



# AFTERSCHOOL

ONLINE AFTER-SCHOOL COURSE GUIDE  
FALL 2020

**Avenues**  
THE WORLD SCHOOL

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# After-School Introduction

## WELCOME!

Welcome to Avenues After School! Each semester, we aim to deliver a dynamic catalog of courses, leagues and programs that transcend the school day, allowing students to remain connected through discovery and play—all delivered by our Avenues faculty, staff and valued partners. This year, our online programs are open to families outside the Avenues day program. Programs run Monday through Friday for nursery through grade 12, with the bulk of the programs geared to Nursery - Grade 5.

In true Avenues fashion, we continue to reflect and improve upon the distance learning experience, and are fully confident that our programs will deliver an unparalleled online experience for your children. This catalog provides the options available to your family starting this September. Please take some time to review our offerings with your children to discuss what courses align with their interests and your family's schedule. The catalog is dynamic, in the sense that pages are linked for quick and simple navigation. The Index on page 2 will help you become familiar with catalog sections and at the bottom of each page are links to the registration page or back to the index.

We look forward to seeing you this fall,

The Extended Learning Team

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## Program “Quick Looks”

**After School programs** are available for students in nursery through grade 12, Monday through Friday between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. All programs listed below fall under the after-school umbrella. All programs, with the exception of Private Care will be provided online this fall. We will communicate our plans for Spring later into the fall semester. Programs are open to Avenues and beyond, unless noted otherwise in the descriptions below.

**OUR PROGRAMS**     **PRIVATE LESSONS** include both Private Music Lessons as well as Private Chess Lessons.

**Private Music Lessons** offer one-on-one musical instruction for 40 minutes each week. Lessons are available for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Each student is carefully paired with an experienced instructor who tailors the curriculum to their skill level. Based on their grade, students can choose from over many musical instruments including piano, violin, guitar, voice, trumpet, clarinet, flute, saxophone, conga and drums.

**Private Chess Lessons** offer one-on-one chess lessons for 45 minutes. Lessons are available for students in pre-k through grade 12 and will be custom-made for each child. Whether students are brand-new to the game and would like a low-stress, perfectly paced introduction or are highly-rated and looking for a greater challenge, this is a wonderful option to be fully immersed in all things chess.

**SPECIALTY CLASSES** are open to students in nursery through grade 5 and meet one day per week for the semester. Classes cover a wide variety of experiences, including dance, art, cooking, sports and more. The costs vary from class to class. ELC and Lower Division classes run from 4:00–5:30 p.m. (duration may vary depending on subject). Courses are created and delivered by Avenues teachers and our valued partners. All specialty classes for fall 2020 will be delivered through Zoom. Materials, platforms and apps specific to courses will be provided by the school.

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# Private Lesson Information

## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Private Music Lessons (PML) offer one-on-one musical instruction for 40 minutes each week. Lessons are available starting in kindergarten, with piano only. Students and families commit to the entire academic year to ensure the highest quality of musical education. Every student is carefully paired by the PML coordinator with an experienced instructor who tailors the curriculum to each student. Students gain confidence through performance experience in a safe and supportive environment. If it is recommended by their instructor, students have the opportunity to perform in a recital twice per year in the Black Box Theater; once in December and once in June. All students will participate in a winter and spring recital.

## EXPECTATIONS

Students must have an instrument to use at home throughout the school year. Information about purchase and rental options are made available by emailing us at [musiclessons-ny@avenues.org](mailto:musiclessons-ny@avenues.org). For musical success, students should practice for 15–45 minutes, three to five times per week. This amount will vary depending on the student's age and level of playing. Each student's music and notebook must be used during each lesson. The most effective practice is with an adult. Even if that adult doesn't play music, a little cheerleading goes a long way! Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend their child's lesson during Visitation Week. This is a great opportunity to communicate with their child's music instructor.

Private Music Lessons are traditionally a one-year commitment. Given our unique circumstances of the 2020–21 school year, we will be registering students for the fall semester only. Registration for spring will be included in the spring catalog (return students will be given priority registration).

## REGISTRATION

Parents should contact Lila Pollack, the PML coordinator, at [musiclessons-ny@avenues.org](mailto:musiclessons-ny@avenues.org) and send the following information about their child: grade, instrument, experience and preferred day/time. Ms. Pollack will then carefully pair each student with an instructor. Once a lesson time has been assigned by the coordinator, parents will receive instructions and a link to register. When payment is received, the student's lesson time is confirmed and families will be sent an introduction to their child's assigned instructor. Private Music Lessons are \$87/ per lesson and the total cost will differ depending on the day of the week.

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# Private Lesson Information

## PRIVATE CHESS LESSONS

Private Chess Lessons are open to students in Pre-K through grade 12. They will be hosted once per week in 45 min blocks. Lessons are delivered by Growing Minds, who lead our after school chess classes and team coaching.

## EXPECTATIONS

Each lesson will be custom-made for your child based on skill level and experience. Whether they're brand-new and would like a low-stress, perfectly paced introduction to the game or are highly-rated and looking for a greater challenge, this is a great option.

