

Course Descriptions

Advanced Writers Workshop:

The Elements of Style (Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 8th & 9th and 9th & 10th – Please Note: Fee includes a personal copy of *The Elements of Style* for each student. *The Elements of Style*, William Strunk, Jr. and E.B. White's classic manual on the fundamentals of sound writing, has delighted generations of writing students and remains a beloved fixture in personal libraries. This course introduces the advanced middle school writer to the joys of this "little book". Strunk and White designed their text with instruction in mind, presenting the basic structures of good writing in clear, concise lessons, illustrated with concrete examples. Each lesson will be enriched by writing games and exercises. Underlying the teaching of the book will be *Writers Workshop: students generating original writing on topics of their own choice*. In this ongoing routine of writing practice, students will have ample opportunity to employ the techniques acquired from the class text.

The course will cover a range of genres, including essay, poem, story and play. Students will receive individual feedback from the instructor and regular response from peers in writer's conference.

Basketball

Entering grades 6th & 7th and 8th, 9th & 10th – This course will include skill drills, games, techniques and strategy sessions. If you enjoy basketball, this is the class for you.

Please note: This is a Co-Ed Class. Rubber soled athletic shoes are required for this class.

Basketball Skills & Drills

Entering grades 4th & 5th – BASKETBALL FOR ALL! Swish! Slam! Pump It Up and Jam! Students will develop and improve their basketball talent along with a better understanding and appreciation of this exciting, fast-paced sport. Through a variety of drills and games, students will learn and practice basic basketball skills emphasizing the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Teamwork, self-confidence, and sportsmanship will be stressed on a daily basis. Modifications will be made to accommodate all skill levels. **Please note: This is a Co-Ed Class. Students should wear rubber soled athletic shoes. Classes will be held outdoors so bring water bottle and hat. Class size is limited to 10 students.**

Calligraphy

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – Prerequisite: Basic techniques are taught during the first week of class. **Do not enroll your student if they are unable to attend the first week of the program.** Class fee includes pens and materials. Students will learn the beautiful Italic alphabet using a broad edged pen. Lower case and capital letters will dance on your page along with a variety of flourishes. Students will be able to utilize the techniques they have learned creating numerous fun projects during the last week of class!

Computer Applications & Internet Research

Entering grades 4th & 5th - This course is intended to familiarize students with computer applications and Internet skills applicable to classroom projects. Students will develop skills in the areas of data organization, publishing, composing, research, and computer literacy. Relevant Internet skills include navigating the web, using search engines and e-citations, and learning methods to evaluate information gathered from the Internet. Research on the Internet will be used to create multimedia presentations, spreadsheets, graphs, and reports.

Cartooning and Comic Art (Art Class)

Entering grades 2nd & 3rd, 3rd – 5th, 4th & 5th - Fee includes all art supplies - Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art - Students will create original cartoon characters, settings, and storyboards. They'll explore different aspects of cartooning and develop a cast of funny characters including super heroes, flying creatures, and animated objects. They'll work with a variety of 2-D media and also create a 3-D claymation-style model to draw from.

Chess Strategies – Beginning & Intermediate (Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – This course is designed to meet the intellectual and competitive needs of the chess enthusiast at all levels; beginning, intermediate, and advanced players. It will be presented in instructional and tournament formats and should appeal to the novice, casual and serious competitor. Upon completion of the course, the student will feel comfortable competing at the tournament level. Chess sets are provided for classroom use.

Chorus/Vocal Performing

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – The course will allow students to participate in a choral performing group. It will include unison, two part, and three part vocal arrangements. Students will also learn to read music (melody and rhythm). Emphasis will be on proper vocal techniques.

Comic Art and Animation Drawing (Art Class)

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – Fee includes all art supplies. Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art. Students will create their own comic strips and panels with original characters and story lines and learn professional animation drawing techniques. They'll practice character and object rotations, squash and stretch exercises, and do shape mapping to capture motion and emotion. They'll also learn more about the elements of perspective, composition, shading, lettering and the fundamentals of humor.

