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**ELEMENTARY  
PROGRAMS**



## Needham Community Education (NCE) Elementary After School Class Catalog Winter/Spring 2025

*Needham Community Education (NCE) offers a variety of enrichment programs for grades 1-5 (Fall) + K-5 (Spring), located at all Needham Elementary schools.*

*NCE provides students with joyful and educational opportunities in the areas of visual arts, active play, science exploration, chess, technology and beyond.*

*If you are looking to support your child's interests in a space that is welcoming and inclusive, NCE is the place for you!*

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**Registration Link:**  
[nce.reg.elevo.com](https://nce.reg.elevo.com)

**Registration begins:**  
Monday, January 13th at 7am

**Registration ends:**  
Tuesday, February 11th for classes that begin weeks 1-5  
Thursday, March 20th for classes that begin weeks 6-12



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# Classes at a Glance // NCE Elementary Programs : Winter/Spring 2025

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## \* NEW SESSION SCHEDULE \*

Enjoy the flexibility of this session!

Class lengths vary, allowing you to sign up for multiple classes that fit your schedule.

Please refer to this schedule for specific class dates.

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
<b>Week 1</b>	February 24	February 25	February 27
<b>Week 2</b>	March 3	March 4	March 6
<b>Week 3</b>	March 10	March 11	March 13
<b>Week 4</b>	March 17	March 18	March 20
<b>Week 5</b>	March 24	March 25	March 27
<b>Week 6</b>	March 31	April 1	April 3
<b>Week 7</b>	April 7	April 8	April 10
<b>Week 8</b>	April 14	April 15	April 17
<b>--- BREAK ---</b>	<b>--- April 21 ---</b>	<b>--- April 22 ---</b>	<b>--- April 24 ---</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	April 28	April 29	May 1
<b>Week 10</b>	May 5	May 6	May 8
<b>Week 11</b>	May 12	May 13	May 15
<b>Week 12</b>	May 19	May 20	May 22

## NCE Elementary programs for **BROADMEADOW** students:

For a full class description, details and to enroll, please [click on the specific class title](#).

Class	Grades	Dates	Day
<a href="#">Dungeons &amp; Dragons</a>	3-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Team Challenges: Design + Construct</a>	K-3	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Chess: Beyond Beginners</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12</a> (12 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Soccer and More</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Lego Builders Club</a>	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Street Hockey and More</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Game Design Lab</a>	K-3	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Crafternoon</a>	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 2-11</a> (10 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">Fun with Fiber Art</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Thursdays

## NCE Elementary programs for **ELIOT** students:

For a full class description, details and to enroll, please [click on the specific class title](#)

Class	Grades	Dates	Day
<a href="#">Chess: Beyond Beginners</a>	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12 (No week 3)</a> (11 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Martial Arts</a>	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Lego Builders Club</a>	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Ink + Flow: Sharpie and Watercolor Art</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Kidcasters</a>	3-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-10</a> (10 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">The Great Outdoors</a>	K-3	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">App Inventors</a>	3-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">Interactive Coding for Kids</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">Dodgeball and More</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Thursdays

## NCE Elementary programs for **MITCHELL** students:

For a full class description, details and to enroll, please [click on the specific class title](#)

Class	Grades	Dates	Day
<a href="#">Minecraft Modding Adventures</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Grand Slam Tennisball</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Art in Nature: Explore + Create</a>	K-3	<a href="#">Weeks 3, 5, 6, 8 + 11</a> (5 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Soccer and More</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays

<a href="#">Lego Builders Club: Session 1</a>	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Lego Builders Club: Session 2</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Street Hockey and More</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Game Play</a>	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-10</a> (10 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">Chess: Beyond Beginners</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12</a> (no week 8) (11 sessions)	Thursdays

## NCE Elementary programs for **NEWMAN** students:

For a full class description, details and to enroll, please [click on the specific class title](#)

Class	Grades	Dates	Day
<a href="#">Fitness Fun: Session 1</a>	3-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Art in Nature: Explore + Create - Session 1</a>	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Art in Nature: Explore + Create - Session 2</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Fitness Fun: Session 2</a>	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Upcycled Materials: Explore, Experiment, Invent</a>	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Team Challenges: Design + Construct</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Martial Arts</a>	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">Jazzy Jewelry</a>	1-3	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">Chess: Beyond Beginners</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12</a> (12 sessions)	Thursdays

