



Springs Learning Centers

Cherry Valley, Corona, Del Rio, Enterprise, Hemet, Indio, Otay Ranch, PathFinder, Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside, Santa Ana, & Vista

We boldly go where no school has gone before!

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Class Title	Class Description
Acting & Improv	Talent is reflected in a variety of art forms. Some dream of acting on the "big screen" while others wish to build self-confidence and learn how to engage an audience. In Acting and Improv, students learn how to act for close-ups, perform a monologue, play a character, and how to address their audience all at the same time becoming believable actors. Students' plays will be videoed allowing students the opportunity to critique their own performances. During Improv, students will learn to develop detailed comedic and dramatic characters and gain skills on how to be spontaneous while staying focused and in character. And all the while, having fun! By the end of the year, students will improve their overall confidence, learn how to engage an audience, and be exposed to the exciting world of performing arts - a valuable tool for high school, college, and beyond!
Adventures in Chemistry	Calling all chemists! Why is one substance more or less dense than another? What causes certain substances to dissolve in water? Why is water such an interesting molecule? What happens when a chemical reaction takes place? These questions and many more are explored in Adventures in Chemistry which is a course that is guided by inquiry-based Next Generation Science Standards lessons that cover basic chemistry concepts along with the process of scientific investigation. Students will ask scientific questions and investigate them, design and conduct experiments, use digital simulations, understand their observations on the molecular level, record and communicate results, research the Periodic Table and elements, and make models of atoms using Bohr's model. Watch out, this hands-on class may turn your child into a mad scientist!
Animal Art Adventures	Throughout history, animals have been the source of inspiration for many artists all over the world. In this class, students will learn about some of these artists and their art - ancient, classic, and contemporary - that have found animals as fascinating as we do. It will inspire us to draw, paint, collage, and sculpt the creatures of Earth. These are a few of the artists we will study: Leonardo DaVinci, Albrecht Durer, Rosa Bonheur, Henri Rousseau, Freida Kalo, Franz Marc, James John Audubon, and Matilda Lotz. Join us in our "Animal Art Adventures." Mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and insects - oh my!
Art for All Seasons	Art for all seasons is a class where the students will focus on different art pieces, artists, and styles of art throughout the different seasons. The students will get the opportunity to see the progression of the seasons through the art pieces they create. In the beginning, students will focus on dark and warm colors to represent the fall, then we will move to the cool and cold colors to represent the winter. During the second semester, students will start to show transition pieces from winter to spring, and then from spring to summer. Students will be able to dive deep into individual artists and how they used the seasons as inspiration within their own artwork. The students will also learn about how artists themselves used the seasons as inspiration for their art. By the end of the year, the students will have a better understanding of how to draw inspiration from the world around them.
Art & Illustration	Students will explore a variety of artistic techniques from greek, folk, and classical arts to contemporary, street and graphic arts. Along the way students will work to develop their own unique artistic style as they write and illustrate their own picture or comic book. Students will learn sketchnoting, Canva, printmaking, storyboarding, watercolor techniques, and so much more.
Arts & Crafts Galore	Are you ready to get crafty? Grab your brushes, beads, buckets, and baubles! It's time to <i>engage</i> with arts and crafts! Students will be encouraged to think outside the box to create crafts that include glitter, googly eyes, glue, and good times in this class. Your student is sure to dazzle you with the glitz and glimmer these projects will offer. Best of all... the mess is left at the Learning Center! Hop on the transporter and teleport to where no one has gone before with the greatest arts & crafts class in the universe!
Author of the Month (grades K-2)	Each month the class will read books written by a famous author (Eric Carle, Kevin Henkes, Jan Brett, Tomie DePaola, Ezra Jack Keats, Mo Willems, Leo Lionni). Students will first learn about the author. Each week a new book from the author will be read and students will work on vocabulary, comprehension, grammar related to the book. Student will also complete art projects throughout the month. At the end of the unit students will complete a writing assignment such as comparing/contrasting two of the books, writing about their favorite book with reasons why, etc. The teacher can save projects from each author and create a portfolio to be given to parents at the end of the year.