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Computer Robotics: Ingenious Engineering

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – Please note: Cost includes materials and computer rental fees. This 4-week class provides 38 hours of classroom instruction. Explore the world of mechanical and software engineering! You and a partner will build at least three different machines using special LEGO Dacta® sets that include people, motors, lamps, sound and sensors! Hook up your machine to a computer interface board, and learn to program it with the Logo language as well as control it automatically using data from the light, angle, temperature or touch sensors.

The combination of real sensor input and electrical output devices in LEGO® Logo allow the construction of machines like those used in space exploration and manufacturing industries today. You can choose to build projects such as a racecar with a speedometer or photo finish gate, an elevator, a robot arm, vending machine, and more! This is your chance to have FUN, apply mathematical formulas, use science concepts, and develop your problem solving skills while interacting with your own innovative machines!

Cricket Techniques – Beginning **NEW!**

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – No previous experience is necessary. An introduction to one of the most popular and exciting team sports in the world, Cricket. Basic fielding, batting, bowling, wicket keeping, game play and rules will be covered. Students will be challenged through a variety of drills and team play. Team size and equipment will be modified. **Requirements: All students must have athletic shoes with shoelaces. Bring water bottle, sunscreen and hat/visor.**

Drama – Advanced **NEW!**

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 7th–9th – Designed for the advanced drama student, this class will explore character analysis, subtext, script structure, emotion, various acting techniques and more! Monologues and one-act plays will be used to develop the acting technique for young adults. **This course is designed for students who have taken at least one full year of drama or have had previous stage experience.**

Drawing and Painting (Art Class)

Entering grades 2nd & 3rd and 4th & 5th – Fee includes all art supplies - Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art - Students will explore a variety of drawing and painting techniques through a series of fun age-appropriate projects. They'll create both small and large-scale works of art on paper, canvas, acetate, and more. They'll study art forms and master-works by both historical and contemporary artists, and build their technical and creative thinking skills.

Drama – Improvisation **NEW!**

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–8th – Designed for the beginning drama student, this class will explore the world of improvisation through the use of time tested stage activities like gibberish, pantomime, comedy, prop usage and playwriting. The class is designed to encourage students to move out of their "comfort zone" and discover who they can be in front of an audience! Be prepared to think on your feet and off the top of your head as that is the basis of all improv!

Drumming Techniques – Beginning **NEW!**

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – This course introduces the student to drum set through fundamental technique, rhythm notation, and drum set exercises. Utilizing a hands-on approach, the instructor will discuss the various types of grip - both matched and traditional - as well as walk the class through different musical applications for each grip. In addition, the student will learn notation value of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes while they are introduced to the seven essential rudiments of drumming. Students will enjoy the hands on approach, as they will be given daily opportunities to apply their new knowledge in an ensemble setting. **Cost includes a book for each student.** *Drum pad and drum sticks will be provided for each student's in-class use. Jimmie Adams III is the instructor. Mr. Adams currently serves as the head instructor of the Oakland Military Institute Drum Line. He is an exceptional musician with years of experience as an instructor, clinician, recording artist, and performer.*

Drumming Techniques – Intermediate **NEW!**

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – This course goes beyond the fundamental sixteenth note, introduced in beginning drums. Students will learn the rest of the rudimental tree, and the class will be introduced to all 40 of the Percussive Arts Society's Essential Snare drum Rudiments. Through artist study, students will gain a basic understanding of the rudiments and how they are applied to the drum set. In addition, the class will practice playing in time, both as an ensemble, and individually. Student should have previous musical experience to maximize their learning potential in this class. **Cost includes a book for each student.** *Drum pad and drum sticks will be provided for each student's in-class use. Jimmie Adams III is the instructor. Mr. Adams currently serves as the head instructor of the Oakland Military Institute Drum Line. He is an exceptional musician with years of experience as an instructor, clinician, recording artist, and performer.*

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Earth Science/Geology

Entering grades 4th & 5th – Come enjoy this unique hands-on class taught by a U.S.G.S. Geologist. Travel back in time and discover our Earth's history. Learn the causes for earthquakes and volcanoes; use a microscope to search for microfossils. Discover how mountains are built up and worn down. Learn how glaciers change the landscape. Explore mineral riches and exotic life forms at deep-sea hot springs. View and analyze rocks and minerals up close.