## REGISTRATION

Parents should contact our chess coordinators at [chess@avenues.org](mailto:chess@avenues.org) and send the following information about their child:

- + grade
- + experience
- + preferred day/time

Once a lesson time has been assigned by the coordinator, parents will receive instructions on how to register. When payment is received, the student's lesson time is confirmed and families will be sent an introduction to their child's assigned instructor.

## TUITION

\$150 / per lesson  
45 min blocks

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# EARLY LEARNING CENTER

## ONLINE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### SPECIALTY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

# Early Learning Center Schedule

ELC Specialty Classes run from September 21 through December 11.

All classes begin at 4:00 P.M. unless otherwise labeled, and are approximately 30-40 minutes. Additional information will be sent from the instructor prior to the start of the course.

Price is dependent upon the number of classes on that day.

[Click](#) the class below to find our more!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Science Fun</b> Crosby Kindergarten  \$750.00	<b>Ballet</b> Broadway Bound Kids Nursery  \$900.00	<b>Music and Movement</b> Broadway Bound Kids Nursery  \$825.00	<b>Imagine That</b> Child's Play Nursery  \$750.00	<b>Imagine That</b> Child's Play Nursery  \$825.00
<b>Learn Spanish While You Sing</b> Wenger Nursery-Pre-K  \$750.00	<b>Curious Clouds</b> Patwa Nursery  \$900.00	<b>Ballet</b> Broadway Bound Kids Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$825.00	<b>Music and Movement</b> Broadway Bound Kids Nursery  \$750.00	<b>Music and Movement</b> Broadway Bound Kids Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$825.00
<b>After School WAM</b> King and Munick Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$750.00	<b>Intro to Chess</b> Growing Minds Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$900.00	<b>Mini Musical: NYC Kids</b> Child's Play Pre-K  \$825.00	<b>Intro to Chess</b> Growing Minds Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$750.00	<b>The Solar Terms and Lives (节气与生活)</b> Ma Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$825.00
<b>Chess 1</b> Growing Minds Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$750.00	<b>Chess 1</b> Growing Minds Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$900.00	<b>Superheros on Stage</b> Child's Play Kindergarten  \$825.00	<b>Science Fun</b> Crosby Kindergarten  \$750.00	<b>Ozobots</b> Manhattan House of Robotics Kindergarten  \$935.00
<b>Mini Musical: Wizard of Oz</b> Child's Play Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$750.00	<b>The Solar Terms and Lives (节气与生活)</b> Ma Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$900.00	<b>Chess 2</b> Growing Minds Kindergarten  \$825.00	<b>Chinese Storytime</b> Wang Kindergarten  \$750.00	<b>Mini Musical: NYC Kids</b> Child's Play Kindergarten  \$825.00
<b>Game Time with Ms. Patwa</b> Patwa Nursery  \$750.00	<b>Young Architects</b> Komarin Kindergarten  \$900.00		<b>Carnival of Animals</b> Child's Play Pre-K-Kindergarten  \$750.00	<b>Songwriting in Spanish</b> Wenger Kindergarten  \$825.00

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# Early Learning Center Specialty Classes

## Science Fun

Kelli Crosby

**Monday, Thursday**

- Kindergarten

Students will meet with Professor Gal Apagos on Zoom for chemistry experiments, engineering and nature projects. We will explore with books and movie clips and share ideas and observations. Students will create their own science journal to organize everything they've learned! Students should have access to scissors, hole punch, masking tape, crayons or markers, painting shirt or smock. Kits will be sent home with special materials for each project including handouts for your journal, ingredients for experiments, materials for building and nature artifacts.

## Learn Spanish While You Sing

Gisela Justicia Weng

**Monday**

- Nursery
- Pre-K

Students have the opportunity to explore the basics of the Spanish language through song! They will become familiar with greetings, colors, numbers, days of the week and more.

## After School WAM

Ryan King and Lauren Munick

**Monday**

- Pre-K
- Kindergarten

The class will address health and fitness-related components, as well as skill development in a variety of sports and movement-based activities. Our aim is to help students master their fundamental movement capabilities and athletic skills that allow them to move confidently, and with control, in a wide range of physical activities. Coordinated movement, speed, balance, bodily awareness, dynamic stability and flexibility, and core strength are challenged during each unit. Additionally, during modified games, sportsmanship, sharing, and positive attitudes are modeled and encouraged. All lessons emphasize the importance of physical activity and safety, as well as creativity, problem-solving and fun.

## Chess 1 with Growing Minds

Growing Minds

**Monday, Tuesday**

- Pre-K
- Kindergarten

Chess 1 with Growing Minds will introduce piece movement, chess notation and coordinates, and familiarize students with all of the basic chess rules. Students will learn how to build a strategic foundation and execute it for different parts of the game. This class is recommended for students who are either entirely new to chess or have had light previous experience. Students will be able to play a legal game of chess at the conclusion of each class, and will receive a complimentary Chessmatec membership, where they can continue to practice their chess skills outside of the classroom.

## Mini Musical: Wizard of Oz

Child's Play

**Monday**

- Kindergarten

Let's go "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" together in this beautiful re-imagination of the classic L. Frank Baum story. Get interviewed in a Munchkin talk-show about your special profession and how you really feel about the Witch. Explore the different physical lives of Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion while learning their signature songs. Perform a very special task in order to make it back home to Kansas or NYC! Students will work on a specific show and use its plot as a springboard for their own mini-plays. Through improvisation and creative movement, they'll flex their imaginative muscles. Students will learn the basics of vocal warm-ups, character development, singing and choreography from our expert teachers. The unique blend of play and performance will be showcased in a final "sharing" for friends and family.

