



## *After School Program Enrichment Classes Spring 2016 – April 11<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>*

Spring Enrichment Classes begin the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> and end May 26<sup>th</sup>. 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. Email Beth Muszkiewicz at [bethm@emerson-school.org](mailto:bethm@emerson-school.org) to register your child.

### **Monday**

#### ***Drawing for Fun - Grades K-4***

Drawing is an art form in which you can always learn and grow. We're bringing back this fun class with all new projects and inspirations. Be sure to sign up quickly as this class has filled up both sessions this year!

Instructor: [Young Rembrandts](#)

Class Limit: 12 students

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

Fee: \$105

### **Tuesday**

#### ***Castle Building – Grades K-2***

Continue designing and building custom castles for your figures, toy animals, and LEGO characters. We're looking for new and returning builders to make castles out of cardboard that are designed to assemble and disassemble. We'll have a blast playing in our castles each week!

Instructor: Mike Wilson, Emerson K-3 Science Teacher

Class Limit: 12 students

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

Fee: \$91

#### ***Programming with Arduino – Grades 3-6***

Arduino is an open-source physical computing platform based on a simple micro-controller board, and a development environment for writing software for the board. We will learn about LED's, motors, photocells, and speakers. All of these components can be used to build so many amazing widgets such as custom wheeled robots, electronic musical instruments, and so much more! Connected centrally to the Arduino micro-controller, your creations will come alive and interact with the world around them. This class is for both beginners and intermediates and content will be customized accordingly.

Instructor: [Brain Monkeys](#)

Class Limit: 14 students

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

Fee: \$112

### **Wednesday**

#### ***Maker Club – Grades K-2***

Make a catapult, a game, a robot, an electronic sculpture, or just simply explore using materials and the resources around you. Students will become Makers and can create following directions, build something new on their own, or a combination of the two. With the guidance of a Brain Monkeys experienced Maker and Instructor, Makers will tackle daily challenges and projects that can help inspire and learn a new skill. Self-directed Makers will be guided to set clear-cut goals and a project outline to their own ideas. The future is yours to MAKE!

Instructor: [Brain Monkeys](#)

Class Limit: 14 students

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

Fee: \$119

### ***Sculpey Creations – Grades 3-8***

Let's continue to make 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. Let yourself go wild with friends across the grades!

Instructor: Connie Weber, Emerson 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Class Limit: 12 students

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

Fee: \$50

Note: No class on 4/13, 4/20 or 5/18. This class meets four times total: 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 and 5/25.

### ***Silver Scribes – Grades 4-6***

Calling all fourth, fifth, and sixth grade boys; we're looking for more writers! Do you have a love for writing? Join us on Wednesday afternoons where we will model what authors do, share our writing, support each other, explore different genres of writing, and have a great time working on our craft with friends.

Instructor: Mrs. Chenier, Emerson 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Class Limit: 8 students

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

Fee: \$80

Note: No class 4/13 while Mrs. Chenier is attending a conference; this class begins 4/20.

### ***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.

This group will meet twice more this year: April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:30. 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, Emerson Librarian and Jennifer Tanau, Emerson LS Art Teacher

Class Limit: 15 students

Day and Time: first Wednesday of the month 3:15-4:30pm: April 13<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>

Fee: **Free to all Emerson students**

## **Thursday**

### ***Geology ROCKS! – Grades 2-4***

If you love collecting rocks, learning about volcanoes, digging for fossils, and/or watching episodes of *Gold Rush*, *Prospectors*, or *Bering Sea Gold*, then we have a brand new class just for you! Each week we'll be learning and exploring the geology of planet Earth—past, present, and future—while discussing such topics as meteorites, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, national parks, and glaciers. In addition, you'll have opportunities to start your own rock collection or add specimens to an existing collection. Geology ROCKS!

Instructor: Mike Wilson, Emerson K-3 Science Teacher

Class Limit: 12 students

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

Fee: \$91

### ***Platinum Pens – Grades 3-5***

Calling all third, fourth, and fifth grade girls! Do you have a love for writing? Then join us on Thursday afternoons where we will model what authors do, share our writing, support each other, explore different genres of writing, and have a great time working on our craft with friends.

Instructor: Mrs. Chenier, Emerson 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Class Limit: 8 students

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

Fee: \$80

Note: No class 4/14 while Mrs. Chenier is attending a conference; this class begins 4/21.

### ***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 on Thursday afternoons. 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 an outdoor program; be sure to wear or bring a **long-sleeved shirt, long pants, boots, and a hat** each week.

Instructor: Connie Weber, Emerson 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

Class Limit: 12 students

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

Fee: \$50

Note: No class on 4/14, 5/5 or 5/19. This class meets four times total: 4/21, 4/28, 5/12 and 5/26.

## **Friday**

### ***Chess Club - Grades K-8***

The Emerson After School Chess Club is going strong and has been full both sessions this year. 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.

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: \$84