



Winter 2025 Active Play Enrichment Descriptions

→ Advanced LEGO

- ◆ Grade: 1-5
- ◆ Description: Students will explore the world of advanced LEGO construction by tackling a new, intricate kit each week. Designed for young engineers and builders, this class encourages problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork as kids follow step-by-step instructions to build complex models—from vehicles and robots to architectural masterpieces. Each week introduces a new challenge, helping students sharpen their building skills, learn engineering concepts, and gain confidence in their abilities.

→ Art

- ◆ Grade: 2-5
- ◆ Description: Susan Weiss, a retired elementary school teacher and computer industry professional will be teaching a Mixed Media Art class this winter. Susan, has spent her retirement in the arts. She is an accomplished ceramic potter, and ran an art program for the past 7 years at a local woman's shelter. The Mixed Media Art class will allow the children to experiment with different art forms and mediums. Each week, a famous artist will be highlighted for the children to emulate. The artist chosen are leaders in the use of various mediums such as clay, rocks, paint, canvas, beads, scratch boards, just to name a few. The last class, the artist highlighted, will be your child. Each child will submit a list of supplies they want to use to create their own creative masterpiece. Maybe one day, their work will be emulated!

→ Art of Origami

- ◆ Grade: PreK-1

- ◆ Description: In this hands-on class, students will discover the ancient art of origami, transforming simple sheets of paper into intricate sculptures and designs. Each week, children will learn new folding techniques to create everything from animals and flowers to geometric shapes and fantasy creatures. Through step-by-step guidance, kids will develop patience, attention to detail, and fine motor skills, all while unleashing their creativity.

→ Basketball with Mr. McFadden

- ◆ Grade: PK-1
- ◆ Description: Our basketball class is perfect for players of all skill levels, whether they have played before or are new to the sport. Kids will learn how to dribble, pass, shoot and learn to be a team player. The class will begin with drills that help reinforce the skills of the game and end with different games such as team vs. team, hot seat or knockout.

→ Chess

- ◆ Grade: PK-1, 2-5
- ◆ Description: In this fun and engaging beginner chess course, students will learn the basics of the game, from how each piece moves to understanding key strategies. Through hands-on lessons and practice games, kids will develop essential skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and focus while building their confidence on the chessboard.

→ Book Club

- ◆ Grades: 2-3
- ◆ Description: In this class, students will each get a copy of a book and read a few chapters and, in

class, get the opportunity to share their views, favorite parts and ask questions to their peers and teacher! This is a great class for book lovers and those that are trying to find a good read and friends to share it with! Come join us for a fun class that will help each student engage in meaningful discussions and encourage their love of books!

→ Creative Movement

- ◆ Grades PK-1
- ◆ Description: Have a kid with a lot of energy and want them to use it in a productive, fun way?? Come join us in our creative movement class where kids will get to run, jump, hop and dance following along to songs and instructions! While structured, this class enables kids to move their bodies freely and get out some of their energy in a fun, productive and educational way!

→ Debate

- ◆ Grade: 2-5
- ◆ Description: The Debate Club is the perfect place for young minds to develop confidence, critical thinking, and communication skills! In this engaging and supportive environment, students will learn the fundamentals of debating—how to structure an argument, think on their feet, and express their opinions persuasively. Each week, kids will explore different topics, engage in friendly debates, and sharpen their ability to listen and respond thoughtfully to others.

→ Dramatic Play Club with Ms. Turner

- ◆ Grade: K-2
- ◆ Description: In this class, students will be able



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to let their imaginations run free! Through dramatic play centers, kids will engage in authentic language development through speaking to peers, listening, asking questions and using words for real purposes, all while expanding their imaginations.

→ Drawing with Ms. Barone

- ◆ Grade: K-5
- ◆ Description: In this class, students will use guided drawing to create pictures such as popular characters or pictures relating to the season. Students will also have free drawing time each class, so they can use their imagination to create more awesome artwork.

→ Dungeons and Dragons with Mr. Wetherald

- ◆ Grade: 3-5
- ◆ Description: Dungeons and Dragons is an interactive, storytelling game where players take on the role of a character in a fantasy setting. Players work together to complete quests, search for treasure and solve problems. The actions of characters determine how our story is told, and we will record part of our epic tale after each session. Time to grab your map and cloak and join the adventure!

→ Embroidery

- ◆ Grade: 2-5
- ◆ Description: Get ready to learn the art of embroidering! In this class, kids will get the chance to make beautiful pieces and learn the skills of stitching and threading a needle, which are vital for strong fine motor skills! Kids will create stitched work both using their own imagination and also work on following

instructions to complete their pieces. They will work individually and in groups, using their teacher and peers as inspiration for their creations!