## Game Time with Ms. Patwa

Mekta Patwa

\*4:30 p.m. start time

**Monday**

- Nursery

Playing games not only allows students to take a break, but it also provides a unique context and platform to practice new skills! Join us in this new online/remote opportunity to play together as well as socialize. We will learn life skills such as waiting, taking turns, problem solving strategies and being able to think out of the box

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# Early Learning Center Specialty Classes

## **Ballet**

Broadway Bound Kids

### **Tuesday**

- Nursery

### **Wednesday**

- Pre-K
- Kindergarten

This fun-filled class introduces young students to ballet. Students will develop poise, flexibility, balance and strength while acquiring new dance vocabulary. We will practice movement combinations, and learn new choreography at every class.

## **Curious Clouds**

Mekta Patwa

\*4:30 p.m. start time

### **Tuesday**

- Nursery

Often, we notice students looking at the sky and the clouds. Join us and explore questions such as 'what are clouds?' and 'why do they float?' and move? Hmm.. together we will bring out all the questions about clouds. There are so many fun songs, books and activities that can help us answer all our questions. By the end students will not only know all the basics but they will be able to share few cloud facts.

## **Intro to Chess**

Growing Minds

### **Tuesday, Thursday**

- Pre-K
- Kindergarten

Intro to Chess is a fun, interactive introduction to chess for young students. Instructors will teach piece movement and basic rules using stories, analogies and child-friendly games, specifically created for this age group. One of the highlights of our program is the Trading Game, developed by Tomo Fukui, in which each piece is assigned a value and the children determine what constitutes a good trade (i.e. Bishop vs. Rook, Knight vs. Queen, etc.). This game empowers students to move or sacrifice pieces for a better overall position, helps them develop critical thinking skills and lays a foundation for long-term strategic planning. As part of the class, each student will receive a complimentary Chessmatec membership, where they can continue to practice their chess skills outside of the classroom.

## **The Solar Terms and Lives (节气与生活)**

Yiming Ma

### **Tuesday, Friday**

- Pre-K
- Kindergarten

Based on their observations of nature and the changing seasons, the ancient Chinese came up with solar terms and connected them to their daily lives. The solar terms are 24 periods in traditional Chinese lunisolar calendars which match particular astronomical events or signify some natural phenomenon. Through this class, students will learn about weather, food, nature, arts and more, and will directly apply Chinese language learning with real-life experiences.

## **Young Architects**

Jenna Komarin

### **Tuesday**

- Kindergarten

Students will be exposed to and explore a variety of architectural styles throughout history from ancient times to the present day. We will read books, watch videos, take virtual museum and neighborhood tours, speak with an architect, and study photographs of structures and design elements from around the world. Students will learn to draw up their own blueprints and build structures using open-ended materials such as cardboard, legos, blocks, popsicle sticks and clay. The class will culminate with each student creating a master building project.

## **Music and Movement**

Broadway Bound Kids

### **Wednesday, Thursday**

- Nursery

### **Friday**

- Pre-K
- Kindergarten

This exciting class is an interactive journey of song and dance to introduce young students to the performing arts. Join us and explore the connection between music and movement.

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# Early Learning Center Specialty Classes

## **Mini Musical: NYC Kids**

Child's Play

**Wednesday**

· Pre-K

**Friday**

· Kindergarten

Adventure with us from the Upper West Side all the way down to Annie's orphanage on the Lower East Side. Students will play tricks on Miss Hannigan and give their regards to Broadway! Using theater games and improv, students will learn the plot and score from New York City-based shows, as well as develop their own mini-plays using the classics as a springboard. Students develop their musicality and most importantly their creativity as they play inside these classic shows.

## **Superheroes on Stage**

Child's Play

**Wednesday**

· Kindergarten

What's that up in the air? It's a bird...it's a plane...no, it's...A Super Kid! Whether your powers make you fly, dance or save the world, this class is for you. Through play and performance, we will explore magical creatures and characters with super-abilities!

## **Chess 2 with Growing Minds**

Growing Minds

**Wednesday**

· Kindergarten

Chess 2 is a continuation of Chess 1 and is recommended for students who are comfortable with piece movement and basic strategy. Our instructors will introduce students to the different parts of a chess game, including basic openings, how and when to capture pieces, and recognizing checkmates. Students will also build a foundation in tactics, critical thinking and pattern recognition. They will gain the ability to practice with one another in our private online chess arena, while the coach oversees the class and provides tips and pointers. Students will receive a complimentary ChessMatec subscription, where they can practice in between classes while the instructor oversees their progress. Prerequisite: Students should have completed ELC Chess 1 or have similar experience

## **Imagine That**

Child's Play

**Tuesday, Friday**

· Nursery

Let your imagination run wild as we delight in dramatic play, songs, creative movement and storytelling. Using our bodies, voices and minds, we will reinterpret classic and contemporary children's literature and use them to inspire our own creative adventures. Simple props and costumes will help bring characters to life. Connections are made to the world around us through story and play. Have fun as we put incredible characters into real-life scenarios! A princess hails a cab in Brooklyn... a shark needs to visit the dentist...a superhero visits the grocery store to power-up...a pirate wants a play date with YOU!

