



ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHAEFER "EXPLORATIONS"

SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE 24 - JULY 19, 2024

Dear OPS Families:

We are delighted to announce that the Oradell Board of Education is offering the Schaefer Explorations Summer Enrichment Program this summer, including the “KinderCamp” program. This voluntary program runs weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Explorations begins **Monday, June 24, and ends Friday, July 19**, and is **closed on Thursday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day.

The schedule consists of three periods daily and is designed so children and parents may select from various offerings. Click [HERE](#) (or type tinyurl.com/OPS24explore into any browser) to register each child separately. The deadline for registration is **Monday, May 20, 2024**. Please note: there is an additional \$40 late registration fee per family for applications postmarked after May 6, 2024. There will be NO refunds made past May 31, 2024, and refunds made before that date will result in a \$25 processing fee.

Please make all course selections based on the grade level your child is entering in September. Class size will be limited, and courses will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We reserve the right to cancel any course based on insufficient registration. Therefore, you must list a second or third choice; otherwise, you will be refunded. Instructors listed for some courses may be changed without notice.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lesley Maklin, Co-Director, at (201) 261-1180, ext. 5059. Please leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Megan N. Bozios

Superintendent

Schaefer Explorations Program Information

- Students attending KinderCamp will enter via the Kindergarten entrance on Church Street.
- All other students will enter via OPS’s main entrance on Prospect Avenue.
- Entrance doors will open five minutes before the start of class.
- All late arrivals should enter via OPS’s main entrance on Prospect Avenue.
- A Student Code of Conduct will be provided to students and families before the start of Summer Explorations.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Options for children entering Kindergarten

Full Morning: 9:00-11:55

KinderCamp

Options for children entering 1st Grade

Period 1: 9:00-9:55	Period 2: 10:00-10:55	Period 3: 11:00-11:55
Bead It	Creative Cartooning	Arts & Crafts
Building Challenges	Introduction to American Sign Language	Lego Builder
Drama Llamas	Model Magic Storytime	Mini Music Makers
Explore the Oceans From Sea to Shining Sea	Readers Theater	No Batteries Required
I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!	Spa-tastic	Spectacular Science
Introduction to American Sign Language		

Options for children entering 2nd Grade

Period 1: 9:00-9:55	Period 2: 10:00-10:55	Period 3: 11:00-11:55
Bead It	Creative Cartooning	Arts & Crafts
Building Challenges	Introduction to American Sign Language	Lego Builder
Drama Llamas	Model Magic Storytime	Mini Music Makers
Explore the Oceans From Sea to Shining Sea	Readers Theater	No Batteries Required
I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!	Spa-tastic	Spectacular Science
Introduction to American Sign Language		

Options for children entering 3rd Grade

Period 1: 9:00-9:55	Period 2: 10:00-10:55	Period 3: 11:00-11:55
Coding Adventures With Scratch!	Arts & Crafts	5-6-7-8 Cheerleading!
Model Magic Story Sculptures	Drama Llamas	Comic Book Writing
Readers Theater	I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!	Creative Cartooning
Real Estate Tycoon	Resin Art Creations	Introduction to American Sign Language
Strategy Games	STEAM	Lego Builder
	World Explorer	No Batteries Required
		Spa-tastic
		Strategy Games
		Wonderful World of Watercolors

Options for children entering 4th Grade

Period 1: 9:00-9:55	Period 2: 10:00-10:55	Period 3: 11:00-11:55
Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	5-6-7-8 Cheerleading!
Coding Adventures With Scratch!	Designing Legos	Book Club Bonanza!
Creative Cartooning	Drama Llamas	Comic Book Writing
Model Magic Story Sculptures	Getting Groovy With Graphic Novels!	Creative Cartooning
School of Rock!	I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!	Introduction to American Sign Language
Readers Theater	Resin Art Creations	Spa-tastic
Real Estate Tycoon	STEAM	Strategy Games
Strategy Games	World Explorer	Wonderful World of Watercolors

Options for children entering 5th Grade

Period 1: 9:00-9:55	Period 2: 10:00-10:55	Period 3: 11:00-11:55
Arts & Crafts	Designing Legos	Book Club Bonanza!
Creative Cartooning	Getting Groovy With Graphic Novels!	Comic Book Writing
Real Estate Tycoon	World Explorer	Introduction to American Sign Language
School of Rock!		Strategy Games
Strategy Games		