Author of the Month (grades 3-8)	Within the pages of a book, you can travel anywhere in time and space. But, reading is only half the fun! This class will explore a variety of books and learn about their authors' lives, what inspired their stories, and where/when they lived. Students will have the opportunity to discuss with each other, try their own hand at writing in different styles, create art and have fun! Students will be encouraged to ask thoughtful questions of their peers to learn more about what and why they like an author. In this way, learners will improve their interpersonal skills by learning to ask meaningful questions and learn about another person's interests!
Beam Me UpStage: Performing Arts	This class introduces students to the art of performing, to develop an appreciation of the art, understand how various acting techniques may be used to heighten one's awareness and as a tool for self-realization. Performing Arts offers students the chance to experience the excitement and rewards of theatre arts while developing poise, social skills, confidence, and the ability to work with others. If you want to find your place on the stage, this is the class where the performing arts will bring out the theater muse in you! Downstage, Upstage, Rightstage, and Backstage! This course will introduce the basics of acting and improv, vocal music, basic choreography, including some technical and backstage workings. **Each class is unique and will decide what kind of performance art to study, and whether to have a full live performance in front of an audience or perform in the comfort of the classroom!
Bizworld	BizWorld teaches children the basics of entrepreneurship, business, and finance in a hands-on, fun, and collaborative way! This project-based learning (PBL) program allows students to learn firsthand how to start and operate their own businesses. Working in teams of six or less, students start, fund, and run their company in the friendship bracelet industry. The decisions that the companies make are entirely student-driven. Students decide everything from naming their company, how to market the business, how many products to make, and how much to charge. The program culminates with the Sales Bazaar, an exciting opportunity to engage other students at your school, parents, administrators, and community members. Students sell their products (friendship bracelets) to their customers during the Sales Bazaar - don't worry; no real money is involved, just real-life skills! BizBucks abound in this Business Building Ballyhoo! Throughout BizWorld, students have multiple opportunities to practice leadership skills and fine-tune their real-life math and communication skills. Check it out at Bizworld.org !

Boldly Go Into Art	We know our students enjoy painting... drawing... designing... and exploring the various methods of creating art! It is essential to offer students a space to tap into their imagination and creativity. Opening their hearts and minds to the brilliantly diverse world around them is equally important. Before the written word, ART was the way people communicated. In this class, students will learn the techniques, elements, and history of art. Please join us as we <i>Boldly Go Into Art</i> with a paintbrush or pencil is in our hands!
*Classical Humanities	<p>Upgrade your student's writing and reading with a Classical Humanities course. This course is designed to cover all concepts in ELA and history. Each class session will cover IEW structure and style writing, grammar, vocabulary and spelling, reading comprehension, and literary analysis, as well as projects and map work from Story of the World Volumes 3 and 4. Your student will write five paragraph essays and a research paper. They will complete projects focused on historical events spanning 1600-2000. The class will attend three group field trips; these trips are optional.</p> <p>Students must complete 90 minutes of structured reading assignments on each of the three home days. These assignments are written by the course teacher and guided by the parents and include read aloud, independent reading, response to reading, and iReady ELA practice.</p> <p>Students are expected to attend class two days per week. The teacher, ES, parent, and the student will be required to sign the Classical Humanities Roles and Responsibilities form. The course teacher will give instruction and assignments related to writing, literary analysis, grammar, and history. Parents are expected to facilitate lessons on home study days, making sure students complete assignments and understand the concepts. The course teacher is available by phone or email to help support both the parent and student at home.</p> <p>Students must bring their school-issued Chromebook, notebook, and assigned novel to class each day. Students must purchase the book bundle in Bookmart which includes six novels and Story of the World Volumes 3 and 4 textbooks. Optional additional purchases include additional novels (available through Amazon) and STOW vol 3 and 4 audiobook, student activity book, tests and quizzes (available through Bookmart).</p> <p>Both part 1 and part 2 of the Classical Humanities course must be purchased in Bookmart and attended regularly to continue enrollment in this class.</p>
Curtain Call- Intro. to Theater Arts 1	<p>Join our Curtain Call-Intro to Theater Arts 1 course! This Theater Arts Course is designed to introduce students to various elements of the theater. Students will explore the art and business of professional theater from historical, literary, and professional production perspectives. Students will examine the role of acting, directing, sound, lights, set, costumes, make-up, and publicity in creating a theatrical production. In addition, students will explore the craft of acting through theater games, improvisations, scenes, and character study.</p> <p>*PLEASE NOTE* This is a performance class; all students are expected to participate—attendance and arriving on time to class play an essential role in supporting our fellow actors. Up to four (4) after-school rehearsals are required, and students are expected to complete the hours and work necessary for their final performance project.</p> <p>*All Students must bring their Chromebooks to class and have access to Canvas in class and at home.</p>