## **Chinese Storytime**

Wang

**Thursday**

· Kindergarten

Chinese Storytime is an activity where students can expand their target language repertoire and enrich the understanding of the Chinese language by reading a variety of storybooks in their target language. During read-alouds, students will engage in higher-order thinking and understanding, problem-solving and coping with challenges. Students will also have opportunities to acquire Chinese through inquiries and conversations.

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# Early Learning Center Specialty Classes

## **Carnival of Animals**

Child's Play

**Thursday**

- Pre-K
- Kindergarten

Students get in touch with their inner “wild thing” and let free their dramatic imaginations using the animal kingdom as inspiration. Our adventures are based on classic stories like the Anansi legends and Aesop's fables as well as contemporary tales like Circus Ship and Skippy Jon Jones. Storytelling through creative movement plays a key part in our adventuring. We use the orchestrations of “Carnival of Animals” by Camille Saint-Saëns as well as Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev to explore character and make exciting discoveries about ourselves and our animal friends. The final class is open to friends and family to share improvisations, theater games and our animal-movement stories!

## **Ozobots**

Manhattan House of Robotics

**Friday**

- Kindergarten

In this class, students will combine robotics, coding and art, with Ozobot, a tiny, fun robot that fits in your hand! This bot can be coded screen-free, using only sensors. Together students will focus on screen-free coding and will have access to resources to code away from screens. Ozobot is the perfect start for any student interested in engaging with robotics in a creative and artistic way. At the end of class, student will have their very own Ozobot to keep.

## **Songwriting in Spanish**

Cisela Justicia Wenger

**Friday**

- Kindergarten

Students will learn how to use their unique vocal skills to their full potential and express themselves in their target language! We will cover the basic elements of songwriting composition and music such as: rhythm, song structure, melody and dynamics through play in Spanish!

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## LOWER DIVISION

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# Lower Division Schedule

LD Specialty Classes run from September 14 through December 11.

All classes begin at 4:00 P.M. and are approximately 40-60 minutes unless otherwise specified. Additional information will be delivered from the instructor prior to the start of the course. Price is dependent upon the number of classes on that day.

[Click](#) the class below to find out more!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Ozobots</b> Manhattan House of Robotics Grades 1-3  \$935.00	<b>Afterschool WAM</b> King Grades 1-2  \$975.00	<b>Chess 2</b> Growing Minds Grades 1-5 *90 minutes  \$900.00	<b>Chess: Tactics</b> Growing Minds Grades 1-5  \$900.00	<b>Mythical Magic</b> May Grades 1-2 *4:30 start time \$825.00
<b>Mini Model UN</b> SPARK Business Academy Grades 1-2  \$825.00	<b>Cocina De Amigos</b> Vivar Grades 1-2  \$975.00	<b>Chess 3</b> Growing Minds Grades 1-5 *90 mins  \$900.00	<b>Read Aloud and Create Aloud</b> Hyman Grades 1-2  \$900.00	<b>That's Hilarious</b> Child's Play Grades 1-3  \$825.00
<b>Teatro de Titeres</b> Rauseo Grades 1-2  \$825.00	<b>Learn and Draw: The World's Cutest Animals</b> May Grades 1-3 *4:30 start time \$975.00	<b>Chess 4</b> Growing Minds Grades 1-5 *90 mins  \$900.00	<b>Money Matters</b> SPARK Business Academy Grades 1-2  \$900.00	<b>Chinese Food Scavenger Hunt</b> Qiu Grades 3-4  \$825.00
<b>Kitty Club: All Things Cats</b> May Grades 1-2 *4:30 start time  \$825.00	<b>Science Fun</b> Crosby Grades 1-3  \$975.00	<b>Read Aloud and Create Aloud</b> Hyman Grades 1-2 *5:00 P.M. start  \$900.00	<b>Cocina De Amigos</b> Vivar Grades 1-2  \$900.00	<b>Architecture and Design</b> ARDE Grades 3-5  \$825.00
<b>Chess 1</b> Growing Minds Grades 1-2  \$825.00	<b>Chess 1</b> Growing Minds Grades 3-5  \$975.00	<b>Hip Hop</b> Broadway Bound Kids Grades 1-2  \$900.00	<b>Shakespeare in Play</b> Child's Play Grades 1-3  \$900.00	
<b>Chess 1</b> Growing Minds Grades 3-5  \$825.00	<b>Ozobots</b> Manhattan House of Robotics Grades 1-3  \$1,105.00	<b>Aquatic Avengers</b> New York Aquarium Grades 1-2  \$900.00	<b>Debate Club</b> SPARK Business Academy Grades 3-5  \$900.00	
<b>Genius Hour- My First Chinese Research Book</b> Qui Grades 3-4  \$825.00	<b>DJ and Music Makers</b> NOISE212 Labs Grades 2-4  \$1,105.00	<b>Hogwarts School</b> Child's Play Grades 1-3  \$900.00	<b>At Home Art Installation</b> May Grades 4-5 *4:30 start time \$900.00	
<b>Sports Management</b> SPARK Business Academy Grades 4-5  \$825.00	<b>Entrepreneurs Club</b> SPARK Business Academy Grades 3-5  \$975.00			