Options for children entering 6th Grade

Period 1: 9:00-9:55	Period 2: 10:00-10:55	Period 3: 11:00-11:55
Arts & Crafts	Designing Legos	Book Club Bonanza!
Creative Cartooning	Getting Groovy With Graphic Novels!	Comic Book Writing
Real Estate Tycoon	World Explorer	Introduction to American Sign Language
School of Rock!		Strategy Games
Strategy Games		

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

KinderCamp

(Incoming Kindergarteners Only)

Times: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Instructors: Ms. Katie Cohen, Mrs. Roberta Kenyon, Mrs. Sheri Malenda, and Ms. Kaitlin Menhinick

KinderCamp supports students academically and socially by preparing them for kindergarten in the fall. Through various age-appropriate activities, your child will refine and develop skills necessary for success. Activities will appeal to all types of learners. Incoming kindergarteners will learn more about letters and sounds to help with early reading skills while creating crafts and having fun with movement and time for play. Creativity and skilled instruction will engage your child as they work with various materials.

5-6-7-8 Cheerleading!

Period 3: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Mrs. Jennifer Hook

Cheerleading is a great way to build confidence, skills, and teamwork! This dynamic, fun-filled class will include dance, jumps, tumbling, cheers, and chants. We will work hard to build strength and have some inside fun creating our own cheer bows. This class is suitable for both beginner and experienced cheerleaders.

Arts & Crafts

Period 1: Grades 4-6

Period 2: Grades 3-4

Period 3: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Ms. Jennifer Delpino

This four-week arts and crafts course will be a wonderful way to activate and elevate your art skills! Students will make colorful masterpieces and explore different art techniques and materials. Some of the fun pieces we will make include watercolor paintings, DIY stickers, and yarn-woven cups and bracelets! By the end of the four-week course, students will have an array of crafts they have made all on their own!

Bead It

Period 1: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Ms. Maria Constandinou

Students will create a variety of one-of-a-kind accessories, such as necklaces, pins, and keychains, using beads, strings, fabrics, and yarns. This class will be a fun way to encourage creativity and self-expression while promoting patience and perseverance.

Book Club Bonanza!

Period 3: Grades 4-6

Instructor: Mrs. Karen Marron

Looking for some inspiration to kick off your summer reading life? Well, you've come to the right place! Reading with a partner or small group is an AMAZING opportunity to meet summer reading goals and grow ideas about new books. In addition to reading and talking about books, you will play games and create art projects to make your book club experience extra fun! Please join us for Book Club Bonanza!

Building Challenges

Period 1: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Ms. Melissa Pizza

Calling all builders! Would you like to build the fastest race car, the best birdcage, or the tallest tower? In this class, students will be challenged to find solutions to various engineering problems. Students work in small teams to design and build their projects using K'Nex and other building materials such as blocks, bristle blocks, etc. Students will have a rubric with the following criteria: Creativity, Teamwork, Challenge Success, Design, and Presentation. Each week will have challenges following a theme, such as Motion, Moving Forward, Technology To Improve Our Daily Living, and Creature Homes.

Coding Adventures With Scratch!

Period 1: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Mr. James Butcher

Calling all future game makers and animation superstars! This class is your launchpad into the exciting world of coding with Scratch. In this class you will learn how to give instructions to make characters move, jump, and dance, as well as cool tricks like sound effects, music, and colorful backgrounds. You will also learn secret coding powers like loops (doing things repeatedly), decisions (making your program choose what to do next), and sharing your creations with the world!

Comic Book Writing

Period 3: Grades 3-6

Instructor: Mr. Daniel Duval

Calling all comic book lovers! Students will write comic books around the characters and worlds they create. You will work on paper or virtually online. Come use your imagination to create and share these comics with your classmates.

Creative Cartooning

Period 1: Grades 4-6

Period 2: Grades 1-2

Period 3: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Mr. Terrence McGill

Creative Cartooning is a great way to learn cartooning or improve your skills. Every day, you will create a new cartoon by following the step-by-step instructions provided by the teacher. You will learn all the secrets to becoming better at coloring, outlining, and creating cartoon characters.

