After School Program Enrichment Classes
Winter 2015 – January 12th to March 13th

Winter Enrichment Classes begin the week of January 12th and end March 13th (with the exception of Chess which begins on Friday, January 9th). The class fee covers all associated costs and is billed to your account at the end of January. Refunds are not given for missed classes or withdrawals.

Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Please note the grade level requirements for each class; this will not be modified. Classes fill quickly, so you are urged to register as soon as possible. Classes that do not meet the minimum enrollment will be cancelled; you will be notified via email and your account will not be charged.

To register, send an email to the After School Program Assistant, Beth Muszkiewicz, at bethm@emerson-school.org with your child’s name, grade, and desired classes.

Monday

**Build it Up, Break it Down – Grades 2-5**
In this brand new after school class, we’ll use an assortment of materials to build all sorts of creations. Discover the variety of construction skills needed for different projects and materials. From foam noodles to LEGO pieces, we’ll build it all up; and of course, what could be more fun than watching it all topple down?

Instructor: Simon Burchill, Summer at Emerson Instructor  
Class Limit: 14 students  
Day and Time: Monday 3:00-4:30pm  
Fee: $126  
Note: No class on Monday, January 19th

**Kids Zumba! – Grades K-3**
Zumba Kids combines fast and slow rhythms while using an aerobic & fitness approach to learning. Have your kids join our dynamic six-week Zumba Kids session. Your Zumba stars will learn dance moves choreographed to Latin based music. Together, we will play games and laugh while rocking out a fun workout. Dress in clothes to move!

Instructor: Peachy Fitness  
Class Limit: 15 students  
Day and Time: Monday 3:00-4:00pm  
Fee: $90  
Note: No class on January 12th or January 19th; this class begins January 26th.

Tuesday

**Duct Tape Creations – Grades K-2**
Ever want to create a picture using just tape? You can come explore that here. Whether we're making a picture on paper with tape rolls or creating a bag made solely out of sticky structures, you're sure to have a blast in this new class.
Capturing Your World: Identity through the Lens and Beyond – Grades 2-4
How do you see the world? In this class, each student will be given their own disposable camera to capture the world through their eyes. Using the cameras throughout their day to day life, the goal is for the students to document the things that inspire them or represent their life right now. With the developed photos, students will create a small series of works incorporating collage and drawing to express their point of view at this age.

Computer Music and Digital Audio Production - Grades 3-5
This brand new class is for students wanting to explore the creative possibilities of making music using digital technology. Together we will learn how to use a DAW (Digital Audio Workstation) to create songs and soundtracks appropriate for use with stories, illustrations, and other purposes. Bring your creative energy and a sense of fun as we make music together!

Robot Games – Grades 3-6
In this exciting new class, students will be introduced to the basics of programming using the Lego Mindstorms NXT robotics software and kit. Once we have established some of the fundamentals of programming, the games will begin! Soccer, golf, baseball and possibly even a little sumo battling will take place in this class! This is a fun new twist on robotics that incorporates programming challenges that are great for beginners and experienced students.

Wednesday

Storytelling with LEGO – Grades K-2
This new after school class will use the LEGO Education StoryStarter kits as a hands-on learning tool to enhance students’ reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. We will use LEGO building materials, minifigures and software to create our own stories. This course combines the fun of playing with LEGO blocks and the reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills that come with storytelling!

**Silver Scribes – Grades 3-5**
Calling all third, fourth, and fifth grade boys! Do you have a love for writing? If so, Silver Scribes is the club for you. Join us on Wednesday afternoons where we will model what authors do, share our writing, support each other, explore different genres of writing, and just plain have a great time working on our craft with friends. This pilot class is for males only; a female version is in the works for the future.

Instructor: Mrs. Chenier, Emerson 5th grade teacher  
Class Limit: 8 students  
Day and Time: Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm  
Fee: $104

**Group Initiative – Grades 3-8**
Build, fix, jump, stretch, and climb through an assortment of challenges and non-competitive games. Bring your unique talents to the group and work as a team to face the different obstacles that are put in your way. You will be amazed at the results when the group works together to overcome these challenges!

