

Roots & Branches *Ages 5-7*

ADVENTURES IN ART (Linda) (5-10) *Art*

Experimentation and exploring different mediums is the focus of this process based class. We will play with clay, sewing, felting, tooling metal and, of course, get messy with paint. There are no limits to the adventures your creativity can take you to. Finding fun in the expression of our imaginations is what this class is all about.

ART WITH THE GREATS: ANIMAL ART & CRITTER CREATIONS (Kimber) (5+) *Art, Art History*

Lions, tigers and bears, oh my! Since the very first cave paintings of deer and bison, animals have fascinated and inspired artists. In this wildly imaginative class, students will use scaly, fluffy, furry- and all kinds of four-legged creatures as inspiration for art. As additional jumping off points, we will also create colorful and quirky animals inspired by famous and influential artists, as well as unique animal art, and folk pieces, from around the world. These wild kingdom critter creations, both imagined and realistic, will showcase a mix of sculpture, painting, illustration, printmaking and multi-media collage. Exciting projects will include art sparked by Franz Marc's blue horses and yellow cows, Paul Klee's cat, Henri Matisse's birds, Frida Kahlo's monkeys, Andy Warhol's dogs- and Albrecht Durrer's rabbits and rhinos.

ARTIVISM (Charisse) (5-8) *Art, Social Studies*

In this class we will learn about social justice and how we can use art as a form of activism. We will learn about well known Artists (artist+activist) such as Diego Rivera, Jacob Lawrence and Basquiat. We will learn about age appropriate social justice issues as well as different styles of art, including painting, photography and poetry, in order to express ourselves and become activists and advocates through our modes of art. This class will also cultivate a deeper knowledge of self and creativity and empower realmers to become advocates for self, friends and community.

BRIGHT KNIGHTS (Jimmy) (5-10)

Description of this class is on its way! Please check back soon.

EARLY ENTREPRENEURS (Scarlett) (5-7) *Math, Literacy, Personal Growth, Social Studies*

It's no surprise that we are surrounded by brilliant minds with incredible business ideas. From making their own slime, to their own gadgets, and even their own toys. This class explores bite size ideas of what it takes to start a small business. As a class we learn skills that give us a better understanding of responsibility, financial literacy(money), and community.

EXPLORING CODING (Digital Dragon) (5-7) *Technology*

In a world where it's never too early to learn programming, Junior Tech: Exploring Coding is designed to foster a 'create-over-consume' mindset. Students receive early exposure to the principles of programming through a variety of fun, easy to use, visual programming tools.

FABULOUS FOODS! TASTE-TESTERS AND NUTRITION BUILDERS (Chie) (5-7)

There is an art to hosting and it comes with a sense of pride of knowing that your friends are happy. Learning that it doesn't take much to make something look special and present it with honor is a real treat.

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We will be whipping up beautiful blends of colors and flavors in a way that opens the mind and taste buds. Veggies go with much more than ranch dressing!

FUN & FUNKY DANCE (Angela) (5-8) *Dance, Creative Movement*

Get ready for high energy dance mixed with exercise moves and small obstacle courses. Miss Angela plays a variety of pop, hip-hop and dance music and incorporates limbo, hula hoops, jumps and fitness maneuvers to get students' bodies moving!

GAMES AND CRAFT PARTY (Chie) (5+)

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GAMES AROUND THE WORLD (Kimber) (5+) *Game Play & Strategy, Social Studies, World Cultures*

A cool class where we play games... Join us on an epic trip around the world as we explore wonderful games from different cultures, and countries. In this exciting class, students will discover the pure fun and extraordinary variety of ways people come together and play. Some games, like Checkers, Chess, Backgammon and Mancala, have been played for over 1500 years. Exploring these and more, students will learn the rules- and discover why certain games have "stood the test of time". Focusing primarily on grid and board games that require strategy and forward thinking, students will practice fair game play, "cause and effect", "next step" planning, diplomacy and critical thinking. Is it luck, knowledge or skill that makes a game enjoyable and rewarding? How are games like Alquerque, Pente and Go similar? What does it mean to "squaffle"? How do you play Len Choa from Thailand or Mu Torere from New Zealand? And what on earth is a Grognard? How do certain countries and cultures use games in rituals, traditions and holidays? Using all of their play practice, discoveries and "universal game appeal", students will then create their very own board games. Let the games begin!

GOJU RYU KARATE (Sensei Mallica) (5-7) *Physical Education*

Discipline, attentiveness, and fun are our goals! Your child will practice exercises that will develop physical strength, agility, and mental capacity – through running, jumping, and playing. Karate promotes healthy physical and mental activities for your child, and is fun because they are learning through play and discipline.

