

WINTER 2017 MINICOURSES

The After School Program offers minicourses, which give children a chance to try things such as baking, chess and the opportunity to have fun with Yale students exploring math. Minicourses are held once a week on the dates listed below. Monday through Thursday courses run from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Fridays, each course has a different start time, so please check the schedule below. Children who are not enrolled in the After School Program can stay and have snack with the ASP from 3:00-3:30. At that time an ASP staff member will drop off all the children at their course. Children who are not enrolled in the regular After School Program are expected to be picked up at the end of their minicourse.

Please fill out the enrollment form and return it to the ASP office (in the Kindergarten building), the front desk, or mail it to the school. We reserve the right to cancel a course due to low enrollment. Also, some courses fill up quickly so be sure to enroll your child as soon as possible.

MONDAYS:

DATES: January 23, 30 & February 6, 20, 27 & March 6

“Cross-Stitch Embroidery” with Michelle Neveux for Grades 3 and up

Cross-stitch embroidery is a quick-to-learn and relaxing activity. Come join us as we learn to design and stitch our own cross-stitch projects!

“Shining Stars” for Grades K-3

Shining Stars is an exciting drama program that uses fun exercises and games to help children gain confidence when communicating with others. The program focuses on building bravery, fostering creativity and teaching leadership, all while boosting communication skills. The program culminates in a live production that family and friends are invited to attend. The children love their costumes, being on stage, and of course, they are the stars of the show! Limited class sized so sign up quickly.

More info: <http://www.shiningstarsct.com/index.cfm>

TUESDAYS:

DATES: January 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 14, 21

“Exploratory Art” with Kwadwo Adae for Grades 1-3

Students will explore different drawing and painting techniques to create artworks in all types of genres, including landscape, still life and figurative work. Students can expect to work in watercolor, chalk pastels, charcoal, oil pastels or acrylic paints. Uncover the secrets of rendering objects from observation and discover new ways to turn our wild imaginations into pure creativity. More info:

<http://adaefineartacademy.com/home.html>

“Model Kit Club” with Harold Ellis for Grades 2-6

Build miniature versions of real airplanes, ships and cars. Have fun learning painting and other techniques to get the best out of your kit building.

WEDNESDAYS:

DATES: January 18, 25 & February 1, 8, 15, 22

“Yoga” with Birke Gregg for Grades K-3

Lotus Kids Yoga classes are fun and happy yoga classes dedicated to helping your children grow and blossom into healthy young people. Kids yoga improves children's balance, fitness and concentration. It instills a sense of calm and the ability to relax. It elevates the mood and boosts self-esteem. Yoga

holistically improves mental and physical wellbeing on and off the mat. This class is playfully taught through games and stories. The class aims to improve muscle flexibility and train kids' observational skills to get in tune with their bodies. Imaginary adventures like a "trip to the jungle" has kids enjoying yoga poses like monkey, frog and crocodile. Each class consists of breathing exercises, active yoga poses and a relaxation. The focus lies not on the perfect alignment of a pose but on introducing kids to yoga in an exciting way. Please bring a yoga mat.

"Books & Art" with Lynne Banta for Grades K-2

Each week we will read a story and craft a fun project to go along with it. We will use different media such as paint, recycled materials and objects found in nature.

"Little Scientists" for Grades K-2

Little Scientists is an exciting hands-on, minds-on, inquiry-based science program. We are offering winter classes that will explore different topics that are fun and exciting to young learners. Our innovative program incorporates five to six experiments during each class, along with engaging age-appropriate curriculum, a take-home booklet and project.

THURSDAYS:

DATES: January 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 16, 23

"Winter Arts & Crafts" with Lynne Banta for Grades K-2

Celebrate the changing weather with seasonal arts and crafts. We have fun using materials such as clay, paint, recycled items and lots of glue! Limited class size so sign up quickly.

"Terrain and Navigation" with Harold Ellis for Grades 2-5

Learn about maps, navigation and building train models with Foote parent Harold Ellis. They will make map puzzles, terrain models and learn basic navigation tools, as well as learn about dead reckoning and train association.

"Math Enrichment" for Grades 3, 4 & 5

*****Special Dates*** January 26 & February 2, 9, 16, 23 & March 2**

We use the tools children learn in the classroom to explore mathematical problem solving after school. We solve problems using team-based games and worksheets. Our main goal is that children finish with increased excitement about math. All levels are welcome. For third graders, we focus on basic problem-solving skills for questions like these:

<http://www.continentalmathematicsleague.com/samples/cml/3-1que.pdf>

For fourth and fifth graders, we work on techniques and skills to help solve problems like these:

http://www.moems.org/sample_files/SampleE.pdf

There will be a separate class for each grade level, each with two dedicated Yale coaches, all meeting on Thursdays at 3:30. Depending on enrollment, we may combine the fourth and fifth graders into one room. PLEASE NOTE: This minicourse runs throughout the year, always at the same time, with a new signup required for each new session. Because Yale students staff the minicourse, our calendar must follow the Yale calendar and thus will sometimes have slightly different meeting dates than other Thursday minicourses.

FRIDAYS:

DATES: January 20, 27 & February 3, 17, 24 & March 3

“Baking with Kathy” for Grades K-3 — 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Do you love to bake? Come join Kathy, proprietor of Katalina’s Bakery, and make some delicious treats to make our tummies full all afternoon. Have fun learning about baking and dessert making; learn to make your favorite cookies and cakes. Limited class size, so sign up quickly. More info:

www.katalinasbakery.com

“Beginner’s Chess” for Grades K-2 — 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Learn how to set up the board and move the pieces, read and write chess notation, capture and checkmate. We’ll also practice elementary tactics and strategy. No experience needed. More info:

www.edutechchess.com

“Advanced Chess” for Grades 3 and up — 2:30-3:30 p.m.

For all advanced players and enthusiasts, this course focuses on opening principles, spacing, time, position, play tactics, combinations and how to analyze an opening repertoire. More info:

www.edutechchess.com

“Basket Making” with Ângela Giannella for Grades 3-6 — 2:30-4:30 p.m.

*****Special Dates*** January 20, 27 & February 3**

Come and make your own basket and take it home for multiple uses. We will use a natural fiber called reed and decorate the baskets with sea grass and colored reed. This activity is very therapeutic and you will feel very happy to produce a beautiful piece of art. This course has three sessions that are two hours each.

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