: Kindergarten participants are invited back on 2/7 and 3/7 for class after their half day

French Immersion – Grades 3-5 ***wait list available***

Practice French skills in an immersion setting: foods, activities, games, skits - the possibilities are endless! A basic knowledge of the French language is necessary for participating in this class.

Instructor: Sarah Longcore, Emerson French Teacher
Class Limit: 8 students
Day and Time: Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm
Fee: \$180

Wednesday

Guided Building: Thinking outside the Brick – Grades K-2

This class is not your ordinary LEGO building class; we take our LEGO building seriously! Students will be given a new building challenge each week with specific parameters such as height, weight, design and/or task. These challenges stretch and push young minds towards developing their higher level thinking skills. Students will be able to take home a project that they make. Come explore the world of thinking outside the brick with LEGO.

Instructor: Brain Monkeys Company

Class Limit: 14 students

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

Fee: \$144

Writer's Workshop – Grades 4-8

Calling all writers! Do you LOVE writing? Need more time to devote to your craft? Join like-minded friends where we will have serious time to get some words down, share our writing, explore different genres of writing, and have a great time writing with friends.

Instructor: Mrs. Chenier, 5th grade teacher

Class Limit: 8 students

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

Fee: \$112

Note: No class March 15th

Cartooning – Grades 3-6 2 spaces left

Do you LOVE to design and create cartoon characters? Do you find yourself doodling any chance you get? Then try out our first-ever after school Cartooning class! 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: \$112

Note: No class March 15th

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.

The free monthly meetings will be held after school on the third Wednesday of each month from 3:15-4:30, through May. A snack will be offered 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: third Wednesday of the month 3:15-4:30pm through May. *March meeting on 3/22.*

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

Thursday

Let's Dance! – Grades K-2

Come explore the wonderful world of dance! In this brand new class, 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!

Instructor: Susan Filipiak, Ann Arbor Dance Instructor

Class Limit: 8 students

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

Fee: \$120

Note: No class March 16th

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: \$91

Note: This class begins on January 26th and ends on March 30th. No class March 16th or March 23rd.

Friday

Chess Club - Grades K-8 *Beginners 1 space left, Advanced wait list available*

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: \$135

Note: this class begins on January 13th