Essay Writing **NEW!**

Entering grades 7th–8th and 8th & 9th – Please note: This class is designed for students who want to improve their writing skills. There is a copious amount of writing and it is strongly recommended for the student entering seventh through ninth grades. This course will focus on the following styles of writing: Personal Narrative, Process Writing, Compare and Contrast, Persuasive Essays and Summaries. Vocabulary expansion will be included. **Vocabulary learned will be taken from PSAT and SAT lists.** Students will be expected to keep a journal for note taking and reflections. Writing essays will involve a draft or two, peer editing, and a final draft. Writers will take home a portfolio, which includes the final product. Teacher will use a variety of interactive activities to help students absorb new words and writing strategies.

Expository Reading And Writing (Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 9th & 10th – Expository reading and writing skills directly prepare students to excel on the critical reading and writing portions of the SAT I and II, the STAR tests, college placement tests (California State University, English Placement Test), and other classroom and standardized tests while also developing literacy skills critical to lifelong participation in the worlds of work and community. Some materials will be drawn from the CSU 12th Grade Reading and Writing Course.

Students will look at reading as a process, reading critically in preparation for the non-fiction texts they will encounter in high school, but even more often in college and the world outside of the classroom. Students will learn to make predictions about texts, analyze both content and rhetorical structures, and properly use materials from texts to support their own written arguments. Readings will be enhanced through expository writing, most often through timed essays. While managing time, students will learn to organize ideas and construct persuasive arguments that further their own ideas through their individual voice.

Hands-On Science

Entering grades 4th & 5th – Using the scientific method and hands-on projects, students will explore specific areas in life, physical and earth science. Topics may include the local environment, multidisciplinary and applied science, botany, entomology, genetics and others.

First Grade Block

Entering 1st grade – Enroll students *only* if they are entering *First Grade in September 2008.* This class is designed for students who can benefit from an integrated program that includes math, reading readiness and language arts for entry into first grade in September 2008. Students will be provided with some basic exposure to foreign language via songs, phrases, activities, etc. Students will be enrolled for the full 4-hours per day (no exceptions). **Please send a snack with your student daily.** Please be advised: First Grade Block is designed for enrichment purposes only; there are no grades, assessments, testing or parent-teacher conferences.

Fine Art Drawing (Art Class)

Entering grades 2nd & 3rd and 3rd – 5th – Fee includes all art supplies - Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art - Drawing teaches children key observational skills and helps them learn to focus. They can develop creative ideas, become aware of details, and improve fine motor skills while having fun! Students will learn about contour drawing, crosshatching, creating tonal values and shading, and other techniques used to make drawings more realistic. They'll also learn more about creating dynamic compositions and try different styles from still-life observation to action drawing and sketching.

Introduction To Algebra

Entering grades 8th & 9th – Prerequisite: Students must have completed one year of Pre-Algebra by June 2008, or for the student entering Algebra I in September 2008. This class will introduce students to some major themes and concepts in first year algebra. Students will explore various components of algebra through hands on applications and problem solving exercises designed to promote conceptual understanding and enhance logical thinking skills. Topics covered will include: properties in algebra, solving and applying equations, polynomials, factoring, quadratic functions, complex fractions, graphing linear equations and trig functions, geometry/volume, surface, square roots and matrices.

