



**CLASS CATALOG**  
**SPRING 2020**

First Period (9:15-10:25)	Break/Snack (10:25-10:40)	Second Period (10:45-11:55)
		<b>Group A</b> General Science Teacher: Dayna Druke
<b>Bridge (Groups A and B)</b> Spanish Level 1 Teacher: Maria Velez		<b>Bridge (Groups A and B)</b> Intro to G-Suite Teacher: Corrina Fuller
<b>Bridge (Groups A and B)</b> Mock Trial: Fractured Fairy Tales on Trial Teacher: Michelle Allen		<b>Group B</b> Digital Photography Teacher: Dana Zawada

LOWER ELEMENTARY/ Grades 1 through 4- GROUPS C AND D

First Period (9:15- 10:05)	Second Period (10:10-11:00)	Third Period (11:05-11:55)
<b>Group C</b> Weather Whiz Kids Teacher: Donna Randall	<b>Group C</b> Handcrafts Teacher: Keri Vasek	<b>Group C</b> Marine Biology Teacher: Tara Green
<b>Lower Bridge (Groups C and D)</b> ARTists Teacher: Kristy Arnold	<b>Group C</b> Roadtripping through the USA Teacher: Meredith Wilson	<b>Lower Bridge (Groups C and D)</b> Playground Physical Fitness Teacher: Haleigh Villagomez
	<b>Group D</b> Boomwhackers Rhythm Class Teacher: Nikki Mancini	
<b>Group D</b> Teacher: Great Fun with Great Books Teacher: Jessi Morton	<b>Group D</b> Manners Are Cool! Teacher: Waketha Jolley	<b>Group D</b> Flat Stanley and Stacey Spread Kindness Across the USA Teacher: Kelsy Tinsley

EARLY EDUCATION- Kindergarten and Preschool- Groups E and F

First Period (9:15- 10:05)	Second Period (10:10-11:00)	Third Period (11:05- 11:55)
<b>Group E</b> The Kinder Garden Teacher: Kim Pina	<b>Group E</b> Playground Time and Storytime Snack Teacher: Mairim Maya	<b>Group E</b> So Dramatic! Teacher: Faith Krause
<b>Group F</b> Numeros (Numbers)! Teacher: Mairim Maya	<b>Group F</b> God's Little Explorers Teacher: Elizabeth Bruffey	<b>Group F</b> Playtime (Playground/Centers) Teacher: Holly Bohte

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS BY GROUPS

Students in Groups A and B will have a choice of one of two classes for each of their two class periods. They will have a fifteen-minute supervised break time in between their two class periods. Students in Groups C and D will have a choice of one of two classes for each of their three class periods. Students in Groups E, F, and G will be placed in the classes described for their groups.

### ***Group A Class Choices***

First Period (9:15-10:25)

#### **Spanish- Level 1 (Bridge Class for Groups A and B)**

Teacher: Maria Velez      Class Fee: \$9

¿Hablas español? You will after this class! Focusing on conversational Spanish, we will learn basic phrases and how to ask and respond to questions in Spanish. Topics include greetings, courtesies, classroom objects, classroom phrases, numbers, the alphabet, days of the week, seasons, clothing, colors, animals, family members, and food.

#### **Mock Trial: Fractured Fairy Tales on Trial (Bridge Class for Groups A and B)**

Teacher: Michelle Allen      Class Fee: \$10

Students will get a general overview of how an American courtroom operates, including some trial procedure, objections, the burdens of proof and differences between civil and criminal cases. The bulk of their time will be spent learning how to prepare opening statements, witness examinations, and closing arguments and preparing a mini mock trial. The focus of this class and the examples used will be based on common fairy tales (some with a twist). There will be some homework in the form of practicing and completing what is not finished during class time.

Second Period (10:45-11:55)

## **General Science (Group A)**

Teacher: Dayna Druke      Class Fee: \$15 (per semester)

In this hands-on class that will go all year, students will have the opportunity to experience six branches of science: Physics, Earth Science, Geography, Chemistry, Biology, and Statistics. Every few class periods the focus of the class will change, allowing for an exposure to these many branches of science. Students will gain an understanding of scientific lab procedures. Learning gained from hands-on experiments will be enhanced through the use of preserved specimens for dissection, atomic and molecular building models, and local and virtual field trips. We will also study the periodic table and important historical scientists and inventors.