HIKER'S AND WORLD VISIONARIES (Shirley, Chie & Celestine) (5-7)

Welcome to Hikers Club and Visionaries! We have so many more places around the world to visit! Right here in our LA backyard we can find almost every culture, art, and experience represented, so let's lace up and head out! As we unplug from technology, we will be creating memories on our journey. It is important for kids to have fun, stay outdoors, and explore.

INVENTOR WHO? (Nathan) (5-8) *Science, History*

Have you ever been inspired to create your own invention? Inventors have changed the world and come in all shapes, ages, and sizes. You could be the next person to change the world and it's not even that hard! You just have to be curious, brave, and resilient and you could be the next Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla, or Leonardo da Vinci! In this class students will study the work of pioneers who have shaped our lives in a variety of fields and then use this knowledge to create our own inventions! At the end of the semester we will be hosting our own inventor's workshop

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where students will showcase their work!

KID'S HISTORY!! (Charisse) (5-7) *History*

The passage of time often has a way of rewriting history. Kid History will be a mini series put on by our Realmers. Where our Realmers will re-enact famous events in history as told by our animated realmers as storytellers. Each class takes a tour of a U.S. city to explore stories and people from its rich past. Those stories are related in fun and animated ways by realm narrators and performed by an all-star cast from the REALM. Figures such as Teddy Roosevelt, Booker T Washington, and Lewis and Clark are profiled, as are seminal moments like the Battle of the Alamo, Watergate, and the Scopes Monkey Trial.

KILLER KARAOKE (Shirley) (5+) *Singing*

When children take part in Killer Karaoke they are able to sing any song that they want to share with the group. It is great to do in pairs, groups, or even solos. Killer Karaoke is a non judgemental space where kids can practice singing and the act of expression. We will be singing, dancing, creating memories, expressing our emotions through music, and more. Come and join some after school fun!

MENTAL MATH 1 (Joe) (6-8) *Math, Problem Solving*

Adding, Subtracting, Doubling, Tripling, Quadrupling, and beginning Multiplication

This class focuses on developing students' analytic and sequential thinking through mental computation, memorization and gameplay. Mental Math 1 focuses primarily on addition, subtraction, doubling, and some preliminary multiplication. Students will learn basic methods of mental calculation. Students will practice holding numbers in their heads while doing two, three-step problems. Each class period will start with a warm up exercise presenting a new concept, application or technique and then we'll practice our skills through gameplay.

Students who have taken this class will be able to think better!

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION (Jimmy) (5-8) *Mindfulness, Social/Emotional*

Welcome to Square One of education - learning about yourself. Students will get in touch with their relationship to themselves, the world, and others through fun, awareness-building exercises. Students will gain tools for their 'toolbox' to make a solid foundation of self from which to grow and learn through the rest of school and life. REALM kids will learn how to deal with sensory experience, thoughts, mind-body connection, and stay in the moment. PBS (Pause, Breathe, Smile), Affirmation, Positive Self-Talk and Compassion are some of the mindfulness tools students come away with. Meditation here becomes accessible and useful. Meditations include breathing skills, listening skills, body scans, visualizations, and even some guided meditations lead by students. Accompanying our practice is role-playing games, reflective artistic endeavors in line with the week's lesson, some yoga and stretching, mindful eating, and sometimes even tea. Also included are Zen shorts and a whole lot of smiles :)

MINI-EARNEST ECOLOGISTS (Linda) (5-7) *Science*

Life hangs in a careful, somewhat precarious, ever changing balance. This balance is maintained through a myriad of cycles and interactions. None of us exist in a vacuum. We are part of an interconnected web of life. The elements of

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the Earth itself participate in this cyclic dance. We will seek to gain a deeper understanding of many of these cycles, levels of homeostasis, and intricate relationships between living things and their environment through scientific experiments, games, and art. We will endeavor to understand our place in the natural world and our impact on it.

MINI-SOCCER & MORE! (Celestine) (5-8) *Physical Education*

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THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP (Scarlett) (5-7) *Social Studies*

Just like making a delicious and nutritious fruit salad you have to have the just right ingredients. You can say that friendships are similar. Together we can learn the right ingredients to make fulfilling friendships. Let's celebrate our differences and cultivate an environment where you will feel welcome.