Cursive, Keys & Calligraphy	This class quickly became a Learning Center favorite! In this class, students will unlock their ability to learn new ways of communicating in functional and creative ways. Students will learn the ins and outs of basic keyboarding, communicating through email, making presentations on Google slides, and more. They will also get to try their hand at creative communication through cursive and calligraphy. Cursive is an essential tool for cognitive development, and calligraphy is an art form. Key into this class for aspiring scribes.
Explore the World	Students will learn how to draw the world. This class will be a mixture of cartography, art, geography, and social studies. Students will learn about Maps and how they are made. They will learn about different land features. They will learn about the places, cultures, and people around the world. Lastly, they will learn to draw the entire world and place at least continents and for older students countries.
Exploring California	In this class, students get to take a deep dive into the fascinating history of California! We can cover topics such as the Gold Rush, Westward expansion, the Native American Tribes of California, European explorers, the Missions system and the influence of Spain that is still prevalent in our state today, our unique state landscape of deserts, coastlines, mountain ranges and national forests. Students will enjoy hands on projects, live action role playing opportunities, art, writing in their California notebook, and maybe even pan for gold!
Fluency and Fitness	This class will get students up and moving - while still learning. It's the perfect way to release some extra energy while practicing important skills. Literacy-rich environments are the most successful when teaching and learning are done in the most authentic ways, meaning that literacy skills are not taught in isolation, but rather integrated into every opportunity possible. Fluency and Fitness is a fun way to incorporate math concepts like addition and subtraction, as well as reading skills like vowel sounds, rhyming, and sight words with movement and music. Students get so excited to move to the music and have fun, that they don't even realize how much they're learning!
Games of Strategy	Games of Strategy can build valuable thinking skills. One of the most effective ways to learn these skills is a direct and authentic experience that leaves the student wanting more. Game-playing is the perfect example of such an experience because it is entertaining and engaging and promotes student involvement. Games provide an opportunity for reflective and logical thinking, planning, problem-solving and decision making. In this class, we will be introducing various games such as Chess, The Settlers of Catan, Mancala, Mastermind, Pandemic, and Ticket to Ride. Students may also do a project where they create their own game. Students will most importantly develop the life skills of cooperation, coping and dealing with making mistakes, and being resilient while engaging in friendly competition.
*I CAN Math	<p>Master the I CANs in a fun group setting! New this year ~ The student will purchase the books through Bookmart.</p> <p>The program's structure and requirements are in place to help each student succeed! A highly qualified, credentialed teacher will plan lessons and teach this course using various strategies personalized for every learner. In addition, there will be several components to the class, including textbook lessons, interactive small group instruction, supported independent practice, hands-on centers, and an online math component called iReady. Students must complete 90 minutes of structured math assignments on the additional three home days each week guided by parents, including personalized practice with iReady. Students are expected to attend class two days per week regularly. The teacher, TOR, parent, and the student will be required to sign the I CAN Math Roles & Responsibilities form. The I Can Math teacher will give all assignments and assessments instead of the TOR. Parents are expected to be facilitating the lessons on home study days, making sure students complete their assignments and understand the concepts. The I CAN Math teacher is available by phone or email to help support both the parent and student at home. It's a beautiful partnership! Students taking this class will be required to bring their school-issued Chromebook and Math textbook to class each day they attend. Students must take their math assessments and iReady diagnostics onsite.</p> <p>Both Part 1 and Part 2 must be purchased and attended regularly to continue enrollment in this class.</p>

Imagineering ~ Discovering Disney	Explore the creative, musical, and scientific side of Disney Magic! In this class, Disney's Imagineers from around the world will share how they use a wide range of skills – from story development and conceptual design to math, physics, and engineering – that all come together with art and music to create immersive experiences. This class will also include the Imagineering in a Box curriculum designed by Pixar. This program allows students to explore different aspects of theme park design, from characters to ride development, as they create a theme park of their very own. In addition, students will have the opportunity to use their creativity and have fun as they see what it takes to create the Happiest Place on Earth!
