



**Oradell Public School District
Schaefer “Explorations”
Summer Program**

June 26, 2023 – July 21, 2023

Dear OPS Families:

We are delighted to announce that the Oradell Board of Education is offering the Schaefer Explorations Summer Enrichment Program, including the “KinderCamp” program, this summer. This voluntary program runs weekdays, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Explorations begins **Monday, June 26, and ends Friday, July 21**, and is **closed on Tuesday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day.

The schedule consists of three periods daily and is designed so children and parents may select from a variety of offerings. **Registration information can be found on the homepage of the Oradell Public School website. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 3, 2023.** Please note: There is an additional \$40 late registration fee per family for applications postmarked after May 3, 2023. There will be NO refunds made past June 1, 2023, and refunds made prior to that date will result in a \$25 processing fee.

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, it is important that you list a second or third choice, otherwise you will be refunded. Instructors listed for some courses may be changed without notice.

Contact Ms. Lesley Maklin, Assistant Director, at (201) 261-1180, ext. 5059, with any questions. Please leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Megan N. Bozies

Superintendent

Oradell Public School District

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 prior to the start of class.
- All late arrivals should enter via OPS’s main entrance on Prospect Avenue.

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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	Art Around the World	Arts & Crafts
Bringing Stories to Life!	Beginning Acting for Younger Students	Drama Llamas
Explore the Oceans From Sea to Shining Sea	Creative Cartooning	Lego Builder
I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!	Kindness Kids	No Batteries Required
The Truth About Dogs	Model Magic Storytime	Spectacular Science
	Spa-tastic	The Truth About Dogs

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	Art Around the World	Arts & Crafts
Bringing Stories to Life!	Beginning Acting for Younger Students	Drama Llamas
Explore the Oceans From Sea to Shining Sea	Bringing Stories to Life!	Lego Builder
I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!	Creative Cartooning	No Batteries Required
The Truth About Dogs	Kindness Kids	Spectacular Science
	Model Magic Storytime	The Truth About Dogs
	Spa-tastic	Write It! Book Making

Options for children entering 3rd Grade

Period 1: 9:00-9:55	Period 2: 10:00-10:55	Period 3: 11:00-11:55
Book Club Bonanza!	Art Around the World	5-6-7-8 Cheerleading!
Drama Llamas	Arts & Crafts	Bringing Stories to Life!
Kindness Kids	Bringing Stories to Life!	Creative Cartooning
Model Magic Story Sculptures	I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!	Lego Builder
Spa-tastic	STEAM Experiments	No Batteries Required
The Truth About Dogs		Strategy Games
		The Truth About Dogs
		What Is Your Learning Style?
		Write It! Book Making

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!
Book Club Bonanza!	Bead It	Book Club Bonanza!
Creative Cartooning	Designing Legos	Bringing Stories to Life!
Drama Llamas	Drama Llamas	Creative Cartooning
Kindness Kids	Getting Groovy With Graphic Novels!	From the Page to the Stage
Model Magic Story Sculptures	I Like to Move It, MOVE IT!	Kindness Kids
Movie Making	STEAM Experiments	Strategy Games
Spa-tastic		What Is Your Learning Style?
		Write It! Book Making

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	Bead It	Book Club Bonanza!
Creative Cartooning	Designing Legos	Kindness Kids
Movie Making	Drama Llamas	From the Page to the Stage
	Getting Groovy With Graphic Novels!	Strategy Games
		What Is Your Learning Style?

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	Bead It	Book Club Bonanza!
Creative Cartooning	Designing Legos	Kindness Kids
Movie Making	Drama Llamas	From the Page to the Stage
	Getting Groovy With Graphic Novels!	Strategy Games
		What Is Your Learning Style?

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

KinderCamp

(Incoming Kindergarteners Only)

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

Instructors: Ms. Julia Giacobbe, Mrs. Roberta Kenyon, Mrs. Rosine Mazzo, and Ms. Kaitlin Menhinick

KinderCamp supports students by academically and socially preparing them for kindergarten in the fall. Through a variety of 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 be used to engage your child as they work with a variety of 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 along with some inside fun to create 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 course will include making creations out of tissue paper, water colors, clay, and mod podge! We will have so much fun collaborating and coming up with creative ideas for cool crafts! We will make: tissue paper collages, watercolor planets, clay models, and mod podge bowls. Students will bring home a special craft each week.

Art Around the World

Period 2: Grades 1-3

Instructor: Ms. Cristina Perla

Travel around the world to discover new places and original pieces of artwork. Students will enjoy learning about influential artists and their cultures. Students will have an opportunity to create pieces of art that are inspired by artists around the world. Where will your creativity take you?

Bead It

Period 1: Grades 1-2

Period 2: Grades 4-6

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 also promoting patience and perseverance.



Beginning Acting for Younger Students

Period 2: Grades 1-2

Instructor: Ms. Meredith Gleason

Is your child eager for an audience at every family function? Do they act along with their favorite TV or movie characters? Are they curious and creative? Beginning Acting will give them a dramatic creative outlet with like-minded peers. Students in this class will learn to imagine and portray characters in new ways, and be introduced to the basics of acting and theater etiquette. Join us for four weeks of fun and dramatic play!

Book Club Bonanza!

Period 1: Grades 3-4

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!

Bringing Stories to Life!