Instructor: Simon Burchill, Summer at Emerson Instructor  
Class Limit: 14 students  
Day and Time: Wednesday 3:00-4:30pm  
Fee: $144

**Inventor’s Workshop – Grades 4-8**
Inventor’s Workshop is a class for young people who are interested in designing and building an invention, which according to the U.S. Patent Office is “a new, useful process, machine, improvement, etc., that did not exist previously and that is recognized as the product of some unique intuition or genius, as distinguished from ordinary mechanical skill or craftsmanship.” Students will be given access to the necessary materials, supplies, and tools required to take an idea to the prototype stage.

Instructor: Mike Wilson, Emerson MS Science Teacher  
Class Limit: 14 students  
Day and Time: Wednesday 3:15-4:15pm  
Fee: $104

**Kaleidoscope – Grades 4-8**
Calling all students in grades 4-8 who self identify as being persons of color, and friends of these students: Come and join the fun! Kaleidoscope began in 2012 to provide a space where students of various racial backgrounds could gather to discuss issues that are important to them in a safe and supportive environment. All students are welcome to join this conversation on the first Wednesday of every month, with snack included. Sessions are planned by various faculty members who will supplement the core teachers: Linda Lakshminarayanan and Jennifer Tanau.

Instructors: Linda Lakshminarayanan, Emerson Librarian and Jennifer Tanau, Emerson LS Art Teacher  
Class Limit: 15 students  
Day and Time: first Wednesday of the month 3:15-4:30pm, January through May  
Fee: Free to all Emerson students

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**Thursday**

**Self Expression through Illustration and Book Making – Grades K-2**
In this class students will choose either a story from their own life they wish to tell, or make up their own fictional tale and create a series of drawings over the session to represent that story. Writing, along with drawings, will be up to each individual student. The main emphasis will be developing a story over time and binding them together at the end of the class for each student.
Instructor: Sarah Brennan, Art Instructor
Class Limit: 12 students
Day and Time: Thursday 3:00-4:00pm
Fee: $96

Stop Motion Video Creating – Grades 3-6
Try your hand at making a stop motion movie using iMovie. Together we will write the script, design the sets, and then you direct and film your own movie. Learn how to use the computer program so that you can take your skills home and build on everything you’ve learned long after class ends!

Instructor: Simon Burchill, Summer at Emerson Instructor
Class Limit: 12 students
Day and Time: Thursday 3:00-4:30pm
Fee: $156

Drama: Skits & Acting Games – Grades 2-5
Get some practice that helps your drama skills grow. Design and perform skits in class with friends! Be inventive! Learn to convey imaginative ideas through body language, action and dialogue. We’ll play drama games, too.

Instructor: Connie Weber, Emerson 5th grade teacher
Class Limit: 12 students
Day and Time: Thursday 3:00-4:00pm
Fee: $96

Friday

Yoga for Students – Grades K-2
Back for another session, yoga is a great opportunity to help children build self esteem and self respect. This Yoga class will help promote body awareness, flexibility, strength, and leadership skills. It is open to boys and girls and you don’t need any yoga experience to sign up. Students will explore yoga by imitating animal poses, learning breathing techniques, playing games, and relaxing in a fun and nurturing environment. Be sure to dress comfortably in clothes that allow you to move.

Instructor: Taeler Varner, Certified Yoga Instructor and Emerson After School Program Staff
Class Limit: 10 students
Day and Time: Friday 3:00-4:00pm
Fee: $96

Chess Club - Grades K-8
The Emerson After School Chess Club is celebrating over 22 years with instructor John Smalec! Beginning Chess will remain for students brand new to the game and players with 1-2 years of playing experience. Advanced Chess is open to players with at least 3 years of playing experience. Typically, students take 3 sessions of Beginning Chess before advancing to Advanced Chess. In each class, John is great at challenging everyone at their own level. Throughout the year, John will share opportunities for your child to play in local chess tournaments as individuals and also as a team representing Emerson School.

Instructor: John Smalec, Emerson Chess Master
Class Limit: 16 students
Beginner Chess: Friday 3:00-4:00pm
Advanced Chess: Friday 4:00-5:00pm
Fee: $126
Note: This class begins on Friday, January 9th