

Spring 2025 Active Play Enrichment Descriptions

- → Art in any Form!
 - 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 artists 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 w/ Ms. Zaid
 - Ms. Zaid is looking for students who have a passion for visual story telling. The art club will focus on designing and creating the physical elements (props and set) of a theater performance. We will start with a creative exploration of ideas, then we will work together to bring those ideas to life and showcase them on stage for the spring musical.
- → Art Club w/ Ms. Kenagy
 - In our After-School Art class for grades PK-1, young artists are exploring their creativity through a variety of fun and hands-on art projects! Each week, students experiment with different materials and techniques, including drawing, painting, and crafting. From creating colorful collages to learning how to mix paints and shapes, the class fosters imagination, fine motor skills, and self-expression. It's been so exciting to watch the kids develop their artistic abilities while having a blast with each new project!

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.

→ Basketball

- 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.
- → Book Club
 - Description: The primary goal of the 2nd/3rd Grade Book Club is to cultivate a passion for reading among students by providing a supportive and engaging environment where they can explore literature together. It will also provide an opportunity for students to express their thoughts and opinions in a safe and inclusive setting.
 - Books will be chosen based on their age-appropriateness, relevance to students' interests, and potential for stimulating discussions. Meetings will consist of group discussions, interactive activities related to the book.
 - Book Options:

- Alvin Ho
- The Questioneers
- Zoe and Sassafrass
- → Chess Club
 - 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.
- → Cooking Club
 - 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.
- → Creative Writing
 - In our After-School Creative Writing class, the kids are exploring a variety of writing genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and more. Each week, students dive into different styles of writing, learning how to craft engaging stories, express ideas, and develop their unique voices. Through fun writing exercises and creative prompts, they're building their skills in both imagination and structure. It's been exciting to watch their creativity flourish as they experiment with new forms of writing and discover the joy of self-expression!

→ Advanced LEGO



- → Street Hockey
 - 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.
- → Gardening
 - 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.
- → Hand Embroidery
 - Description: Students will be working on creativity and attention to details in this club. We will work on a project that students can complete throughout the session time frame with different stitches and designs. If possible, younger students can get help from older students as they work through different designs.
- \rightarrow Hot Wheels
 - Description: Zoom into the world of racing and engineering with our Hot Wheels Enrichment Program! Each week, they'll explore concepts of physics, engineering, and problem-solving as they create custom tracks with loops, jumps, and challenges. Kids will experiment with speed, angles, and obstacles, learning how to optimize their designs for maximum fun and performance.

- → Jump Rope and Double Dutch Club
 - Welcome to the Jump Rope and Double Dutch Club! Whether you're a seasoned jumper or a beginner, this is the place to improve your skills, have fun, and connect with others who share the same passion for jumping rope. Our club offers a supportive and energetic environment where participants can learn various jump rope techniques, from basic steps to advanced tricks, and explore the exciting world of Double Dutch. We focus on teamwork, coordination, and fitness while encouraging a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all skill levels. Come jump with us and be part of the excitement!
- → Lego Builders
 - 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!
- → Mad Scientist
 - 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.

- → Outdoor Movement
 - Join Coach Val for an exciting outdoor movement class where kids can unleash their creativity through fun and engaging activities! In this dynamic program, children will explore games like ring tossing and the parachute activity. With Coach Val's guidance, kids will develop their motor skills, learn new movements, and enjoy the freedom of outdoor play in a supportive and lively environment. Get ready for lots of fun, laughter, and movement in the fresh air!
- → Photography
 - In our After-School Photography class, the kids are learning how to use cameras to explore both the technical and creative aspects of photography. Each week, they dive into different camera settings—adjusting focus, exposure, and shutter speed—to capture the perfect shot. Students also venture around Volta Park and the Georgetown neighborhood, using the surrounding environment as their creative playground. It's been exciting to see their skills grow as they discover new perspectives and learn how to capture the world through their lenses!
- → Say it Ain't Sew! Sewing
 - 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.

- → Spanish (Monday)
 - Grade: K-3
 - Description: In Monday's class, students will enhance their vocabulary and sentence structure through repetition exercises, interactive conversations, games, and hands-on experiences. We will explore captivating themes such as hobbies, animals, daily routines, and household tasks, creating a fun and dynamic learning environment
- → Spanish (Wednesday)
 - Grade: PreK-2
 - Description: This class is designed for students who have had some prior exposure to it during the last term. We will continue to build the language foundation by adding vocabulary, engaging in conversations, and participating in hands-on activities through games, songs, and other interactive methods.
- → Spanish (Friday)
 - Grade: K-3
 - Description: This class is specifically designed for new students eager to embark on an exciting journey into the Spanish language. Through engaging activities incorporating music and movement, participants will experience an interactive learning environment that makes language acquisition enjoyable and helps foster a deeper connection with the culture.!
- → ST Math Club w/ Mr. Viltz
 - In ST Math club students will work to progress through the ST Math curriculum that their teacher has placed them on based on

their current math level. The teacher will support students when they are stuck or have issues to ensure their continued progress and success through their ST Math Journey.

- → The 24 Challenge
 - Grade: 4-5 (3rd graders who are advanced in math are welcome to join!)
 - Description: Looking for a way to help your child build math skills while having fun? Join our 24 Challenge After-School Program! This fast-paced and interactive class is perfect for students who love a challenge and want to improve their math fluency in an exciting way. "Offered in a tournament-style competition, students compete using addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division to develop solutions to problems that equal 24." More info here!
- → Timber TOTs

In our After-School Timber Tots class, kids are diving into the world of construction and creativity using classic Lincoln Logs! Lincoln Logs are a popular building toy made of interlocking wooden logs, designed to help children create miniature log cabins and other structures. As the students build with these logs, they're learning about balance, architecture, and spatial reasoning. The class encourages imagination and teamwork as kids work together to construct everything from simple houses to elaborate forts.

- → Yoga
 - Description: his class is designed to help children build strength, flexibility, and focus through simple, playful yoga poses and mindful breathing exercises. Each session will introduce fun poses inspired by animals, nature, and the world around us, all while

promoting relaxation and mindfulness. Through guided movement, breathing techniques, and short mindfulness practices, kids will learn how to improve their balance, coordination, and body awareness in a peaceful, non-competitive environment.