

Previously Offered Classes

(* indicates classes that have been taken into the public school)

Arts and Crafts

- *** Author, Author**

Children who enjoy writing will love this! Individual magazine, newspaper and book "publication" are the emphasis of this workshop. Students will practice various forms of creative writing and illustration, and work cooperatively in the production of a variety of written media and making hand-sewn books.

- **Scrap Booking**

Learn do's and don'ts as you clip and embellish several standard scrapbook pages to get you on your way!

- **Mom and Me Scrap Booking Project:**

Learn the secrets of making the scrapbook we yearn to make for future generations, from the shared perspectives of mother and child. A wonderful memory book using photo's, drawings, family stories, and more. A treasured experience for both of you!

- **Heritage Scrap Booking**

Don't know what to do with the old family photos you found in your parent's attic? Parents celebrating an anniversary or birthday milestone? Upcoming Family Reunion? Learn to incorporate family stories for a legacy to future generations.

- **Scrapbook Storytelling**

We will design and create a scrapbook cover; marble, spatter, sponge and otherwise decorate papers for embellishment; build stories; and learn the secrets of making a beautiful scrapbook.

Sculpey Clay

- **Bead and Basics**

Basic tips and tricks for using this versatile material. Learn bead-making, how to use a pasta machine, tiny cutters, push molds and more, as you enhance your wardrobe!

- **Sculpey Figurines**

Expand your Sculpey repertoire to include whimsical characters. Learn animals and people, using marbles, press molds, and garlic press.

- **Sculpey Pins**

Fashion your own jewelry to accessorize your Valentine wardrobe or give to someone you care about!

Music

- **Let's Get the Rhythm!**

Rhythm is at the heart of creativity. Through movement, song, dance, and art (including making a variety of rhythm instruments), we will explore music within ourselves, and be exposed to many types of music through recordings, and attendance and participation in live performance activities with local musicians

- **Music Makers and Body Shakers**

Let your child explore music and dance through a variety of activities. They will make musical instruments, learn songs and dances, and enjoy performances by surprise visitors.

- **Macrame**

Enjoy the relaxation of knotting as you make a beautiful plant hanger. Once you learn the basics, the possibilities are endless.

- **Paint Extravaganza**

Participants will experiment with different methods of painting, with crayon resist, marbling, printing, string, straw, spatter, and blot painting, with an emphasis on watercolor and acrylic.

- **Paper Making, Paper Craft**

Students will have the opportunity to experience the ancient art of paper making and creative expression through the design of various types of cards. Ideal for Valentine's Day.

- **Paper-making and Molding**

Creative expression through the design of various types of three dimensional cards. Make beautiful handmade (Christmas) cards for your family and friends!

- **Puppet Theatre**

Children will work cooperatively to write and produce puppet show. We will construct a puppet theatre, create scenery, and make puppets. Friends and family are invited for a performance at the end of this workshop

- **Fun with Beads**
We will be making colorful beads from clay, stringing bead necklaces from natural beads, and working with beading artists.
- **Fun with Beads, More**
Bead people and critters bring many a smile, and make your back pack easy to recognize in a crowd.
- **Floral Paper Crafts**
Well, it's spring, but we all need a bit of convincing!!! The wide variety of paper craft we will be choosing from will go a long way toward renewing our hope of surviving this seemingly endless winter.
- **Good Earth Art:**
Recycled "junk" and objects from nature provide the basis for several interesting forms of sculpture and a variety of cool mobiles.
- **Art for Preschoolers:**
Children will experience the magic of discovering that blue mixed with yellow makes green and the cool, gooky feel of finger paint. This is an opportunity for your child to experiment with color, texture, and shape, through the use of scissors, glue, various kinds of drawing and painting, collage, and sculpture.
- **What's Cooking**
Math and safety are emphasized as the children are rewarded by the products of their cooking efforts. An adventure to the Tops jungle will precede preparation of soup, spaghetti, salad, bread and a special treat, to be presented at a dinner for parents and students.
- **Hooked on Art!**
This is for children who have already attended our preschool art classes, or have had experience with basic art materials.
- **If I Had a Hammer: (Ages 8 and older)**-To be announced
Children will have an opportunity to learn how carpentry fits into many aspects of life and learning as they gain first hand experience with a local contractor in the design, use of tools and creation of a surprise addition to our play area

