CORONA LEARNING CENTER

2014-2015 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

American Girl
Come join the fun through American Girl adventures! Each girl we read about has her own story to tell, and we will be doing many crafts, projects, and maybe even some cooking to go along with the things that occur in each girl's life.

Arts From Around the World
Join us as we travel on a majestic journey around the world. We are opening our minds and hearts to the splendor of other lands and cultures. We will voyage through time and geography using literature, art, dance, crafts, and music to gain a better multicultural awareness of our world. Throughout the course we will focus our learning on traditional crafts, folk songs, food and dance as we travel across North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania. We will trek through the past and present to appreciate our neighbors in foreign countries.

Digging for Dinosaurs
In this class, students will be doing fun, hands-on activities involving prehistoric times and creatures, as well as learning about archaeology and geology.

Elementary/Middle School Writing with Purpose
Students in this enrichment class will learn to love writing, want to be very good at it, and grow through the grades as writers, thinkers, and principled people. We embrace the writing process and develop intrinsic motivation for the craft of writing through immersion in narrative, informational, and opinion writing genres. Each grade level moves through the process of learning to write in all types of age appropriate styles through the use of modeled literature.

Exploring Cultures
In this class, students get to "travel around the world" and discover how people live in different countries. This trip will take us to interesting destinations where we will learn about food, culture, schools, games, music, crafts, and more. Because the student center does not have a kitchen large enough to accommodate students, we are not able to continue the "cooking" theme in this class.

FIRST Lego League
Your students are certain to have a blast! Their natural curiosity and enthusiasm about Legos will be enhanced using mathematics, science, and technology, to a higher level. Our goal is to get students enjoying all aspects of Engineering. The activities are based on construction and problem solving designed to encourage children to exercise concentration, perseverance, and independence. FIRST Lego League will have the opportunity to compete against other teams.

Geography
The Geography workshop will focus on different countries and cultures around the globe, as well as learning the states and capitols in the United States. Students will also learn how to read and make maps.

Hands-On Science
This workshop will be an exciting and fun way for students to perform labs in life science and Earth science. Each week they will be studying a different piece of science, and then they will foster their curiosity by exploring the concepts with their hands and minds.

Literature Circles – *Reading is so much fun, and in this workshop, students will get to choose from many different books. Groups of students will have the opportunity to discuss interesting topics from their chosen book, incorporating reading strategies to help them explore the literature together. This workshop will also dissect some non-fiction pieces, looking for and identifying evidence supporting statements and opinions.*

Magic Treehouse
Continue Jack and Annie's fun-filled adventures as we travel into different time periods in the Magic Treehouse. We will take notes like Jack does in the book, and we will be researching the areas that Jack and Annie take us to, while reading these exciting books. We will do many fun and exciting activities related directly to the theme of each book. Hold on tight, as the tree house beings to spin faster and faster. A new addition to this workshop is a focus on strong writing skills, using Step Up to Writing.

Music
This class is teaching the basics of instrumental music, where students will learn how to read music and play an instrument. Music is important for much more than entertainment; it helps parts of the brain develop that affect other learning abilities. We're sure that the students are going to gain a great deal from this course!

P.E.
Students will primarily focus on overall physical improvement through various individual exercises including stretching, calisthenics, endurance training, and more. Aside from the goal of physically improving individually, opportunities to develop sportsmanship, trust, and teamwork will be available while learning concepts of team sports like basketball, flag football, track & field and other sports.

Spanish Fun
Hola Amigos! This fun workshop class focuses on the basics such as vocabulary, grammar, and commands. Students will be having some simple conversations with each other. They will also be able to share about themselves and their likes/dislikes. Along the way, they will learn cultural songs and study about different Latin American countries. Que esperas? Vamonos!

Story Time
This workshop, just for the primary kiddos, is designed to help enrich the reading skills of our early readers. Not only will the students be reading and listening to fun stories, they will get to practice reading aloud to their peers, make exciting projects, and practice high frequency vocabulary words.

Theater
Kids love to pretend, so what better class than the one where imagination comes alive! In this class, students will learn the theater basics of play-acting, role playing, improvisation, pantomime, characterization, and scene development. New terminology will be introduced to give a better understanding of the dynamics of theater. Be prepared to act silly!

Theater Production
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Visual Arts/Yearbook
Take a trip through time! In this wonderful art program, students meet famous artists of the last few centuries, through biographies and viewing examples of the artists' work. Students then create a project using the same approach, style, and medium of that artist. This is always a very popular class!

Yearbook/Leadership
Students who wish to be part of the decision making, fundraising, and general leadership of the Corona Student Center, can sign up for this wonderful class. These students will also be working on the yearbook for Corona Student Center throughout the year, including photography, photo shop, writing, and scrap-booking.