Introduction To Algebra 2 (Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 9th & 10th - Prerequisite: Students must have completed one-year each of Algebra and Geometry prior to enrolling in this course. Students should bring a TI-83 or higher. Students will use an accelerated problem-based approach to explore key concepts of Algebra 2. Complex and challenging tasks will be drawn from CA Algebra 2 content standards, research based coursework and a wide variety of local and national mathematics competitions. This will provide the framework in which students are challenged to discover, invent and engage in problem solving strategies above and beyond algorithms and procedures. Specific content includes combinations and permutations, probability, conics, polynomials and matrices. This class is taught by an instructor with a Mathematics degree from Harvard University and a Master's degree in Education from Stanford University.

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Introduction To Pre-Algebra

Entering grades 6th & 7th – Students will deepen their skill-level and conceptual understanding of fractions, decimals, percents, integers, exponents, probability, logic, and algebraic order of operations. Problem solving strategies will also be developed through group projects, brain-teasers, and hands-on activities.

Introduction To Geometry

Entering grades 9th & 10th – Please Note: Students should bring a TI-84 Silver Edition Calculator (recommended). This course will introduce students to the development of Euclidean geometry and assist students in the understanding of 2- and 3-dimensional space. Students will learn the development of geometry skills and explore the various proofs through logical deduction and induction. The instructional program will include hands-on explorations of geometric transformations, similar and congruent polygons, area and volume of solids of 2-D and 3-D polygons and polyhedron, and the Pythagorean Theorem. **This four-week enrichment class is not-for-credit.** This class is not to be regarded as a substitute or replacement class for one year of traditional school geometry. Fee includes book.

Introduction To Japanese

Entering grades 3rd-5th – Students will be introduced to Japanese phonics, simple Kanji, numbers, key phrases and simple oral sentence structure. Daily speaking, listening, reading, writing and lessons are combined with fun cultural activities. Class fee includes materials.

Japanese Beginning – Level 1

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th-9th – Class fee includes materials. This course is designed for the student who is interested in both the Japanese language and culture. Students will study one of the Japanese alphabets called “Hiragana,” as well as geography, songs, folk tales and history. Lessons will be combined with fun cultural activities.

Japanese Beginning – Level 2

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th-9th – This course is designed for students who have previously completed some type of introductory Japanese course either during the school year, in the Extended Year Summer Program 2007 or equivalent. Students will develop their vocabulary and improve their reading, speaking, and listening skills. They will practice everyday Japanese phrases through participating in enjoyable class activities and games. **Class fee includes materials.**

Journalism/Writing

Entering grades 3rd-5th – Students in this class will increase their writing, grammar, vocabulary, editing, interview and communication skills as they learn how to investigate and organize information to write a good news story. Student reporters will develop and expand their writing skills through all aspects of newspaper writing including; feature stories, sports stories, movie, music, restaurant, and book reviews, advice columns, and comic strips. The production of a student newsletter will cap off this class.

Lego® Robotics Exploration

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th-9th – This class is an in-depth exploration of building and programming robots using the LEGO® Mindstorms RCX Robotics Invention System. Students learn mechanical design, construction, programming, and teamwork skills. In small teams, using LEGO blocks, motors and sensors, students build robots that can walk, draw, move objects, or find their own way and avoid obstacles. Students use a control console or computer to teach their robots to move, react, and make sounds in order to solve challenges. Students work in pairs and small teams, sharing a robotics kit and computer. This class is good preparation for students interested in robotics competitions such as FIRST LEGO League. Cost includes materials and computer rental fees. This 4-week class provides 38 hours of classroom instruction.

Lego® Robotics NXT

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 7th-9th – Prerequisite: This class is recommended for students with some prior LEGO Robotics experience. This class is an in-depth exploration of building and programming robots using the LEGO® Mindstorms NXT Robotics System. Students will practice construction and programming with the NXT intelligent brick with servo style motors and ultrasonic sensor. Students build a variety of robots and program them with a computer to move, react, and make sounds in order to solve challenges. Students work in pairs and small teams, sharing a robotics kit and computer. This class is good preparation for students interested in robotics competitions such as FIRST LEGO League. Cost includes materials and computer rental fees. This 4-week class provides 38 hours of classroom instruction.