- **Watercolor Your World**
Learn to create your own beautiful masterpieces. Basics include brush use and care, wet and dry techniques, and one or two projects. Discover your hidden talents!
- **Watercolors : Winter Wonderland**
Learn techniques to recreate the beauty of this season.
- **Weaving I**
Create beautiful works of art as you experiment with different types of looms, yarns, and natural materials; basket weaving.
- **Weaving II**
Children will create a loom from Popsicle sticks and proceed to make a belt bound to earn the admiration of family and friends alike.

Cooking

- **Apple Picking, Apple Pie**
Reading and writing and 'rithmetic are very much emphasized in this unit. We will go to an area orchard for picking as a basis for this learning option. (Note: Cooking and kitchen safety are a significant portion of this class.)
- **Blueberries Galore**
This session starts with an early morning excursion to blueberry hill, followed by the creation of various delectable delights such as jam, pies, pancakes, fruit leather, and muffins. Needless to say, about half of the berries consumed will be straight up!
- **Grape Jelly***
Children will be involved with process of making jelly, from start to finish.
- **Italian Dinner Preparation**
Children will be making spaghetti and meatballs entirely from scratch, to be served with garlic bread, salad, and dessert to a guest of their choosing
- **Kids' Cookery**
Peanut butter, ice cream, freezer jam, pretzels, and more yummy stuff.
- **Kids' Cookery II (ages 8-12)**
In this session for older children, kitchen safety and our impact on the environment are emphasized as the children are rewarded by the products of their cooking efforts. The

children will have the opportunity to create their own cookbooks, plan and prepare a meal from scratch to be served to parents on final day.

Social Studies

- **Community**

We will visit with productive members of the community in an effort to learn more about each other. We will play games, do puzzles, read books, dabble in art, and make music while we're at it!

- **Black History Month***

An Afro-American Celebration: music, art, folklore, food, and influence on history and culture.

- **Early Pleasures and Pastimes**

Step back in time to the simple pleasures of days gone by. Through play, arts and crafts, story, make-believe, and cooking activities, the children will develop a sense of the past.

- **All About Me**

A child's expression of who s/he is and how s/he sees him or her self. We use photographs of your child: as a baby, with or of family members, pets, and home. We make pages with magazine pictures expressing likes and favorites, and include various works of art. A wonderful memory book.

- **Family Tree**

- Many Children know little of their family heritage beyond living relatives. We will look at different methods of obtaining family history and leaving records for future generations.
- Develop an interview, obtain information from public records, create pedigree charts and family group sheets, design a personal coat of arms, and more!

- **First Thanksgiving**

- * **In-depth study of Squanto**, his tribe and lifestyle (through creation of a model village), and their impact on Pilgrim survival during the first critical year in the New World
- * **Re-enactment of the events** leading up to the first Thanksgiving. Script, costumes, scenery, food preparation.

- *** Native American Study**

Folklore, music, art, games, puzzles and food preparation allow for a window of insight into the Native American way of life.

World

- **Central America**

Weaving, worry dolls, Hispanic paper flowers, baskets, tree of life, story, music, food, books, rainforest video and computer games color our week.

- **It's a Small World** July 11-14, 9am-noon (\$75)

With passport in hand, we will learn multilingual greetings and phrases, prepare international cuisine and enjoy music, stories and making crafts from countries the world over. Culminates in SimpleMeal/ Demonstration on July 15 at 5:30pm (Family invited).

- **Global Art**

Experience other cultures through art, music and story. Tie-dye, paper making, painting, weaving, and so much more comprise this multicultural extravaganza.

- **Rainforest: Life, Rhythm & Art**

This culminating summer event encompasses art, music, people, and nature found in the rainforest.

Nature

- **Life of Tree, Tree of Life**

Armed with magnifying glass, flower press, and a blender we shall take a closer look at those green giants we can't live without. Leaf and seed collections, bark rubbings, paint, collage, hand made (recycled) paper, and create a paper mache' tree of life, as we investigate and truly respect the value of trees.

