Village Class Descriptions  
2019 – 2020

ELEMENTARY

Art – Mrs. Stokes
Grades 1-5
This art class will be project based as we learn the elements of art (line, shape, texture, color, space, etc.) by doing. Every lesson we do will explore one or more of the components of art at a developmentally appropriate level. We will use a variety of mediums and subject matter, but most importantly, your child’s imagination and creativity. We will start almost all projects with some type of directed drawing practice and then the kids will use different and mixed media to complete their projects. We are going to have a great year and I look forward to working with your child/ren!

Computers and Digital Art – Miss Naylor
Grades 1-5
1st-5th grade students will have the opportunity to grow in their computer skills by learning how to not only be safe on the computer but how to do essential skills such as logging into their email or creating a google doc. Students will also be introduced to what digital arts is and how they can create their own art in a digital format. Using a variety of programs to draw, paint and design, students will grow in their creative abilities while learning important skills for their future schooling career. Developing their sense of design, ability to digitally paint and use basic art skills, students will be encouraged to see what is interesting to them and develop those skills!

French – Mrs. Klennert
Grades 1-5
There is something so very fun about being able to speak in a different language! Come explore France and all things French in this exciting, engaging class. Through songs, games and lots of fun memory work, we will begin to learn simple French vocabulary—numbers, counting, days of the week, months of years, names of members of our family, colors, etc. Along with learning to speak French, we will also learn about the culture of France through its major landmarks and the many famous people who have called France home. When possible, we will also explore French cuisine as well. You’ll be speaking in French in no time—and soon you’ll say, “J’adore le français!”
**Kindergarten – Mrs. Lee**

This year kindergarten will be filled with opportunities for growth both educationally and socially. I want your child to love learning! We will work on social skills, like, what it takes to be a good friend, along with math centers, writing, reading, and science in a hands on way. We will incorporate music into the classroom. This will be a great way for your child to grow in his or her independence. Looking forward to a wonderful year.

**L.A. - Wonderful World of Writing- Mrs. Mattle**

**Grades 1 – 5**

1st-5th grade students will be given the opportunity to enhance their writing through literature! Each month we will focus on a different form of writing, exploring the various writing styles from renowned authors, poets and storytellers. We will begin our class with a storytime, followed by a ELA warm up. Students will be provided a notebook that will serve as their writing medium- 1st-3rd and 4th-5th to use in class. These will go home at the end of the school year. This option class will be full of read alouds, journaling, and fun activities that will grow both their Reading and Writing skills.

**Musical Theater – Mrs. Jaquith**

**Grades 1-5**

This is an introduction to musical theater with movement and music. In our elementary Musical Theater classes, we will be learning how to develop and improve creative skills through a variety of theater experiences. The kids will learn how Musical Theater combines music, singing, dance and acting. The students will experience and experiment with their own musical theater talents. We will being doing music and movement as well as singing and acting. The kids will have the opportunity to perform something they have worked on. It will be a fun and creative class.

**Theater – Mrs. Jaquith**

**Grades 1-5**

This is a beginning level acting class. It is a participation class designed to teach the basic skills and methods of modern, realistic, acting techniques. In addition, as we build our theatrical tool box, students will strengthen their powers of observation, team work, creativity, imagination, self-confidence and empathy. We will cover theatrical fundamentals like staging, auditioning, terminology, vocal control and characterization. In class, we will have fun with improvisation, scene work and character building techniques. Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their work in a performance at the end of the class.

**Physical Education – Mrs. Storey**

**Grades 1-8**
This class will be focused around teaching and acquiring basic skills for beginning and engaging in physical activity. Students should look forward to having fun in a safe environment while learning the skills for active lifestyles and beginning sports.

**Robotics, Coding, Circuits and Computers – Mrs. Klennert**

**Grades 1-5**

This class is all about tinkering, exploring and having fun! We will build Lego models using the Lego WeDo Robotics kits. We explore coding with the simple block-style programming of the WeDo program. Students will move into more complex coding challenges using the Edison and NXT robot systems. We also enjoy coding and problem-solving challenges using the Osmo system. Most of our programming challenges come from the students’ own inquiry-driven learning. In addition, we explore simple machines. Students will learn how to build models incorporating gears, levers and pulleys. Programming challenges using Scratch are incorporated into upper elementary classes. We also investigate electricity and circuitry using Snap Circuits. Students may also be given time to work on keyboarding skills on the computer and explore great online learning through web based applications.

Are you curious about robots? Do you love to tinker and investigate how things work? Do you have a growth mindset for learning and love to face a challenge? This is the class for you!

**Science – Mrs. Timmons**

**Grades 1 – 5**

Each year in science class we explore the wonders of the natural world around us and we use a few different lenses through which to understand scientific concepts. Each year our goal is to explore elements of life science, physical science, and earth science. The topics change from year to year, and the means by which we are exploring the concepts may change. The goal is always to explore and understand our world while familiarizing ourselves with scientific concepts, procedures, vocabulary, and history. We will use a variety of methods and activities to have as much class interaction and hands-on fun as possible!

**Spanish – Mrs. Strid**

**Grades 1-5**

Elementary Spanish is an interactive course in which students will begin their introduction to a world language by focusing on the four key areas of language study: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students should expect to be actively engaged in their own language learning by participating in basic conversation, learning common vocabulary and basic grammar patterns. Students will also learn about the culture of various Spanish speaking countries.
Ceramics/Pottery – Miss Naylor  
Grades 6 – 8  
Students will have the ability to work with a couple different types of clay to create different 3D art. Working with clay through building different forms such as bowls and cups and then in sculpting and using found objects to create impressions in the clay, they will be able to gain perspective on the historical significance of pottery, as well as create their own style. They will be able to paint and design their pieces once they are dried (or fired since we will have a kiln!) which is always a great adventure!