→ Fencing

- ◆ Grade: 2-5
- ◆ Description: Our fencing class is one of Key's most popular! In this class, kids will learn proper technique and terminology for stances, attacks and defenses. In addition, they will learn the rules for our fencing class that ensures the safety of each member. They will also play games such as king/queen of the castle, sharks and minnows and a team battle to foster teamwork and sportsmanship.

→ Gardening

- ◆ Grade: PreK-5
- ◆ Description: Students will work in the school community garden and learn about life science, environmental science, and food issues in DC. The class will spend time outdoors planting healthy foods in the garden that can be used in the school cafeteria, as well as planting flowers that attract pollinators and help the environment.

→ Floor Hockey

- ◆ Grade: PK-1
- ◆ Description: This class introduces kids to the sport of street hockey and is great for players with and without experience. Kids will learn how to hold the stick, pass, shoot and play all positions. Classes will be split up between learning the skills of the game and then scrimmaging.

→ Jewelry Making with Ms. Daley

- ◆ Grade: 1-3
- ◆ Description: Each week, students will explore different techniques such as beadwork, wire wrapping, and charm design to create necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and more. Whether they're crafting a colorful bracelet or designing a statement necklace, kids will develop fine motor skills, learn about patterns and design, and gain confidence in their artistic abilities. This club is the perfect blend of creativity, craftsmanship, and self-expression

→ Key News Club

- ◆ Grade: 3-5
- ◆ Description: Do you want to be a founding member of the Key Elementary Newspaper? Well, here is your chance! In this after-school club you will become a hard-hitting journalist, taking a classroom and turning it into a newsroom to report on important topics that are going on right in your very own school!

→ Lego Builders

- ◆ Grade: PreK-1
- ◆ Description: This hands-on club helps develop fine motor skills, problem-solving abilities, and teamwork, all while sparking creativity and providing hours of fun. Whether constructing a castle or designing a race car, kids will leave each session with a sense of pride in their creations and a love for building with LEGO!



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→ Letter Art with Ms. Shrestha-Maskey

- ◆ Grade: PK-1
- ◆ Description: Welcome to Letter Art! In this class, we will create artistic images from things such as letters, words and their names. We will do activities such as: design letters and frame them, using educational quotes to create a project and create holiday cards

→ Pottery

- ◆ Grade: PreK-1
- ◆ Description: In our pottery class, kids will get to use their hands to create a variety of projects using art materials such as paint and clay. This class will open their minds to alternative arts other than drawing and simple painting. They will work individually and collaborate with peers while creating different pieces using their own imagination and interpretation.

→ Young Mad Scientist

- ◆ Grade: PreK-1, 2-5
- ◆ Description: Get ready for a whirlwind of hands-on fun and mind-blowing experiments in our Mad Science After-School Program! Designed for curious young minds, this exciting program takes science beyond the classroom with interactive, age-appropriate activities that explore everything from chemistry and physics to biology and engineering. Each week, students will engage in thrilling experiments, create bubbling potions, launch rockets, and explore the wonders of the natural world—all while learning key scientific principles in a fun, engaging way.

→ Say it Ain't Sew! Sewing

- ◆ Grade: PreK-5

- ◆ Description: Get ready to thread your needle and bring your creative ideas to life in our Sewing Club! Each week, students will work on their own individual sewing kits, learning how to create fun projects like pillows, simple bags, stuffed animals, and more. Through step-by-step guidance, kids will master basic sewing techniques like stitching, hemming, and embellishing, all while building their fine motor skills and confidence. Note: Students in PK/K will use plastic needles

→ Tennis

- ◆ Grade: PK-1, 2-5
- ◆ Description: In our tennis class, kids will learn the proper grip of the racket and stroke to hit the ball over the net. We will do this through some drills and then play games that reinforce these skills. This class is excellent for players of all skill levels, whether they have played before or are new to the sport.

→ Tots Soccer

- ◆ Grade: PK/K
- ◆ Description: Introduce your little one to the joy of soccer in our fun and engaging **Tots Soccer** program! Designed for children ages **2-5 years**, this class focuses on developing **basic motor skills, coordination, balance, and social interaction** in a non-competitive environment. Our experienced coaches use **age-appropriate drills, games, and activities** to teach fundamental soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting while promoting teamwork and confidence. Parents are encouraged to participate in helping their little athletes feel comfortable and excited about the sport.

→ World Cooking

- ◆ Grade: PreK-1, 2-5
- ◆ Description: From Italian pasta to Mexican tacos, Japanese sushi, and beyond, kids will discover the ingredients, techniques, and traditions behind each dish. Along the way, they'll build cooking skills, enhance their creativity, and learn about global cultures through food.

→ Zumba with Ms. Waltower

- ◆ Grades: PK-5
- ◆ Description: Students will blend the energy of dance and aerobics with their favorite music, learning to move rhythmically while engaging in a fun and dynamic workout. This activity promotes physical fitness, coordination, and self-expression, helping students stay active and improve their overall health in an enjoyable way.