- **My Nature Journal:**

Children build a strong and lasting personal connection with nature through discovery and reflective activities in art, photography, writing, and science. Our children's garden, Stonybrook, Conesus Inlet, and various local farms provide the backdrop for a well-rounded education in nature.

- **Ants**

Through facts, stories, activities and observation, your child will emerge with an appreciation of the cooperation involved in an ant community.

- *** Earth Day**
Legislation, community service projects, resources, and personal impact will be examined through writing, song, and action.
- **Berry Smudges and Leaf Prints**
- In this art program we turn to nature's bounty, provided in our children's garden, for inspiration. Natural dyes and paints, print-making, pressed flowers, nature's weaving, paper-making, and much more! In the process, we learn about gardening and wildlife!
- **Garden Club**
Learn about gardening as we dig, plant, weed, harvest, picnic, and relax in the Growing Places gardens on Main St. and at the Center. Make a flower press, corn husk dolls, painted flower pot and terrarium, while observing the growth and change that occur as we care for our special hide away.
- *** Gardening**
All the ins and outs of designing, planting, and caring for a butterfly garden. Garden bed preparation, compost, organic pest control and choice of plants are researched; community donations are solicited, culminating in planting the garden.
- **Junior Garden Club**
 - Exchange seeds, make plant crafts, learn about flower arranging, and study backyard wildlife, as you help to care for our beautiful children's garden.
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- **The Great Kapok Tree**
Introduction of a play based on the story by Lynn Cherry. Costumes, scenery, program and invitations, food and music come together into a wonderful presentation for parents and friends!
- **Nature Study and Crafts**
We will be using materials from our backyards, collections, and refrigerators, for identification and a wide variety of projects involving fruits and vegetables, flowers, leaves, and rocks.
- **Science Craft and Experiments**
Sound viewer, wind chimes, spider web weaving, butterfly net, and more will be used in our exploration of the earth, water and air.

- **Senses**

Increase self awareness through taste, sight, smell, hearing and touch, and the many ways our senses dictate our behavior (food, music, exercise, care of the planet...)

Holidays and Celebrations

- **Stone Soup** is on the menu as we rewrite our own version of the story to incorporate our recipe into this well known tale. Students will come home with a sample of this yummy and nutritious meal.
- **Valentines Galore**
Children are invited to attend with older siblings and parents, and will leave with a variety of handmade Valentines for the special people in their lives. Folklore, craft, poetry and food.
- **Hand-made Greeting Cards:** Create two festive cards in time for the holidays. Instruction and supplies will be provided to complete one elegant, and one more casual Christmas greeting.
- **Felted Bird Ornament** These little beauties make a perfect package or tree decoration that may well become a family heirloom! Supplies and instruction included.
- **Christmas Around the World**
Children will begin to develop a sense of the traditions of other cultures and times through art, music, story, and food.
- **Christmas Crafts for Kids**
This fulfilling event allows children to create ornaments and gifts suitable for giving to teachers, grandparents, or someone else of his or her choosing. Parents and siblings are invited for an additional fee.
- **Clowning Around Neighborhood Carnival**
Pantomime, juggling, clowning, face painting, balloon animal sculpture, games, and more. Family and friends are invited to the Grand Finale!
- **Clowning Around**
In preparation for a grand finale for the season, we will produce a small neighborhood circus. We will practice pantomime, juggling, clowning, face painting, various tricks and illusions, and more. Then we will get into the kitchen to prepare the various junk food necessary to make a respectable circus complete!

- **Growing Places Extravaganza**

All Growing Places participants are invited to be involved in the production and display of a float for the Dogwood Festival Parade. Those taking part will make a tee shirt to be worn on the float.

- **Halloween**

Masks, spiders, web-weaving, frightening food, folklore, storytelling, and song.

- **Quilling**

* Participants will learn to make exquisite snowflakes made by curling narrow strips of paper. Gorgeous on the tree or packages! \$15

* Create an exquisite egg using the art of curled paper filigree. \$15

Storytelling

The art of storytelling comes to life in your child through music, art and drama.