## NCE Elementary programs for **SUNITA WILLIAMS** students:

For a full class description, details and to enroll, please [click on the specific class title](#)

Class	Grades	Dates	Day
<a href="#">Game Play</a>	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Martial Arts</a>	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Animal Antics</a>	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">Mindful Movement</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays
<a href="#">STEAM Adventures: Session 1</a>	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">STEAM Adventures: Session 2</a>	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">Chess: Beyond Beginners</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12 (no week 3)</a> (11 sessions)	Tuesdays
<a href="#">On Trend: DIY Art Creations</a>	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">Lego Builders Club: Session 1</a>	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">Lego Builders Club: Session 2</a>	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays
<a href="#">The Great Outdoors</a>	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays

# Registration Tips + Policies // NCE Elementary Programs : Winter/Spring 2025

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**Registration platform:** Our registration system, Eleyo, is a mobile-friendly online platform that allows families the convenience of setting up an online profile—allowing you to input basic information in advance, connect multiple family members, view program details and schedules for classes your family is enrolled in, access receipts and more!

[Click here](#) for instructions on setting up your account in advance of registration.

**Double check the dates, times, grades and location of the class before purchase.** Classes are often offered at multiple locations and dates, times, and/or grades may vary.

**Please note that classes fill quickly. Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.** Register early to avoid being closed out.

**Waitlists:** If a class is full and you wish to place your child on the waitlist, click "Enroll Now", then you will be prompted to "Enroll on the waiting list". Follow the prompts from there. Be sure to hit the Pay \$0 button to finalize your place on the waitlist. You will be contacted if a space becomes available.

**Confirmations:** Once you are registered, you will receive a confirmation email from Eleyo, our online registration system. You can check on your active registrations by logging into your [Eleyo account](#) at any time.

**Enrollment Policy:** Students may only register for NCE classes at the school they currently attend, unless specified.

**Scholarship assistance is available:** No student will be denied access into an NCE program due to an inability to pay. Families experiencing financial hardship may apply for 60% off **one NCE class per session, per child**. If you have completed the District's Free and Reduced Meal application the student may receive 85% off one NCE class.

**For information on how to apply, please view page 17** of this catalog or contact Rita Jarvis at [rita\\_jarvis@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:rita_jarvis@needham.k12.ma.us) 781-455-0400 x5

**Refund Policy:** Participants may withdraw from a class and receive a refund, less a \$15.00 processing fee, if you **notify NCE three weeks prior to the start of class**. NCE is unable to offer refunds or credits for missed classes and is unable to offer refunds or credits for withdrawals made after the three week mark. *Refunds come in the form of a check from the Town of Needham and may take up to four weeks to arrive by mail.*

**Canceled Classes:** Sometimes an NCE class has to be canceled, due to low-enrollment or an instructor no longer being able to teach the class. When a class is canceled, all registrants will be contacted immediately and will receive a full refund. *Refunds come in the form of a check from the Town of Needham and may take up to four weeks to arrive by mail.*

**Special Considerations:** NCE programs are open to all Needham Public Schools students. NCE provides equal access to its programs for children with and

without disabilities. If there are special considerations we should know about so that your child may access our programs, please share them in the designated area of the registration form. *NCE does not have access to a child's IEP or Section 504 Plan, therefore NCE encourages parents to additionally disclose any medical- or disability-related needs in the Special Needs section in their child's online profile -- more information is better than less.*

If you believe your child requires a specific reasonable accommodation for medical- or disability-related needs, **please contact our office to discuss your child's needs at least two weeks prior to start**. If it is determined that your child requires additional support staff to access a program due to a disability, NCE will work to provide such additional staff. If, however, NCE is unable to secure extra support staff, we will notify you and provide a refund for the program. Similarly, if your child is unable to participate in a program on a specific day because a needed support staff person is out sick or otherwise unavailable to attend your child's program, NCE will refund the cost of the program for that specific day.

## Contact Info:

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## Notify Your Child's School and

**Classroom Teacher:** Please notify your child's school **AND** classroom teacher of the dismissal change. Please include the dates that your child should be dismissed to the NCE program.