Journalism & Broadcasting	We are excited to offer this brand new class! This class will focus on learning to write and publish news articles, conduct research and interviews/investigations, take photographs, record "morning news" videos/broadcasts to be aired first thing during classes each day, as well as learning the ins and outs of media/broadcast production and public speaking. We will dive into the history of journalism and study the various formats used throughout history to communicate news and stories. This class will also apply the facets of journalism learned by working as a team to create and facilitate publication of the yearbook for our learning center classes. **Use of a Chromebook will be required for this class.**
Leadership	Students will take ownership of their unique abilities as leaders to have a positive impact on campus and in the community. Student leaders will work with "little buddies" in the TK-1st classroom, plan and carry out fundraising events, arrange spirit days for their Learning Center, become experts in topics that they care about, share their expertise, and work on student-led projects.
Leadership & Yearbook	This class is divided into two sections: Leadership and Yearbook. In Leadership, students may participate in planning and carrying out fundraising events, arrange spirit days for their Learning Center, or work on specialized projects. Students will embark on challenging activities and team-building games to motivate and bond as a group. In Yearbook, students will collect and artistically apply photos representing Learning Center memories to the yearbook pages throughout the year. Some yearbooks will be available as hard copy books, and some will be digital. These classes will provide students with the leadership skills and self-confidence necessary to become leaders within their school and community. *Students taking this class are required to bring their school-issued Chromebooks to class every week.
Life Skills	Springs cares about the whole child. Through hands-on learning, students will practice problem-solving and character-building exercises. They will collaborate and work in teams, become critical thinkers, problem solvers while being creative and imaginative. Older students may explore global and cultural awareness, social responsibility, and ethics. Each Learning Center will approach this class differently, as topics along the continuum will be addressed based on student interest, as is the Springs way! Students in younger classes will learn skills such as how to address an envelope, follow a simple recipe, and count out correct change. Students in older classes may learn about personal finance, etiquette, health and wellness, survival skills, taxes, how to create a podcast, and various problem-solving strategies. Students in grades 3-8 taking this class are required to bring their school-issued Chromebook to class every week.
Magic School Bus Science	Seatbelts, Everyone! Are you ready to hop on the bus and explore our wonderful world through the eyes of Mrs. Frizzle and her amazing students? In this course we will use the Magic School Bus books and episodes to go on amazing scientific adventures within our classrooms. Engaging in hands-on experiments, while students learn how to record their own results and conclusions just like a real scientist! Each class day we will explore something new with activities, science projects, or crafts based on the book or episode of the day. However, whether we are planting seeds, exploring the solar system, or learning about the cells of the human body, we will always take an adventure in the exciting world of science!
Magic Tree House Book Club	Is your student ready to embark on the adventures of the Magic Tree House? In this workshop students will experience fun filled explorations, as we travel back with Jack and Annie into different time periods and places! We will be reading books in the Magic Tree House series where your students will find a love and a passion for reading. Experiencing the relationship between all the core aspects of language arts (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and how these skills will work together in both telling and writing a story, your student will learn first hand not only what it takes to tell a great tale, but use the hands-on curriculum that will bring each story to life. Participating in scrapbooking and creative projects, interweaving the stories into reality right before their eyes, each student will complete activities that correspond with each book and theme. Integrating together history, science, art, writing and an enjoyment and passion for reading in this enrichment class.