REALM BISTRO (Nathan) (5-7) *Practical Life Skills, Math, Organization*

Let's open up our own restaurant! I truly believe that everyone should work in a restaurant for at least a full year in their lives. In many cases people who do work in this industry gain important life skills including time management, focus, multitasking, organization, teamwork, mathematics, and so much more! Students will practice adding checks, applying taxes, writing down orders, measuring portions, working in sanitary conditions, creating menus, food safety, and delivering amazing service with authentic smiles! At the end of the semester we will actually open a real restaurant at the Realm for family and friends to come and enjoy the fruits of our labors!

REALM COUNCIL: EVENT PLANNERS (Chie) (5+)

Dances and fundraising ideas... LETS GO!

This semester retakes up the school year but before we make that leap we have to plan the dance!

ROOTS AND BRANCHES - MONDAY (5-7) *Multi-Subject*

- **Literacy Playground** (Scarlett & Charisse) - As our blossoming readers and writers transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn," reading comprehension and writing craft take center stage. Students will learn to monitor their comprehension using fun strategies and helpful tools that can be applied beyond the classroom. Learning to engage with text as readers will also inspire our growing writers as we study the craft of mentor authors in powerful children's literature. We invite students to dive a little deeper into your reading and writing life, and to empower themselves towards independence!

In our writers' workshop, kids will gain a new awareness and appreciation for the small everyday moments of our lives that are worthy of an "author's eye" retelling. Published authors will be our mentors as we share books that ignite our memories of people, places and events that have helped to shape our young lives. We will explore memories connected to emotions as we practice telling "the inside story," stretching our writing with vivid detail. To support this delicate stage of a writer's growth, we will explore the parts of the writing process, providing helpful strategies for gathering and developing ideas, drafting, revising and editing. We will also foster connection as we share our human experience stories in our writers' celebration at the end of the session.

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- **Mega Math** (Shirley & Charisse) - In this class students will be strengthening their math skills with Beast Academy. This can involve mini-lessons, games, activities, and students working on their math workbooks that are determined to grow their mathematical foundation. We will be going over early skills all the way to double digits depending on the child's skill set. They will understand the number line, addition, subtraction, counting strategies, and more. After their hard work they will be getting a well deserved break.
- **What Would You Do? Ethics & Problem Solving** (Scarlett & Charisse) - What would you do if you took a class that helps evaluate your actions, choices, and decisions through silly acting and fun group activities. As a class we get to create and role play through scenarios that help us seek the truth, keep our promises, and help someone in need. Uncomfortable moments are inevitable but developing skills like respect, empathy, and compassion can make the moment significant.

ROOTS AND BRANCHES - TUESDAY (5-7) Multi-Subject

- **Literacy Playground** (Jessie & Charisse) - As our blossoming readers and writers transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn," reading comprehension and writing craft take center stage. Students will learn to monitor their comprehension using fun strategies and helpful tools that can be applied beyond the classroom. Learning to engage with text as readers will also inspire our growing writers as we study the craft of mentor authors in powerful children's literature. We invite students to dive a little deeper into your reading and writing life, and to empower themselves towards independence!

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- **Dino Days** (Nathan) - Let's step back in time and meet some of the Earth's first dominant creatures! It seems like every couple of months we meet new, incredible types of dinosaurs through the work of paleontologists around the world! Let's join these scientists and investigate what the world was like when dinosaurs roamed and what clues they've left behind that tell us their stories! We will study what the Earth was like, the creatures that lived here, and what happened to pave the way for the human takeover of the planet!
- **Sports and Games** (Rashad) - Let's get out in the field and play some games! Students will play soccer, baseball, flag football, capture the flag, and a variety of other games that will get their blood pumping and provide that perfect break from the classroom. This class focuses on physical activity, health, sportsmanship, fun, and playing within the rules!

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- **The World We Live In** (Chie & Charisse) - Where do we fit in in this big world around us? How much space do we occupy on a daily level with the choices we make starting with simply brushing our teeth. Where did our toothpaste come from? In this class we will talk about molding what that looks like to benefit, not just us, but our planet as well. We will learn and start to understand the beauty of fair trade.
- **Hidden Gems Adventures** (Chie & Charisse)

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- **Mini-Mind Odyssey & Mega Challenges** (Scarlett & Chie)

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- **Get Up and Get Down: Singing, Dancing, Drama** (Scarlett)

STORYTELLERS IN ESPAÑOL (Scarlett) (5-8) *Spanish*

What if instead of Little Red Riding Hood going to visit her grandmother in the woods, she went to visit her on an island instead, and instead of the Big Bad Wolf it was a... Let's rewrite and retell the classics like La Caperucita Roja together, with a twist, in Español! What's Spanish writing without dramatic acting? We can look forward to turning one of our rewritten stories into a drama packed Soap Opera. Grab your pencil and notebook, you have a story to direct!