Consumer Math – Ms. Frilot  
Grades 6 – 8  
This class has two main programs. The first will focus on personal finance education through hands-on realistic experiences. The students will be assigned an avatar and make fiscal decisions based on predetermined life circumstance all in a virtual environment. The second program is called the stock market experience. This is an online investment simulation program in which students learn about personal finance and economic. Teams will invest a virtual $100,000.00 in stocks, bond, mutual funds, equities, and options on worldwide markets.

Digital Art – Miss Naylor  
Grades 6 – 8  
6th-8th graders will have the opportunity to begin and build on their own digital design concepts. Working with different editing and painting software, students will be learning not only how to edit their own photos and videos but also how to create their own digital art using different brushes and layers in digital art programs. No prior digital arts experience or knowledge is needed, each student will be able to explore their own creativity in a different style!

Exploratory Science – Mrs. Ruis  
Grades 6 – 8  
This course is meant to supplement and extend the general sciences that are being studied at home. We will continue learning to observe, collect data, and analyze results in order to better understand the world in which we live. The course will spiral through the 3 main branches of science that include Life, Physical, and Earth. The main topics of study will include but are not
limited to basic chemistry- atoms and molecules, biology, and weather. Students will explore these topics individually and in small groups using written material, laboratories, and technology.

Forensic Science I – Mrs. Ruis
Grades 6 – 8
Forensics I is an investigative science and technology course. Using Scientific Inquiry Skills, students will learn how to observe, collect, analyze and evaluate evidence found at crime scenes. Topics of study may include but are not limited to DNA analysis, chromatography, fingerprinting, trace evidence, and presenting evidence at a trial. The purpose of this course is to expose students to a variety of Forensic fields and careers.

Forensic Science II – Mrs. Ruis
Grades 7 – 8
Forensics II is an investigative science and technology course. Like Forensics I, we will continue to evaluate evidence that is potentially found at crime scenes and extend our understanding to critically think about the criminal justice system. Students will begin to evaluate case studies and apply higher level thinking to solve logic problems based on clues. Topics of study may include but are not limited to entomology, anthropology, toxicology, and blood spatter. The purpose of this course is to expose students to a variety of Forensic fields and careers.

Genetics – Mrs. Storey
Grades 6 – 8
This course will dive into the study of genes, dna, and the building blocks of life. Students will learn about dominant and recessive traits, genotypes, phenotypes, blood types and DNA. Additionally, we will learn what make us each individuals. Students will also learn about amino acids and how DNA strands are constructed.

Improv– Mrs. Jaquith
Grades 6 – 8
This is a participation class that teaches the fundamentals of improvisation. This is a skill that is essential to all forms of theater and also helps to build individual self confidence, vocal prowess and personal awareness. Students will grow their abilities in characterization, scene work and storytelling. During the year we will cover improv basics, game form (as performed on Who’s Line Is It Anyways) and long form (as performed in improv hubs like Second City). Students do not need a background in improv to enjoy this class, just a willingness to participate and try new things. This will be a fun and creative class.

Intro to Entrepreneurship – Ms. Frilot
Grades 6 – 8
It is never to early to think about being your own boss. This class will focus on the principles of entrepreneurship through project based activities. The projects will take you through the business cycle.
Music – to be determined
Grades 6 – 8
* We are in looking for this amazing teacher as we speak for the Musical content area. Some options could be instrumental, choir, theory, history, appreciation!

Musical Theater – Mrs. Jaquith
Grades 6 – 8
This class is all about cultivating the triple threat: singing, acting and dancing. No prior experience is necessary though we will be building on basic theatrical skills, taking our show to the next level. The class will be performance focused, including auditions, choreography, singing and scene work. My goal is to help each student grow in all three areas of musical theatre. Students do not need a background in musical theatre to enjoy this class though they MUST be willing to participate and try new things. Our work will be a supportive and collaborative process. It will be a fun and creative class.

Physical Education – Mrs. Storey
Grades 1-8
This class will focus on developing finer motor skills related to sports and active lifestyles. Students will be challenged to be successful and have fun at all ability levels. They will also learn basic nutrition and health.

Robotics – Mrs. Storey
Grades 6 – 8
This class is a class using the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 system to build and program robots. Students will learn construction and programming using sensors such as, touch, color, gyro and ultrasonic. Students will build a wide variety of robots and program them with a computer to move, react, and make sounds in order to solve weekly game challenges. Students work in pairs and small teams, using an EV3 robotics kit and computer. This class is good preparation for students interested in robotics competitions such as FIRST LEGO League or Tech Challenge.

Student Council/Yearbook – Miss Naylor
Grades 6-8
6th-8th grade student will have the opportunity to practice leadership, planning organizational skills throughout the year, by planning school Spirit Days and seasonal school festivals. This is a collaborative class, where each student gets an opportunity to take the “lead”. Family fliers, posters and ordering supplies are each a part of the planning as well as the collection of pictures
and design of the year book. Students also set goals for the school year and are challenged to find ways to achieve those goals throughout the year.

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**Quilting – Ms. Frilot**  
**Grades 6 – 8**  
I will take the mystery out of quilting by teaching the basics of quilting. The basics are correct quilting vocabulary, quilting equipment, fabric selection, and block construction. The first quilt will focus on 1/4 seam. The second quilt will focus on using a quilting tool. The third quilt will focus on following a quilting pattern. These are wall quilts so make room to hang up your beautiful quilts.