Designing Legos

Period 2: Grades 4-6

Instructor: TBD

Throughout this class, students will gain hands-on experience designing and building Lego models. They will learn to sketch their ideas and give feedback to one another to create and refine their designs. Students will also be taught how to construct solid and stable structures using Lego pieces.

Drama Llamas

Period 1: Grades 1-2

Period 2: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Ms. Maeve Marron

Do you love to perform? Then this is the right class for you! Come join me to learn theater games, acting techniques, and more. We will incorporate acting, singing, and dancing into a final performance throughout these four weeks.

Explore the Oceans From Sea to Shining Sea



Period 1: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Ms. Hayleigh Lezette

We will learn about the various oceans, their names, and locations. An ocean is so much more than just a name! It's an entire world with all kinds of creatures that we know of and many that are still unknown. Plastic bags, bottles, and other types of trash are now crowding our beautiful oceans. Learn what we can do to help. This class will create crafts based on different ocean creatures like whales, sharks, crabs, octopuses, and many more!

Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL)

Period 1: Grades 1-2

Period 2: Grades 1-2

Period 3: Grades 3-6

Instructor: Ms. Michelle Stewart

In this class, the focus will be on making learning fun and interactive while laying a solid foundation in ASL basics. Students will learn the ASL alphabet, basic greetings, and common vocabulary related to their daily lives. Through games, songs, and simple activities, they will practice fingerspelling, learn to express simple ideas and engage in basic conversations. Cultural awareness is introduced gently, emphasizing respect and understanding for the deaf community. By the end of the four weeks, students develop an interest in ASL and gain confidence in using it for basic communication.

I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!

Period 1: Grades 1-2

Period 2: Grades 3-4

Instructors: Mrs. Lisa Maiella & Mr. Sean Kelly

This class will have it all: games, exercise, skill development, and, most importantly, FUN! Become a Ninja in our obstacle courses, travel through the Lava River, sink the Battleships, and watch out for the Alien Invasion! Come join Mrs. Maiella and Mr. Kelly for some fun this summer! All activities will be movement-based and designed to develop skills and build positive relationships. Activities will include innovative tag, sports, obstacle courses, and cooperative games.

Getting Groovy With Graphic Novels!

Period 2: Grades 4-6

Instructor: Mrs. Karen Marron

Calling all aspiring graphic novelists! If you love drawing and writing great stories packed with action and catchy dialogue, this class is for you! Using online resources, we will learn step-by-step ways to create a super-cool graphic novel, starting with character creation. We will also read excerpts from some AMAZING graphic novel creators for inspiration!

Lego Builder

Period 3: Grades 1-3

Instructor: Mrs. Lisa Maiella & Mr. Sean Kelly

At Lego Builder, our class encourages creativity in our students. We provide a fun and safe learning environment where Legos are our main learning material. Students will have weekly themes with a unique daily challenge. Our class covers various subjects, including history, storytelling, engineering, and more. Want to build a catapult that knocks down the tower? How about a marble maze and race against your friends? Create robots, skyscrapers, race cars, and dinosaurs. Come enjoy the fun!

Mini Music Makers

Period 3: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Ms. Maeve Marron

Calling all music lovers! Welcome to Mini Music Makers! In this course, we will explore all types of music through games, songs, and hands-on music-making activities. Students will sing, play instruments, and create their own songs. Sign up to start your musical adventure!

Model Magic Story Sculptures

Period 1: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Mrs. Jennifer Hook

Enjoy some of the greatest stories with fun characters, unexpected twists, and lots of laughs! Then, dive deeper into getting to know the characters and plot by creating a model magic sculpture that brings the story to life. We will explore a new theme each week through creativity and imagination! We will be learning the fundamentals of sculpting and creating food sculptures, animal sculptures, magical creatures, and much more!

Model Magic Storytime

Period 2: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Mrs. Jennifer Hook

Enjoy some of the greatest read-aloud stories with fun characters, unexpected storylines, and lots of laughs! Then, take a deeper dive into getting to know the characters by making a model magic creation that brings the story to life. This class helps strengthen fine motor skills and encourages creativity. Some of the amazing projects will include cupcakes, flowers, animals, and much more!