\*Students need not have been enrolled in the class first semester to enroll this semester.

## **Intro to G-Suite (Bridge Class for Groups A and B)**

Teacher: Corrina Fuller      Class Fee: \$10

Students will explore fun and engaging activities to learn a variety of features of some of the apps within Google's free G-Suite productivity software. My hope is that we will have our own Google Classroom setup where we I can share resources, and we can collaborate together throughout the semester. We will focus on basic features of Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drawings, Forms and more. Required: laptop (PC or MAC)

## ***Group B Class Choices***

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## **Digital Photography (Group B)**

Teacher: Dana Zawada      Class Fee: \$25

In this class, students will discover how to use their digital cameras. Digital cameras are required to be brought to class every week. It doesn't need to be an expensive camera, but it must be digital and have a screen. We will learn about composition, perspective, and more. There will be a homework assignment each week (to take a specific type of picture and email it to the teacher). These assignments will be printed and each student will end the semester with their own photography portfolio.

## ***Group C Class Choices***

First Period (9:15-10:05)

### **Weather Whiz Kids (Group C)**

Teacher: Donna Randall      Class Fee: \$10

Weather Whiz Kids will make tools, conduct experiments, record data, and read wonderful books to learn all about the weather. Studies will include temperature, air pressure, cloud formation, humidity, precipitation, sunshine, wind, and velocity. This class will learn about extreme, severe, and bizarre weather conditions. Be prepared to collect some data at home and return to class with recorded data, ready to analyze and make predictions. This class might be the first step to a career in weather, such as a reporter, oceanographer, teacher, storm chaser, atmospheric scientist, wind turbine technician or an environmental engineer or it might just be a fun class where students become weather whiz kids!

### **ARTists (Bridge Class for Groups C and D)**

Teacher: Kristy Arnold      Class Fee: \$15

For many years, great artists have created beautiful works of art that continue to inspire and challenge us creatively. This spring we'll continue to view art pieces from well-known artists, learn about their style, experiment with their technique, then use our imagination to create our own work of art to display. The artists we'll learn about vary in time periods, but each artist offers a unique lesson: Claude Monet, Georges Seurat, Vincent van Gogh, Edvard Munch, and more. As we study these artists and open our eyes to all that God has created, from the colors in the sky to the intricate detail of a flower, we'll be able to create a variety of fabulous art.

The goal for each class is to expand our knowledge of art and different techniques as we work with a variety of mediums to fill our creations with color, but the highest goal is to enjoy creating art. It's important to remember that there are no mistakes in art, and there are always new ways to put thoughts & ideas on paper!

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Second Period (10:10-11:00)

### **Roadtripping Through the U.S.A. (Group C)**

Teacher: Meredith Wilson      Class Fee: \$18

Come on a "road trip" through the USA! We will learn about state capitals, regional differences, like food, accents and terrain. We will also learn some fun facts about each state and out of the ordinary attractions, like the world's biggest ball of twine in Kansas. Take a trip without leaving Houston!

## **Handcrafts (Group C)**

Teacher: Keri Vasek Class Fee: \$18

hand·craft /'han(d),kraft/ verb make skillfully by hand.

In this class, we will do just that - make things skillfully with our hands! We will weave, dip candles, make paper beads and moon phase garlands, construct catapults and small woodland creatures, use square knots to create a macrame wall hanging, and design greeting cards, paper quilling art, and terrariums. We will finish the semester with a handcraft fair where the kids will have the opportunity to sell items they have worked on outside of class in conjunction with our Entrepreneur Day.

(Specific projects are subject to change.)

Third Period (11:05-11:55)

## **Marine Biology (Class C)**

Teacher: Tara Green Class Fee: \$15

Let's dive into the ocean to learn about the ocean and the wonders of its animal life. During class we will have many hands-on activities, including animals to observe (some alive, some not), facts to learn, and foods to taste. If you took this class last year, we will have new and exciting marine adventures with more animals, more games, and more fun foods to try.

## **Playground Physical Fitness (Bridge Class for Groups C and D)**

Teacher: Haleigh Villagomez Class Fee: \$6

In addition to playground games and some fun exercise, this class will help students to learn about what being physically fit really means. It will introduce some concepts of nutrition, health and biology, including how muscles work and functions of the heart and lungs.