Math with a Mission	Join us as we navigate the exciting world of math! The goal of this class is to make learning math FUN! Each week we will learn new math skills that will increase the students level of understanding in a fun, hands-on way, as they develop a fluency in recognizing and communicating numbers. In class we will use the world around us to find patterns and teach shapes, as well as problem solve, create symmetry, strive toward math fact fluency, and make connections to everyday life. Students will use games, crafts, hands-on activities and teamwork to master the I CANs and grade level concepts as they dive into the fun and challenging world of math!
Music and Movement	We naturally love music! This class will channel students' natural enthusiasm for music and movement into a fun, positive learning experience. This class will offer students many opportunities to grow in their appreciation of music and dance. Students will learn specific movements to certain songs and music pieces. We will also invite students to interpret music and tell their unique movement stories. Join us as we sing along, clap, stomp, move, and play instruments to the rhythm and beats of the classics, camp songs, folk songs, and world music.
My Community and Me	This class will help young learners understand why community helpers are important, learn what they do, and discover how they help us. Students will build literacy, develop vocabulary, practice math concepts, sing songs, and participate in dramatic play activities as they learn about the tools, uniforms, and tasks of a variety of community helpers such as police officers, garbage collectors, veterinarians, postal carriers, and more. In addition to learning about the important roles community helpers play, students will also understand what it means to be a good citizen themselves, as they learn to appreciate and care for the community in which they live.
My Nature Journal	Through hands-on experiences, stories, writing and drawing, students will engage with the outside world around them. We will study nature near and far! In a unit about local nature, students will engage with new understanding about weather patterns, rocks/soil and the plants around them in Southern California. For example, what type of animals live in the San Bernardino Mountains? How can we distinguish their animal tracks? What poisonous plants might we see on a hike there? In nature a little further away, we will discover more about the tallest trees in California and the science behind Death Valley. All this and more will be recorded in a nature journal that will be added to each week. At the end, we will celebrate all we have learned and students will take home their completed journals.
Nifty Fifty United States	My Country 'tis of thee, sweet Land of Liberty. This great Nation is a delightful melting pot full of fun facts. Whether we are landing at Ellis Island, scaling the Appalachian Mountains or panning for gold in San Francisco. Your student is sure to learn a little gem about each state and see first hand why America really is the NIFTY FIFTY. Designed for young learners, this fun project filled class will include writing, math, art, reading, social studies and science. Let freedom ring!
Our Community Heroes	Calling all HEROES! Let's explore the lives of the heroes who inspire us every day! Each week students explore one hero, one character trait and a fun sub-theme! The sub-themes include topics kids love like dinosaurs, music, archaeology, architecture and much more! Both historical and modern-day heroes will be included. Of course, we couldn't forget our local community heroes like fireman, policemen, and health care workers. By the end of the year, your students will appreciate and care about the people who serve in our community!

Outdoor Adventures	Outdoor Adventures is an exciting class to teach students how to get outside and play. Not only will we be learning about different outdoor playground games. We will also learn about how we can move our bodies outside of the classroom. The student will learn the importance of respecting nature while playing in nature. The students will get the opportunity to learn about local hiking, camping, and lakes they can explore. We will also focus on the United States National Parks and what hikes they can go on if they were to ever visit. Outdoor Adventures is a new way to engage students in the world around them.
PE - All Systems Go	PE - All Systems Go is a fun and exciting class that focuses on the development of healthy lifestyles, motor skills, movement knowledge, and social & personal skills. In this course, students will enjoy and seek out physical activity, develop and maintain acceptable levels of physical fitness, develop a variety of basic movement and manipulative skills so they will experience success and feel comfortable during present and future physical activity pursuits, all while developing the ability to get along with others in movement environments (e.g., share space and equipment, employ the "golden rule" of competition: be a good sport and demonstrate cooperative behavior). This fun and engaging class will get your student moving and grooving this year! Please note - closed toe shoes are required for this class.