Math and Art (Art Class)

Entering grades 2nd & 3rd - Fee includes all art supplies - Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art – This class will help students develop both critical and creative thinking skills through a sequential series of fun hands-on projects that combine both math and art. Some of the activities will involve using mathematical reasoning and observation to create images, learning more about fractions through shape and design work, and illustrating word problems through paintings, drawings, and sculptures.

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Math Computation Skills

Entering grades 2nd & 3rd – Students will explore the world of mathematics through hands-on activities in such areas as computation, logic, problem solving, geometry, spatial thinking and measurement, probability and exploration of fractions. This course will help students develop a better understanding of basic math concepts and essential math skills.

Math Applications & Concepts

Entering grades 4th & 5th – In this class, students will have the opportunity to develop and extend their understanding of mathematics through exploration and problem solving strategies. This class will include selected algebra concepts, basic geometry, probability and measurement, logic, strategy and mathematical reasoning. Students taking this class should know their multiplication and division facts.

ML Cad Design LEGO®

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 7th–9th – Class fee includes materials and computer rental fees. This class is an introduction to building virtual LEGO models using a suite of software that allows you to create and document computer generated designs. Working in pairs, students will use LEGO blocks to build models, then they will use Windows based LEGO cad software LDraw and ML Cad to illustrate their projects on a computer. Students will learn how to use these software packages to build and design their own inventions and create building instructions using cad design, construction, and programming principles. Students usually work in pairs, sharing a robotics kit and computer thereby building their teamwork skills. Students able to focus will succeed in this class. This class is good preparation for students interested in robotics competitions such as FIRST LEGO League, Botball or the Tech Challenge.

Oil and Watercolor Painting (Art Class)

Entering grades 6th - 9th - Fee includes all art supplies - Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art – Master painting with oils and watercolors in a step-by-step fashion with demonstrations and personal guidance. Students will explore opaque and translucent color mixing, washes, brush strokes, direct painting, glazing, and much more. They'll paint from and design still life compositions, work from photographs and reference materials, and draw from their own imaginations and favorite subjects. Build a portfolio, improve painting skills and have fun!

Poetry Hot Pot

Entering grades 3rd–5th – Come taste the Poetry Hot Pot instructed by a published and performing poet. Advance your writing skills as you explore creative expression through poetry writing! We will read a variety of poems focusing on the poetry of Asia and the Pacific Islands. Students will write their own poems while keeping a poetry journal. Students will increase their vocabulary and refine their grammar skills as they learn metaphor, simile, personification, rhythm, and the oral tradition of poetry. A vibrant, student performance will cap off this class.

PSAT Preparation: Verbal (Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 8th, 9th & 10th – Students will enhance verbal skills necessary for the new PSAT, which includes understanding passage-based fiction and non-fiction reading, identifying sentence errors, improving sentences and paragraphs, and developing vocabulary. There will be practice tests with explanations so students can build confidence, learn strategies, and review the types of questions found on the PSAT. **Class fee includes books and materials. Some homework will be assigned.**

Public Speaking

Entering grades 7th–9th – Students will learn the skills and techniques required for public speaking: communication skills, eye contact, voice projections, body contact, listening and evaluation techniques. Students will practice presenting various types of speeches. *Development of self-confidence and poise will be an integral part of this class.*

Reader's Workshop

Entering grades 2nd & 3rd – This class will focus on increasing reading comprehension; students will improve the pace and speed of oral reading. Students will also learn to summarize reading material. Students enrolled in this class are expected to read and speak English at their current grade level.