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## Lower Division Schedule (Cont'd)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Fencing</b> Longenbach Grades 4–5  \$825.00	<b>Movie Musicals</b> Broadway Bound Kids Grades 3–5  \$975.00	<b>Aspiring Fashionistas</b> SPARK Business Academy Grades 3–4  \$900.00	<b>Musica con Kim Vargas</b> Grades 3–5  \$900.00	
<b>Architecture and Design</b> ARDE Grades 3–5  \$825.00	<b>Ballet</b> Broadway Bound Kids Grades 3–5  \$900.00	<b>Sitting Still Like a Frog</b> Qiu Grades 3–4 *5:00 P.M. start  \$900.00		
<b>Sewing and Circuits</b> Manhattan House of Robotics Grades 3–5  \$825.00		<b>Singer-Songwriters</b> Broadway Bound Kids Grades 3–5  \$900.00		
		<b>Introduction to Digital Music with Garageband</b> Andres Grades 3–5  \$900.00		
		<b>Sewing and Circuits</b> Manhattan House of Robotics Grades 3–5  \$1,020.00		

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# Lower Division Specialty Classes

## **Ozobots**

Manhattan House of Robotics

**Monday, Tuesday**

• Grades 1–3

In this class, students will combine robotics, coding and art, with Ozobot—a tiny, fun robot that fits in your hand! This bot can be coded screen-free, using only sensors. Together students will focus on screen-free coding and will have access to resources to code away from screens. Ozobot is the perfect start for any student interested in engaging with robotics in a creative and artistic way. At the end of class, students will have their very own Ozobot to keep.

## **Mini Model UN**

SPARK Business Academy

**Monday**

• Grades 1–2

Students will develop a global mindset by exploring cultural differences across countries (languages, clothes, traditions), play geography games, learn about famous landmarks and world currencies. They will also enhance their public speaking and presentation skills in a fun and supportive environment and will have the opportunity to role-play as diplomats and brainstorm solutions to key global problems like hunger, poverty and pollution.

## **Teatro de Titeres**

Cristy Rauseo

**Monday**

• Grades 1–2

Students will speak, listen, read and write in Spanish in a fun and creative environment. They will read well-known stories to help them compose their own stories and bring unique, hand-made puppets to life! Students will retell stories in the target language by using their puppets, exchanging ideas, giving and receiving constructive feedback from their peers.

## **Kitty Club: All Things Cats**

Brooke May

\*4:30 start time

**Monday**

• Grades 1–2

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to foster kittens at your house? In this course we will look at what it takes to be a great foster-kitten parent! Bring your own pet cat (or stuffed animal) to be a special guest in this dynamic course and learn all about kitties. During this class we will learn about the history and biology of cats, how to care for them, and the best ways to build a relationship with a new cat. We will master the art of cats by drawing, painting and sculpting different felines. By the end of this course we will be experts on all things cats!

## **Chess 1**

Growing Minds Chess Academy

**Monday**

• Grades 1–2

**Monday, Tuesday**

• Grades 3–5

Chess 1 with Growing Minds will introduce piece movement, chess notation and coordinates, and familiarize students with all of the basic chess rules. Students will learn how to build a strategic foundation and execute it for different parts of the game. This class is recommended for students who are either entirely new to chess or have had light previous experience and want to build upon their introduction before they are ready for the next level. Students will be able to play a legal game of chess at the conclusion of each class. Students will receive a complimentary Chessmatec membership, where they can continue to practice their chess skills outside of the classroom.

## **Genius Hour: My First Chinese Research Book**

Ying Qiu

**Monday**

• Grades 3–4

What piques your curiosity? Is it the tallest skyscrapers in the world? The best baseball teams? The fastest sports car? Traveling?

We are going to teach you how to write a book about your favorite topic in Chinese! Students will learn efficient research strategies, and will have their very own book to share with family and friends.

## **Sports Management**

SPARK Business Academy

**Monday**

• Grades 4–5

For the sports lover, future team General Manager (GM), sports team owner, ESPN analyst or coach, this unique program helps students view the world of sports from a business perspective. Students actively discuss and analyze different topics, including player contracts, mock drafts, college sports, endorsements, the Nike vs. Under Armour competition, the Super Bowl, e-sports and more!

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# Lower Division Specialty Classes

## **Sewing and Circuits**

Manhattan House of Robotics

**Monday, Wednesday**

• Grades 3–5

Join our maker community and learn how to sew with electricity- conductive threads. Students will create fun accessories like hats and wristbands that are decorated with lights. Need a way to carry your personal protective equipment? In this class we will also be making a wristband holder that can attach to a watchband. It will be able to hold hand sanitizer, a mask and wipes! Students will be able to keep any creations they make and the spare electricity conducting thread!

## **Fencing - Get-Set LD**

Melanie Longenbach

**Monday**

• Grades 4–5

Students will learn how to create their own fencing warm-ups using their favorite fencing moves and techniques. Zoning in on your own style, strengths and goals before playing promotes preparedness for the best performance consistently. These warm-ups are designed and tailored to each student's individual needs.