Performing Arts Master Classes	Students will participate in performing arts master classes that include music, dance, acting, set/costume design, and more. Students will be able to choose an area of expertise and participate in a school-wide production - choosing to be included either on or behind the stage!
Pixar in a Box	Let's dive into the world of animation! Ever wondered how water or fire looks so realistic in the Disney films? Discover the science that makes films so fun to watch, using Pixar in a Box, pixar.com/pixar-in-a-box . Pixar in a Box is a behind-the-scenes look at how Pixar artists do their jobs. You will be able to animate bouncing balls, build a swarm of robots, and make virtual fireworks explode. The subjects you learn in school daily — math, science, computer science, and humanities — are used every day to create amazing movies at Pixar. The collaboration between Pixar Animation Studios and Khan Academy is sponsored by Disney. Let's put your skills to work creating magic! *Students in grades 3-8 taking this class will be required to bring his or her school issued Chromebook to class every week.
Reader's Theater	What is Reader's Theater? Reader's theater is a style of theater in which the actors present dramatic readings of narrative material without costumes, props, scenery, or special lighting. Actors use only vocal expression to help the audience understand the story. Reader's Theater is a dramatic presentation of a written work in a script form. It's goal is to enhance students' reading skills and confidence by having them practice reading with a purpose. Reader's Theater gives students a real reason to read aloud. Reader's Theater is a great way to improve fluency in a fun way and help build the skills of public speaking and learning to work with others, as students "perform" by reading scripts created from grade-level books or stories.
Reader's Workshop	In Reader's Workshop students will learn to use tools that will expand their vocabulary, improve their fluency, and build their understanding of literature and informational texts. Students will engage in authentic reading experiences in a variety of genres including fiction, folk tales, biographies, poetry, and more. They will have opportunities to participate in engaging read alouds, word study activities, and fluency practice. Students will also deepen their understanding of what they are reading through discussions, literature circles, and book clubs, and even bring the texts to life by participating in reader's theater. In Reader's Workshop, we will build confident, capable, and enthusiastic readers!
Real World Math	Mathematics is much more than a set of problems in a textbook. We will look at how we use math in the real world to solve problems every day. Some topics covered may be falling temperatures, comparing changing prices across a century, telling time, using recipes, paying for a meal, calculating discounts on products, temperature changes, and grocery shopping. Students will learn to use Google Earth, a dynamic tool that provides incredible views of our world in an interactive 3D environment. Higher level thinking skills, such as analysis, synthesis, and creativity are encouraged as well as technical skills and social learning. This class will answer the question we hear from students all the time, "When are we ever gonna need this?!"
Rhythm and Beyond	Can you feel the music? Rhythm and Beyond will allow students the opportunity to explore music in a variety of ways! Students will hear and learn to appreciate music in different eras and genres and train their ears to hear music in new ways. They will learn songs, practice rhythms and possibly even add choreography! If possible, students may prepare live or recorded performances. In addition, students may be able to interact with basic instruments, depending on the class and availability. Come make music with us!
Starfleet Science	Trek through the year with us as we use Mystery Science ~ an innovative, standards-aligned, hands-on curriculum that teaches children how to think like scientists. This class uses phenomena-driven instruction that will help kids to better understand and communicate about the world around them through writing, discussion, and exploration. Blast off with us to discover the mysteries of science in this fun and educational class!
Skills for Success	Through this class, students will learn the communication, decision-making, and goal-setting skills they need to be successful in life. By participating in engaging activities, collaborative work, skill practice, and thoughtful reflection, students will learn how to develop self-confidence, how to be effective problem solvers, how to resolve conflicts with others, and so much more. Students will gain fundamental life skills that will set them up for lifelong success in their school, home, and community.
Spanish Fun	Children are natural language learners. Stories and music have been a means of learning for millennia. So why not use those same amazingly effective tools in the modern day? Have fun with stories and music and learn Spanish at the same time. Students will learn conversational Spanish and important vocabulary in varied learning activities including games, stories, videos, role play, and lots of visuals.