## ***Group D Class Choices***

First Period (9:15-10:05)

## **Great Fun With Great Books (Group D)**

Teacher: Jessi Morton Class Fee: \$10

Each week we will focus on a different book and complete activities based on the book. We will explore using all five senses and hit on a variety of school subjects as well. Each week will be different and focused on helping kids LOVE great books!

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Second Period 10:05-11:00

## **Boomwhackers Rhythm Class (Group D)**

Teacher: Nikki Mancini      Class Fee: \$3

Students will begin basic lessons in rhythm and song, including an introduction to time signatures, measures, and treble clef notes. By the end of the class, students will work together to perform a few simple songs with the boomwhackers!

## **Manners Are Cool! (Group D)**

Teacher: Waketha Jolley      Class Fee: \$15

Manners are more than just how to hold a fork and knife or how to fold a napkin. In this class, will explore the importance of good manners and how they can impact every area of your life! We will read fun stories, have interactive games, and enjoy an actual meal where you can put into practice everything you have learned!

Third Period 11:05-11:55

## **Playground Physical Fitness (Bridge Class for Groups C and D)**

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## **Flat Stanley and Stacey Spread Kindness Across the USA (Group D)**

Teacher: Kelsy Tinsley

Class Fee: \$8

Come join Flat Stanley and Flat Stacey as they journey across the 50 United States, spreading kindness and teaching us about USA geography. Your kids will send multiple letters to family/friends around the USA along with paper hearts for the recipients to write and share their acts of kindness they do around the USA. The hearts will be returned (via mail, text or email) and tracked on a map throughout the semester. Your kids will also memorize the names of the 50 States via a catchy song; identify states and regions on the map; learn some fun State facts, physical characteristics and landmarks; and play educational games like States Bingo and giant floor map activities. As Flat Stanley and Stacey spread their kindness across the nation, our class will create weekly ideas of how we will spread our kindness right here in Katy. It is highly recommended that you purchase the downloads of the six geography songs to practice during the week (\$0.99 x 6); this cost is in addition to the class fee. Minimal writing required.

### ***Group E Classes***

First Period 9:15-10:05

#### **The Kinder Garden**

Teacher: Kim Piña Class Fee: \$8

This introduction to botany class will teach about the variety of plants and how plants grow through a variety of activities including crafts, painting, movement, music, stories and art. Students will learn about flowers, trees, mushrooms, fruit, vegetables, and more. We will examine seeds, draw our own trees, plant our own flowers, taste some yummy fruits, and explore the world of gardens.

Second Period 10:10-11:00

#### **Playground Time and Storytime Snack**

Teacher: Mairim Maya

Class Fee: \$4

Students will enjoy unstructured free play on the playground when weather permits and indoor movement games on inclement weather days. Then, we will return to class to enjoy our snack while we stretch our minds by listening to a story or two.

Third Period 11:05-11:55

#### **So Dramatic!**

Teacher: Faith Krause

Class Fee: \$10

Students will have fun learning simple acting skills through singing, dancing, games, and crafts.

## ***Group F Classes***

### First Period

#### **Números (Numbers)**

Teacher: Mairim Maya      Class Fee: \$10

Vamos aprender a contar en Español e Inglés del 1 al 20. Let's learn to count from 1 to 20 in Spanish and English. This will be a hands-on, interactive class.

### Second Period

#### **God's Little Explorers II**

Teacher: Elizabeth Bruffey      Class Fee: \$8

Do you love an adventure? Do you love to have fun with friends? Do you want to know more about the God who made and loves you? Well, come join us as we continue on an adventure together to explore God's Word and get to know Him more! This spring, our preschoolers will be getting to know God using a Biblically-based curriculum called God's Little Explorers. They will have lots of hands-on learning that exposes them to the letters of the alphabet, phonics, numbers, life skills, good character, read-alouds, and Scripture, all framed in the truth of God's Word.

### Third Period

#### **Playtime**

Teacher: Holly Bohte

Class Fee: \$4

Unstructured free play is essential for development. During this period, preschool friends will get to explore the playground, weather permitting. Indoor games and centers will take place on inclement weather days. They will also enjoy some sensory play.