## **Architecture and Design**

ARDE

**Monday, Friday**

• Grades 3–5

Students will be inspired to create, build, and learn through various design challenges. With the use of different types of media, young architects will construct architectural sketches, build bridges and furniture, create 3D models of their dream house, design street facades, parks and even cities! Students will become familiar with exciting terms and concepts such as classical Vitruvian Principles, UN Sustainable Development Goals and Green Design. They will learn about architectural composition, visual and spatial thinking, light and shadow concept, texture, balance, scale and much more!

## **After School WAM**

Ryan King

**Tuesday**

• Grades 1–2

This after school wellness and movement class will provide students with the knowledge, skills and values they need in order to become healthy and physically active for a lifetime. The class will address health and fitness-related components, as well as skill development in a variety of sports and movement-based activities. Our aim is to help students master their fundamental movement capacities and athletic skills that allow them to move confidently, and with control, in a wide range of physical activities. Coordinated movement, speed, balance, bodily awareness, dynamic stability

## **Cocina De Amigos**

Evelyn Viviar

**Tuesday, Thursday**

• Grades 1–2

Join us in discovering la cocina! In this course, students will make healthy choices with simple snacks. Students will learn how to prepare delicious guacamole, cook with various fruits, decorate cupcakes and more. We will also explore fun facts about food and making healthy choices. By the end of this course, students will walk away with many new recipes and amigos!

## **Learn & Draw: The World's Cutest Animals!**

Brooke May

\*4:30 start time

**Tuesday**

• Grades 1–3

In this hybrid art and science course, we will learn about some of the world's cutest animals! Each class we will learn about the science and history of a new critter. We will also create a draw and paint-a-long to learn how to make our own amazing artistic depictions. By the end of this course, we will be to showcase our beautiful art and knowledge about many different creatures.

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# Lower Division Specialty Classes

## Science Fun

Kelli Crosby

Tuesday

• Grades 1–3

Students will meet with Professor Gal Apagos on Zoom for chemistry experiments, engineering and nature projects. We will explore with books and movie clips and share ideas and observations. Students will create their own science journal to organize everything they've learned! Students should have access to scissors, hole punch, masking tape, crayons or markers, painting shirt or smock. Kits will be sent home with special materials for each project including handouts for your journal, ingredients for experiments, materials for building and nature artifacts.

## DJ & Music Makers

NOISE212 Labs

Tuesday

• Grades 2–4

DJ & Music Makers invites all students to play and build with various invention kits as they learn about fundamental music concepts. With a combination of hands-on activities and digital projects, each session engages students in the design process while discovering new ways to create and mix songs. From building circuits and writing block-based codes to digital mixing on a DJ app, students will produce a collection of inventions that they can use to explore their musical inspirations. Students will be mailed special invention kits and musical rings to use during and after the class!

## Entrepreneurs Club

SPARK Business Academy

Tuesday

• Grades 3–5

If you're a fan of the show "Shark Tank," then this interactive online program is for you! Join other intrepid students and learn what it takes to launch your own business. Students will embrace self-reliance and discover what motivates them by developing business skills in strategy, marketing and finance. They will choose an idea, learn how to develop a successful business plan and execute a pitch presentation at the end of the semester. Students will even create a real website and design their own business cards. Success is nothing without passion!

## Movie Musicals

Broadway Bound Kids

Tuesday

• Grades 3–5

This class explores the exciting fusion of musical theater and pop culture! Taking inspiration from favorites like Zombies, Descendants, The Greatest Showman, and many pop/rock/hip-hop musicals, students have the opportunity to create their own musical mashup! Students will receive training and learn how to express themselves through acting, singing and dancing and even create their own choreography!

## Ballet

Broadway Bound Kids

Tuesday

• Grades 3–5

This fun-filled class introduces young students to ballet. Students will develop poise, flexibility, balance and strength while acquiring new dance vocabulary. We will practice movement combinations, and learn new choreography at every class!

## Chess 2

Growing Minds  
(90 mins)

Wednesday

• Grades 1–5

LD Chess 2 is recommended for students who have mastered piece movement and captures, understand the basic rules and are looking to build upon this foundation. Students will explore basic tactics and strategy. We will also introduce chess notation, which teaches students how to understand and use chessboard coordinates while recording their moves. Students will learn how to construct and execute plans for different parts of the game. We will cover the rules used at most local chess tournaments, and introduce related topics such as good sportsmanship as students in this class often will play in Novice sections at local tournaments. Class time will be split between a review of the material covered the week before, a topic of the day, guided puzzle-solving and online play against classmates in our private online arena on lichess.org. Coaches will oversee the games and provide tips and pointers.

**Prerequisites:** Students should have completed at least a Chess 1 course or the equivalent.

## Chess 3

Growing Minds  
(90 mins)

Wednesday

• Grades 1–5

Chess 3 with Growing Minds is ideal for students with tournament experience and who are almost ready for or has begun rated play. Students should already be able to execute and understand the reasons for an opening, have a foundation in chess tactics, and plan a strategy to take them several moves ahead. The class will develop the students' ability to use openings, endgames, tactics and strategy. We also will discuss clock/time management, sportsmanship, and review tournament rules and scenarios. Students will gain the skills to compete against one another in a private online arena, monitored by the coaches.

**Prerequisites:** Students should have completed at least one of: Chess 2; Chess Tactics, or have equivalent experience/playing ability.

