

BURR CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FALL 2016

Basketball (grades K~2) - Mr. Thompson is back with a fun basketball class! The goal of the class is to teach the students the fundamentals of basketball (dribbling, passing, shooting and defense) through drills and games. It is also to teach them the importance of team work, exercise and most importantly how to work hard and have fun while playing a sport. *Students should dress to move.*

Canvas Art (grades K~5) - Van Gogh, Monet, Picasso, Matisse and O'Keefe are some of the few great masters we will talk about during this hands on painting class. Students will be guided step by step through each painting in a process that will not only teach your child about paint and how to apply it to the canvas, but it will leave them with a knowledge of how to complete a painting and make a picture, become an art historian and learn fun and exciting art knowledge. Each week we explore a different artist, learn Art History and the science of painting while we recreate a painting in a step-by-step fashion. Students take home a completed piece of artwork at the end of each class. Every class is different and if you have attended the Future Picassos Art Program before, you know that we never paint the same painting twice.

Creative Writing and Storytelling class (grades 3-5) - Ready to really have some FUN writing creatively? Sign up to really let your imagination get carried away with short stories and poetry, and while you're at it, learn how to tell your story... the way a professional does! This is a great way to learn how to use genres like mythology and folklore to become a powerful storyteller!

Jr. Minecraft Power Users (grades k-2) - Are you a builder, crafter, miner or farmer? Have you only been able to play on your iPad and want to see what the full PC version of Minecraft is all about? This is the perfect course for eager minecrafters to learn the comprehensive features Minecraft Pc offers, participate in teamwork and collaboration while playing with the other students on a teacher-monitored closed server.

Sew Awesome (grades 3-5) is a creative, social and educational after school program designed to teach sewing. Projects are selected according to the age group. Elementary students will complete a pair of pajama bottoms and a matching sleep-over bag. Incorporated into the program are life long skills such as how to use a sewing machine, serger, yardstick, measuring tape, scissors and how to read a pattern. New vocabulary is introduced weekly as projects progress. Examples are: grain, binding, casing, etc. Throughout the course there is an emphasis on math skills which is essential for the sewer in determining yardage, waist size, hems and matching prints. A handsewing project is offered for those wishing to learn how to use a needle and thread. This activity leads to an additional social opportunity.

Ultimate Frisbee (grades 3-5) - Come learn how to play some frisbee games including Ultimate Frisbee and Frisbee Golf. Beginners are welcome however throwing a frisbee is a learned skill so kids are encouraged to practice at home.

Wizard's School of Magic (grades 1-4) - Students in grades 1 - 4 will learn four magic tricks from Tom O'Brien, a full-time professional magician, whose credits also include appearances on the Fox 61 Morning Show and WFSB's Better Connecticut. Tom O'Brien is a master at his craft and is a wonderful and entertaining teacher as well. All students will receive their own magic kits containing the props necessary to perform them at home, and a magic wand! Please register soon before the spaces - alakazaam - disappear!

Yoga with Ms. Phillips (grades 2-5) - Yoga is specifically designed for students to explore and develop mind body strength. We will gain more balance, flexibility and strength through yoga poses, breathing exercises, mindfulness and relaxation. The practice will be a non-competitive, positive environment that supports self-esteem and ways to focus. Become energized, uplifted, and learn how to feel calm in the midst of life's challenges.