No Batteries Required

Period 3: Grades 1-3

Instructor: Ms. Maria Constandinou

Learn board games, card games, and jigsaw puzzles in this class. Each day, a new game will be featured. This class will help students learn to follow directions, take turns, share with others, and learn to win or lose while still enjoying playing.

Reader's Theater

Period 1: Grades 3-4

Period 2: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Mrs. Kate Windram

Join us for an exciting journey into the world of stories through Reader's Theater! In this class, children will explore characters, emotions, and storytelling while improving their reading fluency and confidence. Through fun activities and group performances, students will bring stories to life and discover the joy of reading aloud. No acting experience required, just a love for stories and a willingness to have fun!

Real Estate Tycoon

Period 1: Grades 3-6

Instructor: Mr. Daniel Duval

Students will build homes and buildings with Legos, K'Nex, or cardboard. Once complete, they will photograph their structures and create an advertisement to sell them. They will need to talk about their structure's best features and be creative in their approach.

Resin Art Creations

Period 2: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Ms. Maria Constandinou

Students will use epoxy to create a variety of one-of-a-kind accessories, such as necklaces, pins, keychains, and other cool creations.

School of Rock!

Period 1: Grades 4-6

Instructor: Mrs. Karen Marron

In 1981 Joan Jett famously sang, "I love rock 'n' roll!" I wholeheartedly agree! Do you? Are you curious about the musical icons who shaped the rock and roll genre? Are you interested in learning how art was a HUGE part of the rock scene? Do you like drawing, dressing up, cranking some tunes, lip-synching, watching music videos, and showing off your dance moves? Can you imagine yourself in a rock band, designing your own logo, album cover art, tour poster, and tickets for your first gig? Then, School of Rock is the place to be! Join me as we listen, learn, create, and celebrate rock and roll together through the decades: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s!

P.S. If you're still wondering who Joan Jett is, please join me in June.

Spa-tastic

Period 2: Grades 1-2

Period 3: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Ms. Melissa Pizza

A chemistry lesson combined with a spa experience! Your child will learn how to make whipped body butter and learn about its beneficial components. Children will also make homemade eco-friendly soaps, lip balms, oatmeal facials, and more while learning about their properties, ingredients, and benefits. They will be able to take home the spa products they have created. Do not miss this fun and educational class for your kids!

Spectacular Science

Period 3: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Ms. Hayleigh Lezette

Our world is filled with opportunities to explore science! Are you curious about our climate and the creatures that live on Earth? Take the time to watch, wonder, and ask questions. Students will make predictions and use materials and tools in creative, new ways. A daily read-aloud will begin our journey to build, grow, change, and investigate. Discover the world of science with creative activities!

STEAM

Period 2: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Ms. Hayleigh Lezette

Using the scientific method, you'll tap into your own superpowers of logic and deduction to go on a science adventure. The experiments will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Join the STEAM team for experiments.

Strategy Games

Period 1: Grades 3-6

Period 3: Grades 3-6

Instructor: TBD

Students will learn how to use strategy to win board games. This strategy can be used in any game, but this course will mainly focus on Connect Four, Othello, checkers, and chess. Students will learn how to play the games first and then will be shown how to use the strategy to win these games.

Wonderful World of Watercolors

Period 3: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Mrs. Kate Windram

Join us for a fun and creative watercolor class designed specifically for 3rd and 4th graders! In this class, young artists will learn the basics of watercolor painting, including how to use brushes, mix colors, and create beautiful artwork. We'll explore different techniques and themes each week, encouraging imagination and creativity. No prior experience is necessary, just a love for art and a willingness to try new things! Come join us and unleash your inner artist.

World Explorer

Period 2: Grades 3-6

Instructor: Mr. Daniel Duval

Embark on a journey around the globe in this class! We'll dive into captivating stories and stunning videos showcasing diverse destinations. From north to south of the globe, each week unveils a new corner of the world. Then, unleash your creativity by crafting vibrant posters and captivating writings, bringing each location to life. Join us as we explore, create, and inspire!