Reading Intensive

Entering grades 2nd & 3rd – This class is designed for students reading at grade level who wish to strengthen their reading foundation. The course will focus on improving oral reading skills including fluency, increasing reading comprehension, and developing vocabulary. Through a variety of reading materials, students will have the opportunity to develop their skills, strategies, and affective knowledge related to the reading process. Since learning is enhanced when the reading and writing processes are connected, writing will be integrated into the program.

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Read To Write

Entering grades 4th & 5th – This will be a highly interactive class where the focus will be on the elements of good writing. Many of the activities will focus on the literary elements of character, plot, setting and theme. Students will be introduced to short stories that can be used to model good writing techniques. They will learn how to narrow down their “too big” ideas to focused topics. Students will be taught how to use precise vocabulary to clarify their writing. Then they will learn to brainstorm rich details about that topic, and organize them into paragraphs that build from beginning to middle to end.

Representational Drawing (Art Class)

Entering Grades 6th – 9th and 8th, 9th & 10th – Fee includes all art supplies - Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art - Students will build and strengthen their observational and technical drawing skills. They’ll work with ebony and color pencils, charcoal, pastels and ink on vellum bristol and other types of drawing paper. Projects will include drawing from life with dramatic lighting, a scientific illustration, and a work of art that combines realism and fantasy. Students will also receive sketchbooks and be encouraged to draw outside of class.

Science Explorations

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th & 7th – Do you like exploring and experimenting? Is discovering new things fun for you? Enter the cool world of Science via the highly regarded, classroom-tested *Great Explorations in Math and Science* (GEMS) curriculum (Lawrence Hall of Science).

Highlights may include: **Bubble Festival** – Lots of fun with lots of bubbles! The Bubble Festival learning stations are packed with math and science content; **Chemical Reactions** – How does an ordinary ziplock bag transform into a safe and spectacular laboratory of gas, heat and odor? **Crime Lab Mystery** – Unravel the mysterious “crime scene” using a battery of tools, including thread tests, powder tests, DNA comparison, chromatography and fingerprinting; and **Electric Circuits** – Invent electrical gadgets using inexpensive, everyday materials.

Sculpture and Clay (Art Class)

Entering Grades 2nd & 3rd and 4th & 5th - Fee includes all art supplies - Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art – This class will cover a variety of sculptural and clay construction techniques and emphasize the development of fine motor skills and creative problem solving. Students will learn the slab, coil, pinch, and base-relief clay techniques as well as how to build lasting structures and sculptures in wood and other fun media. The clay projects will be fired and glazed.

Sculpture and 3D Design (Art Class)

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – Fee includes all art supplies - Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art – This exciting studio class will give students a broad knowledge of sculpture through a series of hands-on projects that will explore different materials, processes, and creative-thinking strategies. They’ll work with clay and learn some more advanced clay construction methods and create sculptures using wood, mixed media and other cool materials. Students will also do observational, analytical and reflective thinking exercises to help them express ideas that relate to their own lives and interests. Clay projects will be fired and glazed.

Spanish – Beginning

Entering grades 6th–9th – Class fee includes book and materials. Students will be provided with basic survival vocabulary that will include practical phrases. Listening, speaking, and reading skills will be emphasized. Students will be exposed to the culture and customs of Spanish speaking countries.

Spanish – Intermediate

Entering grades 7th–9th – **Prerequisite: Students must have completed some type of introductory Spanish course or its equivalent to enroll in this Intermediate class.** Class fee includes book and materials. In this class, there will be an emphasis on verb conjugation and building vocabulary repertoire. Listening, speaking, and reading skills will be emphasized. Students will be learning about various Hispanic cultures, customs and traditions in a motivating and fun learning environment.

Speech and Debate

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 7th–9th and 9th & 10th – Students will learn and practice the fundamentals of speech and debate. Students will learn how to **construct** an argument, **refute** assertions from the opposition and **evaluate** the significance of an argument. Critical thinking, research, note taking and public speaking skills will be practiced through informal and formal debates. Topics will be drawn from current events as well as social science content standards. This instructor has participated in International Speech and Debate Championships and currently judges local speech and debate events.

