

## Primary D (4th - 5th Grade, ages 9 -10)

### Class Schedule and Descriptions

Block	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1st	9:30	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Snack	10:20				
2nd	10:30	American History	French	Story Studies	French
3rd	11:20	Lego STEM	Astronomy	Strategy Games	Astronomy
Lunch	12:10				
4th	12:40	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
5th	1:30	Art and Animals	Art	Drama	Art
Snack	2:20				
6th	2:30	Music	Dramatic Play	Music	Dramatic Play
Dismissal	3:20				

#### Attendance options:

**Monday and Wednesday**

**Tuesday and Thursday**

**Monday through Thursday**

#### Overview – Enrichment Focused

Primary D is an enrichment-based program designed to complement, not replace, core academics. Math and Language Arts are completed at home or through small-group instruction according to each family's individual education plan. Students participate in a structured academic day of engaging enrichment experiences that foster creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, physical development, and character growth within a supportive community. Families may choose two- or four-day attendance options, allowing flexibility while maintaining consistent social interaction and hands-on learning opportunities. **See Class Descriptions below.**

## **Class Descriptions**

### **Music**

Music is a dynamic class that blends music appreciation, foundational music theory, and instrumental performance. Students develop an understanding of core musical elements such as rhythm, melody, harmony, tempo, dynamics, pitch, and form while learning to read age-appropriate musical notation.

Through music appreciation studies, students explore a variety of genres, cultures, time periods, and composers. They practice active listening, identify instrument families, recognize musical patterns, and discuss how music communicates emotion and meaning.

A key component of the class is learning to play the recorder. Students are introduced to proper posture, breath control, finger placement, and note reading as they build beginning instrumental skills. Recorder instruction reinforces music literacy, rhythm accuracy, and ensemble coordination while giving students hands-on experience applying theory concepts in a practical way.

Students also prepare and rehearse vocal selections for our annual Christmas Assembly and End-of-Year Assembly. These performances strengthen stage presence, teamwork, responsibility, and confidence as students work together toward a shared goal.

### **Art and Animals**

Art & Animals is a creative, hands-on class that explores the beauty, design, and diversity of the animal world through a wide range of artistic mediums. Students experiment with drawing, painting, watercolor, mixed media, sculpture, collage, and textured materials while developing foundational art skills such as shading, proportion, perspective, composition, and color theory.

Many projects are centered around animals—from realistic wildlife studies and pet portraits to imaginative creature designs and habitat-inspired artwork. Students observe animal features, movement, patterns, and environments to strengthen their attention to detail and artistic accuracy. Lessons may incorporate basic science connections, such as animal classification, habitats, and adaptations, to enrich understanding and inspiration.

## **American History**

American History introduces young learners to the story of the United States in an engaging, age-appropriate, and interactive way. Through read-alouds, hands-on activities, crafts, storytelling, and discussion, students explore key people, events, and symbols that helped shape our nation.

Students learn about early Native American cultures, explorers, the founding of America, important historical figures, national holidays, and major milestones in U.S. history. Lessons focus on building a basic understanding of chronology (past vs. present), citizenship, community, and the meaning behind national symbols such as the flag, the bald eagle, and the Statue of Liberty.

The class emphasizes character development alongside history, highlighting themes such as courage, perseverance, leadership, responsibility, and gratitude. Students engage in simple map skills, timelines, and creative projects that help bring history to life.

By the end of the course, students gain a foundational understanding of America's story and develop an appreciation for the people and principles that have shaped our country.

## **LEGO STEM**

This class is a hands-on, project-based class where students explore science, technology, engineering, and math concepts through purposeful LEGO building challenges. Using structured design prompts and open-ended problem-solving tasks, students learn to think like engineers while creating models that demonstrate real-world principles.

Throughout the course, students investigate topics such as simple machines (gears, pulleys, levers), basic physics concepts (force, motion, balance, stability), structural design, measurement, and introductory coding or robotics (when applicable). Each project follows the engineering design process: ask, imagine, plan, create, test, and improve.

Students work both independently and in teams to complete challenges such as bridge-building, tower stability tests, moving vehicles, and mechanical problem-solving tasks. Emphasis is placed on collaboration, perseverance, creative thinking, and learning from mistakes.

LEGO STEM strengthens critical thinking, spatial reasoning, communication skills, and foundational math and science understanding — all within an engaging, interactive environment where learning happens through building and discovery.

## **French**

Introduction to French provides primary students with a joyful, interactive introduction to the French language and culture. Students learn basic greetings, common vocabulary (numbers, colors, family, weather, classroom words), and simple conversational phrases.

Through songs, games, repetition, and speaking practice, students develop listening skills, correct pronunciation, and confidence in using French. The focus is on exposure and communication rather than formal grammar, laying a strong foundation for future language study.

## **Astronomy**

Astronomy invites students to explore the wonders of the universe through a biblical worldview. As we study the sun, moon, planets, stars, and galaxies, students will see how creation reflects the order, power, and creativity of God.

Students will learn about the solar system and basic space science concepts, understand the movement of the Earth, moon phases, and seasons, explore stars, constellations, and major features of our universe and engage in hands-on projects, models, and observation activities

Throughout the course, we will connect scientific discovery with Scripture, recognizing that “the heavens declare the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1). Students will grow in both scientific understanding and awe for the Creator who designed the universe with purpose and precision.

## **Drama**

Drama gives primary students the opportunity to build confidence and creativity through performance and imaginative play. Students learn the fundamentals of acting, including voice projection, expression, movement, and teamwork.

Through short skits, storytelling, character development, and group performances, students practice following direction, memorizing simple lines, and working collaboratively. Drama encourages self-expression while strengthening communication skills in a supportive, engaging environment.

## **Story Studies**

Story Studies is a literature-based class built around engaging, high-quality children's books. Each unit centers on a story as students explore characters, setting, plot, and themes through discussion and guided activities.

Students complete creative, hands-on projects inspired by the books, strengthening reading comprehension, vocabulary, and critical thinking while developing a genuine love for literature.

## **Physical Education**

Our Physical Education Program is designed to promote physical fitness, coordination, teamwork, and character development in a structured and engaging environment. Students participate in age-appropriate activities that build strength, endurance, agility, and motor skills while learning the value of sportsmanship and self-discipline.

Our P.E. classes include a variety of activities such as team sports, skill drills, relay races, cooperative games, and fitness challenges. Specific sports include basketball, baseball/whiffle ball, soccer, kickball and hockey. Instruction emphasizes proper technique, safe play, and respectful competition. Students are encouraged to set personal goals, persevere through challenges, and support their peers.