



Extra Curricular Activities & Specialists

Our arts curriculum is unique, inspiring, and comprehensive. Every week, students participate in language arts, choir, music, applied creative sciences, yoga, meditation, dance, and creative technology (using new technology to improve their creative expression).

AT A GLANCE

- Literacy
- Spanish
- Music
- Hindustani Music and Movement
- Art
- Yoga
- Choir

LITERACY

Our literacy specialist models dialogic reading, embodied cognition, reading comprehension, the science of reading, Montessori, and linguistics as a method for teaching reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. Our younger students focus on key vocabulary and concepts, reducing the cognitive load by linking new, unfamiliar material to material they've already learned in their classrooms. The older students focus on reading activities that expose them to an abundance of cultural, racial, and socioeconomic perspectives that cater to a broad range of reading levels, from easier books to more demanding territory. Our goal is to give our students confidence in their reading skills and instill a lifelong love of literature.

SPANISH

In this class, young learners will embark on a thrilling journey to discover the beautiful language of Spanish. Our dynamic and engaging approach will make learning Spanish fun and effective as children explore vocabulary, conversational skills, and delve into the rich cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. Through interactive games, songs, and creative activities, children will develop their language skills, pronunciation, and cultural understanding. Our goal is to ignite a lifelong passion for language learning and provide a solid foundation for future language learners.

MUSIC

Our music program uses an adapted variation of the Faber Method. This method, blended with our teachers' experience, emphasize the belief that musical ability is not an inborn talent, but rather a skill that can be nurtured and developed in any child, much like learning a language. By creating a supportive and encouraging atmosphere, our program cultivates musical skills and a sense of discipline, self-confidence, and sensitivity in young learners. Students learn music theory, instrument studies, and sight reading.

ART

In this class, young artists will embark on an exciting creative journey filled with color, imagination, and self-expression. Our art class provides a nurturing and supportive environment where children can explore their artistic talents and discover the joy of making art. Children will unleash their creativity and develop their artistic skills through various hands-on activities, such as painting, sculpting, and mixed media. They will learn about different art techniques, experiment with various materials, and be encouraged to express their unique perspectives through their artwork.

CHOIR

Welcome to the fascinating world of choir! In this class, we discover the joy of harmonizing voices and creating beautiful music together. Through vocal exercises, learning different musical styles, and working collaboratively, we develop vocal techniques, musicality, and the ability to blend the voice with others.

HINDUSTANI MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Hindustani music is a traditional form of music that originated in the northern region of the Indian subcontinent. It has a rich history and is deeply rooted in Indian culture. Hindustani music is known for its melodic and rhythmic intricacies, expressed through vocal and instrumental performances. These elements provide a framework for improvisation and creative expression that we nurture with the Carl Orff Method. The Orff Method is an innovative and holistic approach that emphasizes active participation and creativity. This educational method engages our students of all ages in the joy of making music through rhythmic movement, singing, and instrumental exploration. The Orff approach fosters a deep understanding of music by integrating elements such as speech, movement, and improvisation, allowing students to develop musical skills while simultaneously nurturing their imagination.

YOGA

Our yoga class focuses on physicality and emotional regulation for our students. Children derive enormous benefits from yoga. Physically, it enhances their flexibility, strength, coordination, and body awareness. In addition, their concentration and sense of calmness and relaxation improve. While doing yoga, children exercise, play, connect more deeply with their inner selves, and develop relationships with the natural world around them. Kids are often used to being shuttled from one activity to the next, which can cause stress and anxiety. Our yoga class encourages children to destress and connect more deeply with their environment.