




LEFFINGWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2010 – 2011 School Year After School Enrichment Classes

Leffingwell will be offering four after school enrichment classes during the school year. Classes will be held on Mondays after school for approximately one hour for students in grades 1-5. In order to attend classes, parents must sign their children up and pay the required fee. All classes are taught by *After-School Enrichment Program* and *Mad Science* staff members. Sign-up paperwork will be sent home with students a couple of weeks before each class begins. Information is also available in the Leffingwell office.

<p>Course Title: Spotlight Kids Theater</p> <p>Course Dates: September 13, 20, 27 October 4, 11, 18, 25</p> <p>Course Description:</p> <p>The Spotlight curriculum is designed for all students from the very shy to the extremely extroverted. This is a pure acting class that does not use scripts, costumes or props, but instead relies on enhancing the child's imagination, creativity, and speaking skills using fun improvisational theater games. The basic concepts behind improvisation are listening, sharing, teamwork, and acceptance. We focus on the basic forms of acting utilizing the body, voice, and mind. Each week is designed to build and further the lessons learned from the previous weeks, and the activities will bring the students to a level when they will be creating characters and having dialogue at the spur of the moment.</p> <p>We begin each day with a lesson that is connected with the game/activity of the day. There is also a warm-up (or ice breaker) that gives the students a chance to acclimate themselves to the performing aspects of that days lessons.</p> <p>The remainder of the day is devoted to the activity. The first part gives the students a chance to test and rehearse the game, and the second part brings the student in front of an audience to perform the game.</p> 	<p>Course Title: Creative Kids Studio</p> <p>Course Dates: January 24, 31 February 7, 14, 28 March 7, 14</p> <p>Course Description:</p> <p>Creative Kids Studio is an exciting after-school program designed for all kids. The program promotes self-expression, interest in the arts, decision-making skills and creativity.</p> <p>The foundation of the program is built around art basics and fundamentals such as color theory, shape and form as well as technique. Each day kids will have a short 10-15 minute lessons which will then lead up to an end of day hands on activity. All art classes are held outside or in a multi-purpose room and use washable, nontoxic paint.</p> 
<p>Course Title: Chess Masters</p> <p>Course Dates: November 8, 10, 15, 17, 29 December 6, 13</p> <p>Course Description:</p> <p>Chess Masters teaches children the exciting game of chess. Playing chess encourages problem solving and analytical skills, positive self-esteem, confidence and good sportsmanship.</p> <p>This course is all encompassing, from the general rules of play to advanced tactics and strategy. The program is designed to teach not only the experienced player, but also the interested beginner. Beginning students learn all the pieces as well as check and checkmate. Intermediate and advanced level players will learn advanced level techniques and strategies to out-manuever opponents in the tournament held on the 6th week of the program. On the final day all students attend a last day chess carnival where they can play with friends of different levels, purchase items from our chess "store", play with special character chess sets and even get to play with a giant chess set or participate in a human chess game. All participants receive a Chess Masters T-shirt and official tournament medal.</p> 	<p>Course Title: Mad Science</p> <p>Course Dates: April 4, 11, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23</p> <p>Course Description:</p> <p>Mad Science is the world's leading science enrichment provider. They deliver unique, hands-on science experiences for children that are as entertaining as they are educational. Mad Science is proud to introduce millions of children to a world of discovery while sparking their imagination. Mad Science encourages scientific literacy in children in an age when science is as vital as reading, writing, and arithmetic.</p> 