2026-2027 HOLIDAY MINI AFTERS – CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

(Alphabetical by Class Name)

Ms. Kelly	Arctic Animals	Have you ever wondered if a Narwhal is a real animal? Or what a walrus uses those big tusks for? Or how fast a penguin can slide on its belly? Let's explore the wonders of Arctic Animals together. We will learn information about several of our favorite cold-weather friends, and then do a project about an animal of your choosing!
Ms. Hand	Clay Magnet Making	Bring your creative ideas to life by designing your own polymer clay magnets! These colorful, handmade creations are perfect for decorating your fridge or giving as unique holiday gifts!
Ms. J. Prieto & Ms. S. Prieto	Game Show!	Students will participate in exciting activities inspired by popular game shows, including Trivia Challenge, Wheel of Fortune, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?, Jeopardy!-style quizzes, Family Feud-style challenges, and many more!
Ms. Morganti	Holiday LEGO Builders	Build some holiday magic, one brick at a time! In this hands-on class, students will create winter scenes, festive decorations, and imaginative holiday builds using LEGO bricks. Fun building challenges encourage creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork while giving young builders plenty of room to bring their own ideas to life. Join us for a season of building, discovering, and festive fun!
Ms. Muscat	Latch Hook	Get creative in this fun, hands-on craft class! Students will learn the basics of latch hooking as they create their own colorful craft or wall hanging, one loop at a time. Over four sessions, students will develop fine motor skills, practice patience, and enjoy watching their project come to life. Each student will work on an easy-to-use latch hook canvas with colorful yarn, making a project they'll be proud to show off.
Ms. Hancock	Math Board Game Mania	Did you know that many of our most classic and popular board games are based on mathematical logic and reasoning?! Students will participate in various fun and hands-on math-themed games which will expose and practice math skills such as multiplication, patterns, number sense, coordinate graphing, geometry, number strategy, money, fractions, measurement, and so much more! Students will strengthen mathematical awareness through these fun and creative play-based activities.
Ms. Legio	Riverside Newscast	Students will be creating the Riverside School Newscast to be aired by the school on Fridays. They will learn how to use iMovie, be directors and news anchors, create special reports, learn interview skills, and research sports and weather. They build friendships and confidence in front of the camera! Join us as we bring the news to life and make headlines together. Over to you! *Note that participation in this class requires consent to a media waiver.

Ms. Legio	Riverside Newscast: Editing	Put together the Riverside Newscast using iMovie! NOTE: This Afters is not filming the Newscast. Learn how to be a pro using iMovie!
Mr. Lederman	Riverside Writes: Holiday Stories	Calling all storytellers! If you have a passion for writing, this program is for you. Come ready to put pen to paper, spending an hour each week blending together lessons, games, and free-writing time with a festive holiday twist! Together, we will bring to life holiday-inspired stories, poems, and more! Connect with fellow writers, sharpen your skills, and bring your ideas to life! Join us to write, imagine, and share your voice with the world—one festive piece at a time!
Mr. D'Andrea	Snowball Fight & Festive Family Feud	Get ready to freeze the competition with Mr. D'Andrea in a seasonal dodgeball adventure! Students will build snow forts, strategize with teammates, and dodge floating "snowballs." Safety is our top priority, which is why we strictly use extra-soft, squishy yarn balls designed to keep the game ultra-safe and 100% sting-free. Rain or shine, the fun keeps going! When winter weather moves us indoors, the holiday excitement heats up with The Festive Family Feud! Join us after school for an interactive, classroom-friendly game show packed with friendly competition, team spirit, and festive fun. Styled after the classic game show, students will team up, test their holiday knowledge, race to answer survey-style trivia, and battle it out to see which team knows holiday pop culture and winter traditions best! Last year, this after-school class completely sold out —so this season, we've added a second day to make sure every child gets a chance to play!
Mr. D'Andrea	Sports Spectacular & Sports Trivia	Come Join Mr. D'Andrea for the most exciting sports class at Riverside. All students will be participating in a wide variety of sports and activities including team sports, such as Hockey, Football, Handball and Basketball. Each week will be a different team sport played in a round-robin setting. Earn points each week to try become the SPORTS SPECTACULAR TEAM CHAMPS! If bad weather moves us indoors, the action shifts from physical play to mental strategy with our team Sports Trivia Showdown. Teams go head-to-head testing their sports knowledge and quick thinking to keep scoring points for their squad.
Ms. Morganti	STEM Snowflakes	This winter, curiosity meets creativity! In our STEM Snowflakes series, children will explore the science and beauty of snow through hands-on experiments and fun engineering challenges. From cutting paper snowflakes to growing sparkling crystal ones, kids will discover how snowflakes form, learn about states of matter, and even test their problem-solving skills with snowflake engineering projects. Each week blends science, art, and play — sending kids home with their own winter creations and a new love for science!
Ms. Crawford	Step-by-Step Drawing	Learn how to draw animals, plants, popular cartoon characters, and festive holiday designs! With easy step-by-step instructions and a little creativity, everyone can create great-looking drawings!

Mr. D’Andrea	Winter Wonderland Tag & Holiday Game Makers	Beat the winter chill with an action-packed, seasonal tag adventure your kids will love! Each week, students will dive into holiday-themed favorites like Reindeer Tag, team up to rescue the holidays in The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, and race against the clock in Light the Menorah. Plus, the weather will never stop the fun! If we need to move indoors, we unlock Holiday Game Makers—a hands-on creative space where students transition from players to game designers, brainstorming and building their very own custom tag games to share with friends. Fast-paced, inclusive, and overflowing with creative energy—this is the ultimate way for your child to stay active and make memories this season. Spaces fill fast, so grab a spot today!