Speakers League	Are you looking for a fun way to develop your child's confidence? Speakers League is a great place to develop public speaking, critical thinking, leadership, and organizational skills. Conquering a fear of public speaking can position children to succeed on many levels in life. By choosing Speakers League you are giving a gift to your child, positioning them to become a confident and poised leader of the future. Students will write and present speeches that will be critiqued by their peers as well as each participate in different roles needed to run the events. Speakers League has grown in popularity at our learning centers because it teaches students how to give constructive feedback and is structured in a way that provides a safe place for students to take risks and grow. *Students taking this class will be required to bring their school issued Chromebook to class every week.
Structured Play	Structured Play is highly structured games and activities designed for each grade level, providing art projects, outside games, and science projects. Some examples kids will love are four square, kickball, pottery, painting, gardening, and making volcanoes. Come join us for play with a purpose!
The Art of Magic	Choose a card... any card! Kids have to develop a great sense of oral communication and storytelling when performing sleight of hand tricks of all kind. Learn the basics of both in this beginning class on performing for family and friends the ancient and fun art of Sleight of Hand featuring card tricks, coins and more!
The Big Ocean	The ocean is so much more than just water! Join us as we embark on an undersea adventure! Students will dive deep into the fascinating underwater world as they learn about our ocean and the incredible life and resources it contains. Students will get excited as they study marine mammals large and small, explore the ocean zones and investigate tidepools, and more. Through hands-on experiments, activities, art, literature and writing, students will be inspired and amazed at what they discover in the Big Ocean!
This Day in History	This Day in History hopes to inspire students to learn more about the past and its connections to the present by interacting with historical events of global, national, local, and personal significance. Students will explore what happened in history on that day or week. They will take a deep dive into why this event is relevant to our lives today. Learning about the past will help build a stronger tomorrow.

Traditions Around the World	Explore life around the world by focusing on traditions that bring people together. Students will learn about cultures and traditions through books, activities, and art projects tied to our friends around the world. Students may write Chinese symbols, learn a dragon dance and make paper lanterns for the Lunar New year. They will explore meteorology on groundhogs day and make moon art during Ramadan. They may learn math skills by playing dreidel for Hanukkah and weaving paper mats for Kwanzaa. As they explore each holiday students will find the similarities among different traditions and cultures creating bridges of understanding. Countless quality picture books are available for each holiday. This is a great jumping-off point for an introduction to geography with personal experiences bringing a depth of knowledge and personal connection to each geographic location studied.
Trek into Reading	Through reading exciting books, art projects, and playing together, students will have the opportunity to experience all aspects of language arts (reading, writing, listening and speaking) as they join lovable characters on their exciting adventures. As the students read through many captivating stories, they will learn important social skills and traits of being a good friend. Some of the fun books that may be included are books by Mo Willems, which includes the Elephant & Piggie, Knuffle Bunny and Pigeon series. This class is a celebration of children's literature. Guest readers will also be invited to share stories with the class.
Typing & Tech Drawing	This class combines math and art to inspire and teach students how closely related these two beautiful subjects are. Students will learn to do technical drawings using math tools like compasses & rulers. Students will create beautiful artwork using mathematical principles like the golden ratio. They will hone their geometry skills and understanding while having fun and making all kinds of projects and creations. Students will learn how architects, engineers, and other professionals use math and art together every day. Additionally, this class will have a typing component where students will learn and practice proper typing techniques.
Warp Speed Writing	Young minds are full of imagination, wonder and curiosity. Writing can be an amazing outlet for kids – allowing them full reign to express their personality and creativity. Warp Speed Writing will inspire and guide your children to write using traditional paper and pencil along with 21st Century digital tools. They will learn the skills needed to organize their thoughts and ideas into powerful, dynamic written works. With a variety of strategies and fun small-group and hands-on techniques, teachers will meet students at their current writing level and give individual feedback to help them improve. Students of all ages can benefit from gaining writing skills to make them stronger, more confident communicators as we prepare them for the future!