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# Lower Division Specialty Classes

## **Chess 4**

Growing Minds  
(90 mins)

**Wednesday**

• Grades 1–5

In Chess 4, students will practice using new tactical and strategic tools and be introduced to the concept of candidate moves. Students will also learn the importance of prophylaxis and signature squares on the chessboard. We will examine fascinating endgame studies in addition to the importance of the middlegame. Games will be reviewed by coaches and supplemental materials will be given following each class. This is a class for those who are looking to bring their chess game to the next level. Students will compete against one another in a private online arena, monitored by the coaches. Prerequisites: Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. Students must have a USCF rating of at least 600

## **Read Aloud and Create Aloud (Lectura en voz alta y creatividad en voz alta)**

Hyman

**Wednesday**

**\*5:00 P.M. start**

• Grades 1–2

**Thursday**

• Grades 1–2

Students will enjoy several interactive read alouds of renowned Spanish language picture books. We will explore a range of genres and topics, including dinosaurs, dreamers, Arturo Schomberg's life and work and the whimsical musing of Mo Willems' Piggy and Elephant. In addition to listening, thinking and speaking about stories read aloud, students will have the opportunity to create expressions of art, connections to the literature and storytelling through two- and three-dimensional projects. For example, students may use tissue paper and balloons to design actual flying "butterflies" like those found in Yuyi Morales' Dreamers or create a "life cycle" out of empty paper towel or toilet paper tubes inspired by Xelena González's All Around Us. Some students may decide to use their materials to create something unique and beyond the model. Students will continue to develop their listening and speaking skills in Spanish, while making connections to literature through projects and being inspired to create projects through literature.

## **Hip Hop**

Broadway Bound Kids

**Wednesday**

• Grades 1–2

Join us for our Virtual Hip Hop class! Students in this energetic class will learn the slickest of moves, drawing inspiration from classic Hip Hop, Street Jazz and Funk. This class explores rhythm, syncopation, and coordination, and includes fun and challenging choreography. In Hip Hop, all are invited to express themselves!

## **Aquatic Avengers**

New York Aquarium

**Wednesday**

• Grades 1–2

Join us and dive underwater with the New York Aquarium! Each week, students will virtually explore an exhibit at the New York Aquarium or meet one of our ambassador marine invertebrates up-close through their screen! They will engage in STEM challenges, crafts, games and activities connected to the exhibit of the day. Students have the opportunity to learn about aquatic animals and ocean habitat. By the end of this class students will feel inspired to help protect marine life as Aquatic Avengers!

## **Hogwarts School**

Child's Play NY

**Wednesday**

• Grades 1–3

Welcome to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! Join us as we use the "magic" of theater to explore the Wizarding World. We will use improvisation and theater games to spark creativity. Using the Harry Potter series as a springboard, we will work from scripts, develop characters and collaborate with actors and directors for a final showcase! Students will get to hone their writing and improv skills as they create plays based on their favorite

## **Aspiring Fashionistas**

SPARK Business  
Academy

**Wednesday**

• Grades 3–4

In this "glam" program, students gain knowledge of the fashion industry and develop skills in branding, marketing, fashion journalism and design. Students explore popular brands, analyze industry trends (e.g., athleisure), design various articles of clothing, define their own brand and more!

## **Sitting Still Like A Frog: A Moment of Mindfulness**

Ying Qiu

**\*5:00 start time**

**Wednesday**

• Grades 3–4

Throughout the day, we experience our moods rise and fall. We are going to embrace challenging, and uncertain changes that we all face and learn the tools to become more attentive, patient and kind to ourselves. We will practice mindfulness, an open and friendly willingness to understand what is going on in and around us.

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# Lower Division Specialty Classes

## **Singer-Songwriters**

Broadway Bound Kids

**Wednesday**

• Grades 3–5

Do you dream about becoming the next Alicia Keys or Ed Sheeran? In Singers and Songwriters, students will learn the mechanics and fundamentals of writing lyrics and composing melodies. They will discover how to tell a story through creating their own music. As a culminating project, each student will write and record their very own original tunes that they can keep forever!

## **Introduction To Digital Music with Garageband**

Joshua Andres

**Wednesday**

• Grades 3–5

Students will be introduced to the music production software, Garageband. As a precursor to the more advanced Logic Pro X, students will learn the basics of digital music production, and how to navigate the Apple music production interface that is similar to Logic Pro X. Topics will include intro to music theory and principles as they pertain to digital music, audio and MIDI recording, song-structure and more. Each student will have the opportunity to compose their own musical creation!

## **Chess: Tactics**

Growing Minds Chess Academy

**Thursday**

• Grades 1–2

Chess: Thursday Tactics with Growing Minds will solely focus on learning chess tactics. Tactics are an integral part of chess and occur throughout all phases of the game. This dynamic class will focus on common tactics such as pins, forks, skewers, double attacks, deflections, discovered checks and mating attacks. Each week we will prepare a variety of puzzles and chess brainteasers, so that students at all playing levels will be challenged and engaged. This class encourages imaginative chess play, and is ideal for a student who has mastered piece movement and the basic rules, may have tournament experience, and who enjoys working on puzzles and exercising creativity. Prerequisites: Students should have completed Chess 1 or have equivalent experience

## **Money Matters**

SPARK Business Academy

**Thursday**

• Grades 1–2

Earn, save, spend, donate! Let's learn about money! This innovative program provides a solid foundation on financial literacy for students in a fully interactive online setting. Games and hands-on activities help students internalize key concepts (like money, budgeting and saving) in a fun and supportive environment that fosters teamwork.

