

2011 Fall Club Descriptions

Scrabble

COME PLAY SCRABBLE: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

If you love words, enjoy competition or like to play board games, then Scrabble Club is for you. Don't worry if you have never played before...I guarantee I will turn you into a champion! You will learn many new words, great strategies for high points, and have the opportunities to go to city championships and meet other Philly kids to compete and play for great prizes.

Instructor: Bernice Sherman, who ran the Scrabble Club at Greenfield School. Extensive background in education, tutoring and graphic design. (BS in Ed; Masters in Gifted Education.)

Yoga

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO DE-STRESS AFTER A HARD DAY IN THE CLASSROOM.

The theme for Yoga this Fall will focus on the 5 elements: Air, Earth, Fire, Water and Space. Each element inspires 5 different activities: breathing, individual and partner poses, games and actions. There will be tips on no-waste lunch, build on focus, and learning ways to deal with frustration and stress (something that everyone could use!). There will be lots of fun and games while learning to treat the world and people, especially themselves, kinder.

Instructor: ICS parent & yoga instructor Josephine Hing is a certified yoga instructor. She practices Anusara. Josi has held staff workshops at ICS and has substituted for ICS Yoga clubs in the past. She is very excited to work with ICS 3rd & 4th graders. Josephine is fully aware of the diversity of ICS and her practice with children will not have any religious undertones.

Spanish Fun & Games

COME AND GET YOUR SPANISH ON!

We are going to be learning new games in Spanish, including singing, practicing our speaking and of course getting some support with homework. This will be educational but also a whole lot of fun!

Instructor: M. Kelly has been with ICS for several years and has worked with 3rd through 5th graders throughout her years at ICS. She is most known for working with M. Elisse in 3rd grade and most recently in the 5th grade. She has also conducted Spanish workshops during the summer for children of all ages.

Book Arts

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS! WHAT DO YOU THINK A BOOK CAN BE?

Book Arts will be the place to find out! We'll start with the idea of paper and covers and take off from there! Bring your imagination and come ready to draw, cut, fold, and invent. You'll make a book that's truly yours and truly unique!

Instructor: Marilyn MacGregor is a Philadelphia artist who makes handmade books.

Chess

CHECK MATE!

Students are invited to the exciting world of chess! All levels welcome, from "chess masters" to "I have no idea what these pieces are" beginners. This club provides a safe, friendly environment for students to develop critical thinking skills, sportsmanship and most importantly have fun! Grades covered include 3-5 and 6-8.

Instructor: Tr. Auston, like M. Kelly, has been with ICS for many years. Most notably with Tr. Barb in 5th grade. He knows practically all the students and has taught after school chess for a few years. He's very tall. He's very good at chess. And he's lots of fun!

CAYA – Come As You Are

BOOT CAMP FOR TWEEN/TEEN GIRLS

CAYA is a creative, engaging, and fun "boot" camp for young girls. This program was developed to support young girls and their sense of self-awareness and help them gain a stronger love of self. Young girls today struggle with issues and challenges that are unprecedented with the rise of social media and bullying. CAYA focuses on goal setting and academic success through hands on fun and creative activities. A wide range of topics will be covered including body image & self acceptance, health & nutrition, family & communication, going to middle school/high school, "girl drama" and bullying prevention & resolutions.

Instructor: ICS Parent Karima Roepel-Gadsden is a life coach and facilitator specializing in teenage girls and those in the teen support system: parents, teachers and local government advocates. Karima is thrilled to bring her expertise to the young girls of ICS and help them navigate through these critical developmental years.

Book Club

“SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME” – Frank Zappa

“I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT BOOKS” – Thomas Jefferson

Students will get a chance to share the books they love with their fellow students and create projects to display at school. This is a chance for students who love to read to have a quiet moment to pick up a favorite or new book then follow up with lively discussion with fellow book lovers. Students will read at their own pace and meet with the teacher independently to talk about the book and brainstorm ideas for projects.

Instructor: Tr. Andrea R. has been with ICS for several years, mostly teaching 4th grade students in the Immersion program. This year, Tr. Andrea moved up to the 3rd floor to work with the 6th graders. She is excited, however, to be spearheading the Book Club for students in grades 3-5.

Choir

“DO RE MI FA SO LA TE DO...”

This club is for the serious minded singer. No experience necessary - just a love of song and music and the desire to improve vocal skills and learn new songs.

Instructor: M. Ronith, ICS’s resident music teacher, is looking forward to hearing the sweet sounds of student voices wafting through the ground floor halls of ICS on Tuesday afternoons.

Science Explorers

Two science topics will be explored in this innovative & interactive club.

1. “Outta This World”: Blast off to an out of this world adventure! The stars never seemed as close as you step into an investigation of space and the final frontier. Launch film canister rockets, construct a telescope and take on an astronaut challenge. Exciting adventures await as you soar towards fun!
2. “Kitchen Chemistry”: Come explore the science of kitchen chemistry as you investigate the properties of ingredients that pop, fizz and foam. Discover amazing transformation of cream to butter, taste the science of popping CO₂, create gooey gum drops and freeze your own slushies. These are just a cupful of the concoctions you will be creating!

Instructor: Tr. Julie, best known as an awesome middle school language arts teacher, will be teaching Science Explorers this Fall. She is very excited about the prospect of getting to know some of the younger, up and coming ICS scientists. This club features a variety of hands on activities and all supplies & materials are provided.

Basketball

“JUST PLAY. HAVE FUN. ENJOY THE GAME” – Michael Jordan

Basketball club will usually consist of half court games of 4-on-4. We will discuss rules, teamwork, and good sportsmanship before the games begin. As the weather gets cooler, students should be sure bring proper attire to play outside. This club is offered for two grade groups: 3-5 on Thursdays and 6-8 on Mondays.

Instructor: This is Tr. Jeff’s 2nd year at ICS as a Kindergarten Enhanced teacher. He’s looking forward to burning off some energy on the courts with both the younger and older age groups.

Drama

“TO BE OR NOT TO BE”

This club will focus on a variety of dramatic and creative techniques such as monologues and group improv. This club will also help students develop public speaking skills through various fun and engaging mini-plays.

Instructor: Tr. LaVeta will once again teach drama to ICS students in grades 4-8. While everyone knows Tr. LaVeta and her transportation skills, her schooling background is in the theatre arts. She’s looking forward to meeting and teaching an enthusiastic and committed group of thespians this Fall.

Culture Connections

CULTURAL DIVERSITY. CULTURAL AWARENESS. RESPECTING ALL.

Cultural Connections is geared towards middle school students (5-8) and focuses on discussing current events around the world (focus South America) and how they relate to us. Walking field trips to different spots near ICS will be taken.

Instructor: Tr. Andrea R. (6th grade Language Arts Teacher) will be hosting this club.