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Test Taking Strategies

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 9th & 10th – The class will cover test-taking analysis and strategies across different subject areas and types of exams as well as a component dedicated to standardized testing such as the PSAT. We will also analyze and address individual students' learning styles and offer techniques for relaxation and dealing with test anxiety. Learn skills that will enable you behaviorally, physiologically, and mentally to operate in stressful testing environments. This class will help you understand the different kinds of tests you will face in high school and higher education; it will also help you understand how you react to stressful test situations, and how you can perform better. **Class fee includes materials.**

Track and Field – Beginning **NEW!**

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th – No previous experience is necessary. This course will enable students to develop knowledge and skills in a variety of track and field activities and to maintain or improve health-related fitness. Students will have a basic introduction and compete in five events that include: 100 meter dash, 800 meter dash, 4x100 meter relay, long jump and triple jump. **Requirements: All students must have athletic shoes with shoelaces. Bring water bottle, sunscreen and hat/visor.**

Writer's Workshop

Entering grades 2nd & 3rd – Students will be exposed to different genres of writing and learn various crafts of writing through literature. Students will actively learn the writing process that consists of planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing.

Writing: Paragraphs To Essays

Entering grades 4th & 5th – This class will emphasize the fundamentals of expository or informational writing. Students will acquire the skills needed to write well-organized paragraphs, summaries, and essays. Students will also learn prewriting techniques, syntax, word choice, grammar, punctuation and the revision process. At the end of the course, students will have a portfolio to take home demonstrating their academic progress and achievements.

Writing Skills

Entering grades 6th & 7th – Building on existing talent, this enjoyable adventure in writing will enhance skills in grammar, punctuation, syntax, paragraph structure, and essay construction. Precision of language and the use of personal voice will be emphasized so that each writing piece will reflect the developing strength of the writer. A portfolio with final drafts of all writings will be sent home at the end of the session.

Cartooning and Graphic Design (Art Class)

(Hyde Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th - Fee includes all art supplies. Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art - This class combines two of the most popular commercial art forms through a series of interrelated projects in cartooning and graphic design. In addition to creating original comic strips, caricatures, and a mini-comic book, students will also design CD covers, business cards, and a skateboard! Creative and analytical-thinking exercises will help students come up with dynamic designs and story lines, and original characters and compositions.

Ceramics and Sculpture (Art Class) **NEW!**

Entering grades 6th–9th, 7th–10th and 8th, 9th & 10th - Fee includes all art supplies. Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art - Have fun this summer working with different kinds of clay and other media to create original ceramic artwork and sculptures! This class will explore basic to advanced clay construction methods and a variety of sculpture techniques. We'll also look at different styles and examine the works of notable sculptors from around the world. You will be encouraged to express yourself and your ideas and find your own unique style. Clay projects will be fired and glazed.

Creating Comic Books (Art Class) **NEW!**

(Kennedy Middle School Only)

Entering grades 6th–9th and 7th–10th - Fee includes all art supplies. Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art - This class at Kennedy Middle School will be taught by award winning Bay Area cartoonist and publisher Oliver Chin. Chin, called a "comics expert" by the San Jose Mercury News, will teach students how to create their own comic books and gain a greater understanding of the profession. They will develop original characters and stories and study perspective, camera angles, proportions, and anatomy. They'll also learn more about different comic genres and styles and look at works by some of the top comic artists today.

Fashion Design (Art Class) **NEW!**

Entering grades 6th–9th and 7th–10th - Fee includes all art supplies. Presented by the Euphrat Museum of Art - Express your fashion ideas and deepen your understanding of the design process in this exciting class! Learn how the professionals develop and create original designs and styles. We'll work with a variety of materials to illustrate and construct some unique fashions and fashion accessories. Some of the projects will be inspired by episodes of the show *Project Runway* and you'll have a chance to compete for special prizes!

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