## **Shakespeare in Play**

Child's Play

**Thursday**

• Grades 3–4

Students will learn the plots of famous plays and act out the salient points of character and through long-form improvisations. They will also commit to memory short passages and scenes from plays. This instills the children with cultural references from the wisdom of plays—like A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest, Macbeth, and Romeo and Juliet—that they will utilize for years to come. Games surrounding the characters and their conflicts, desires and stories make the class an incredibly joyous exploration of both theater and Shakespeare.

## **Debate Club**

SPARK Business Academy

**Thursday**

• Grades 3–5

Students learn the art of persuasion and select debate topics they find interesting. Students work in rotating groups and practice their debating skills in a supportive environment, including developing arguments, issuing rebuttals, providing examples, rebuilding their case and summarizing points of view. Students learn to think on their feet and enhance their public-speaking skills, gaining self-confidence in the process.

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# Lower Division Specialty Classes

## **At-Home Art Installation: Create Your Own World**

Brooke May

\*4:30 start time

Thursday

• Grades 4–5

Do you dream of creating your own scene from an imaginary world? Are you amazed by large-scale art installations? If you have an open corner in your house to create something BIG, then this class is for you! Art Installation is art, math, science, engineering and problem-solving all rolled into one. In this course students will learn to plan, design, create and install a large-scale, three-dimensional art installation project. We will work together to troubleshoot installation problems, and learn different techniques to safely and effectively install your materials.

## **Música con Kim**

Kimberly Vargas

Thursday

• Grades 3–5

Students will learn and practice their language skills through songs in Spanish. They will be exposed to different musical genres played around the world and interact with sounds, lyrics, applause and musical dynamics that will help the child to awake interest in music or some musical instrument. The language of music is taught in Spanish and helps to stimulate the child's love of learning!

## **Mythical Magic: A Unicorn, Fairy, and Mermaid Art Adventure!**

Brooke May

\*4:30 start time

Wednesday, Friday

• Grades 1–2

Join us in our exploration of mythical creatures through drawing, painting and reading. We will learn about the origins of unicorns, mermaids and fairies. Together we will listen to stories and complete fun art projects to learn how to artistically express ourselves. By the end of this course, we will be ready to teach our family and friends about some of the best mythical creature stories out there.

## **That's Hilarious**

Child's Play

Friday

• Grades 1–3

Students find their funny bone in this creative way into acting and improv technique. Scenes are carefully selected for each young actor from a range of classical and contemporary plays. Students learn the tools to think on their feet, listen and respond with wit and be creative in the moment, all while practicing being spontaneous and collaborative. From pure silliness to sophisticated wit, children will have a great time turning their sense-of-humor into craft.

## **Chinese Foodies' Scavenger Hunt**

Ying Qiu

Friday

• Grades 3–4

Food in China! Learning about and experiencing food is the most direct way of getting to know the culture and people. Not only will we know the names of the most famous Chinese dishes, but we'll learn how they are made, where you can find them in NYC, and how you can order it in the most native way!

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# Policies and Procedures

## REGISTRATION

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Pro Tip:** Check the link registration link and your internet connectivity prior to the registration window. We are unable to accommodate student placement based on unforeseen internet connectivity challenges.

In order to best manage the flow of registrants, we will host 3 different time slots on:

Thursday, August 27.

- + Early Learning Center: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- + Lower Division: 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
- + Upper Division: 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

After the first day of enrollment, the program will open to all families from **Friday, August 28 through Monday, August 31.**

A late registration window is available from Tuesday, September 1 - Monday, September 7 (Students are welcome to enroll, however courses that require materials may have slight shipping delays).

The registration link can be found [here](#).

If a class you would like is full, we highly suggest adding your child's name to the waitlist. We will defer to the waitlist if a student decides to drop a course. It is also possible that another section of our classes will be opened if we have a full waitlist and instructor availability. We will make every effort to open additional sections to meet the demand. The After School team will notify you immediately via email if a space in the class becomes available. In addition, we also encourage you to enroll in a second-choice class in the event a space does not become available.

Upon registration of your class, you will receive an electronic confirmation notice listing classes in which your son or daughter is enrolled. There are no drop-in options for specialty enrichment classes, and students must register for the entire semester. All classes are contingent upon enrollment.

Please note: Registration is not complete until you have paid for the class in full. Course specific details will be emailed by your child's instructor prior to the first class.

## DROPPING CLASSES/ REFUNDS

If a student decides to drop a class before the first meeting, 75% of the course fee is refundable. If a class is dropped after the first class meeting, 50% of the course fee is refundable. There are no refunds after these times. This policy is based on scheduled class meetings, not classes attended by the student. There are no exceptions to this policy; please be familiar with the policy before registering your child for the classes.

## PRICING AND BILLING

Prices are available in the schedule view for ELC and LD classes. The cost of each class is based on the number of days it will run. All classes will be billed in full upon registration. There is a 2.3% credit card processing fee.

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