Period 1: Grades 1-2

Period 2: Grades 2-3

Period 3: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Ms. Danielle Oxnard

Show your creative side by bringing picture books to life! We will be reading picture books and discussing how we can represent the characters and their unique stories by building legos and painting their journey. Students will also have the chance to become an author and create their own picture book in the last week of this course. If you love building, writing, or painting, then this class is for you!

Creative Cartooning

Period 1: Grades 4-6

Period 2: Grades 1-2

Period 3: Grades 3-4

Instructor: Mr. Terrence McGill

Is cartooning part of your daily life? Is cartooning something you never seem to have enough time to do? Do you strive to improve your cartooning skills? Then this class is the class for you! Creative Cartooning will show you all the secrets to become a better cartoonist in a fun and easy way. Each day you will come home with a completed cartoon in full color. Many students report that their parents can't believe they drew the cartoon! So sign up for Creative Cartooning. You'll be glad you did!

Designing Legos

Period 2: Grades 4-6

Instructor: Mr. Jake Brancato

Throughout this class, students will be given hands-on experience in 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 the techniques for constructing strong and stable structures using Lego pieces.

Drama Llamas

Period 1: Grades 3-4

Period 2: Grades 4-6

Period 3: Grades 1-2

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. Throughout these four weeks, we will incorporate acting, singing, and dancing into a final performance.



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 all kinds of trash are now crowding our beautiful oceans. Learn what we can do to help. In this class, we will create crafts based on different ocean creatures, such as whales, sharks, crabs, octopuses, and many more!



From the Page to the Stage

Period 3: Grades 4-6

Instructor: Ms. Meredith Gleason

Ready, set, ACT! Does your child have a creative flair for drama? Are they imaginative, curious, and eager for an audience? Students in this course will have an opportunity to explore their inner dramatic artist, taking their favorite stories and characters and creating exciting scenes and monologues. Not only will they have a chance to write their own scenes, they will work together to bring their art to life for the group. This fun and collaborative course aims to develop creativity and confidence as it helps children find their dramatic flair!

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 is the class 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!



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 Battle Ships, 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 with a purpose of developing skills and building positive relationships. Activities will include innovative tag, sports, obstacle courses, and cooperative games.

Kindness Kids

Period 1: Grades 3-4

Period 2: Grades 1-2

Period 3: Grades 4-6

Instructor: Ms. Sheri Malenda

Not sure if you have seen us around, but we are the Kindness Kids and we are taking over our town! When students develop an "attitude of gratitude," so many benefits result for both children and adults in a school community! We will recognize and practice ways to be grateful and pay it forward. Come be a part of the Kindness Kids generation!



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 a wide range of 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!

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, take a deeper dive into getting to know the characters and plot by creating a model magic sculpture that brings the story to life. Through creativity and imagination, we will be exploring a new theme each week! 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 alouds 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 encourage creativity. Some of the amazing projects will include cupcakes, flowers, animals, and much more!

Movie Making

Period 1: Grades 4-6

Instructor: Mr. Jake Brancato

In this course, students will learn how to make fun short films. Students can use these lessons to make their own short films, YouTube videos, TikToks, and so much more. They will learn the basic rules of filmmaking, writing, and editing.

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.

Spa-tastic

Period 1: Grades 3-4

Period 2: Grades 1-2

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 the components that make it beneficial. Children will make homemade eco-friendly soaps, lip balms, oatmeal facials, and more, while learning about the properties, ingredients, and benefits of it. 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

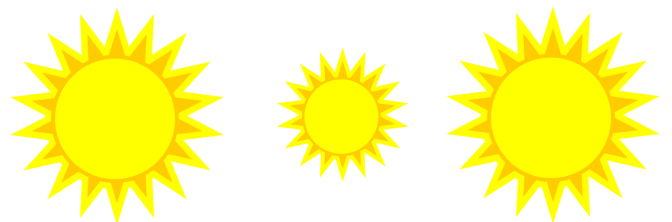
Our world is filled with opportunities to explore science! Are you curious about our climate and the creatures that live on Earth? Take the time to watch, wonder, and ask questions. Students will make predictions, and use materials and tools in creative, new ways. A daily read aloud will begin our journey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

STEAM Experiments

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 be on the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Come join the STEAM team for experiments.



Strategy Games

Period 3: Grades 3-6

Instructor: Mr. Jake Brancato

Students will learn how to use strategy to win board games. This strategy can be used in any game, but in this course, it 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.

The Truth About Dogs

Period 1: Grades 1-3

Period 3: Grades 1-3

Instructor: Ms. Cristina Perla

Dogs are one of the most popular pets in the United States. They are found in over 54 million homes or about 44% of all households. Each dog owner thinks their dog is special and smart. But, how much do we really know about dogs? To find out more, we will learn about different breeds of dogs, working dogs, therapy dogs, and training dogs.

What Is Your Learning Style?

Period 3: Grades 3-6

Instructor: TBD

Are you a visual learner, auditory learner, kinesthetic learner, or a reading/writing learner? Students will be able to identify and explain which type of learner they are in order to maximize learning. Students will also learn executive functioning to help them prepare for the next grade, and they will learn to love math by playing games to get them ready for the next grade.

Write It! Book Making

Period 3: Grades 2-4

Instructor: Ms. Melissa Pizza

Using a multitude of mediums children will write across a variety of genres, such as realistic fiction, nonfiction, and fantasy. In this class, children will create different types of reading materials. From books to graphic booklets to tri-folds, students will write it all! Students will end the four weeks with a hardcover book they created.