**For Students in NEDP:** Students enrolled in NEDP may also register for NCE Elementary programs. NEDP students will be escorted to NEDP at the end of their NCE class. **Note:** Please provide NEDP with a Dismissal Change Form to notify NEDP that your child will be attending their NCE class and arriving at NEDP upon its conclusion.

**Absences:** For the safety of our students, if your child attends school but does not plan to attend their NCE class, **please notify your child's school of the dismissal change AND notify the NCE office** at [NCE@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:NCE@needham.k12.ma.us) or 781-455-0400 x5.

**Arrival:** NCE classes will begin at the end of the school day. Students are dismissed to the designated NCE waiting area at their school, where they will be supervised by the NCE OnSite Coordinator until their Instructor arrives to escort the students to their classroom.

**Dismissal:** The NCE OnSite Coordinator will dismiss children from the front lobby of each school location. Children will not be permitted to leave on their own unless they have been designated as a walker on their registration form or with anyone other than their parent/guardian unless NCE has been notified. Please pick up your child promptly.

**No Transportation:** No transportation is provided between schools or home for NCE program participants.

**Late Pick-Up Fee:** For safety reasons, students must be picked up promptly at dismissal time. If you are delayed, there is a 5-minute grace period before late charges begin. A fee of \$25 will be charged for each late pickup (beyond the 5-minute grace period). NCE will bill you for the charges. **Your child may not attend the next class until the late fee is paid.**

## Early Dismissal from NCE Classes:

Parents/guardians must notify NCE at [NCE@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:NCE@needham.k12.ma.us) or 781-455-0400 x5, **no later than 1:00pm on the day of class** if their child needs to be dismissed early from their NCE class. This will allow us to have your child packed up and ready for pick up at the requested time.

**Inclement Weather:** If the Needham Public Schools are closed or released early due to inclement weather, all NCE after-school and evening classes will be canceled.

**Make Up Classes:** If a class is canceled due to inclement weather or instructor absence, a make up class will be planned in the weeks to follow, with the scheduled instructor or a sub. If a class cannot be rescheduled, NCE will provide a pro-rated refund for the canceled class. **Cancellation refunds will be processed at the end of the class session. Refunds come in the form of a check from the Town of Needham and may take up to four weeks to arrive by mail.**

**School Vacation / Holidays:** Classes will not be held on school holidays or school vacation weeks (unless specifically indicated). Please refer to the specific class for "no class" dates.

**School Policies:** All school policies outlined in each school's Student Handbook apply to NCE Elementary programs held at those locations.

**Snacks:** Participants in NCE Elementary after school programs are encouraged to bring a water bottle and **NUT-FREE snack** to enjoy during the gathering time between school dismissal and the start of their NCE class.

## Health and Safety Policies:

NCE programs follow the [Health and Safety protocols](#) in place for Needham Public Schools.

**Tax ID #:** For those of you with Flexible Spending Plans, the tax id number for Needham Community Education is #046-001-238.

## Needham Community Education

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781-455-0400 x5

## Needham Community Education

Needham Community Education (NCE) is a self-supporting branch of the Needham Public Schools. Each year, NCE provides over 500 different enrichment programs to over 6,000 participants including Needham's elementary, middle and high school students, as well as adults living and working in Needham and the surrounding communities. NCE is committed to delivering quality lifelong experiences for all.



# Full Class Descriptions + Details// NCE Elementary Programs : Winter/Spring 2025

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## Animal Antics

**Instructor:** Tracy Gay, COTA/L (Licensed & Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant), Sunita Williams Elementary School

In *Animal Antics*, we'll celebrate the animal kingdom through stories, discussions, and hands-on activities. We will learn about animal habitats, behaviors, and adaptations while creating different animal-themed activities and engaging in imaginative pretend play scenarios. We'll also celebrate the special bond we share with our pets, learning about their needs and how to care for them responsibly. This class fosters curiosity, encourages exploration, and cultivates a deep appreciation for the animals we know and love.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Sunita Williams	Animal Antics	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195

## App Inventors

**Instructor:** Circuit Lab

Want to know how the apps work on your phone or iPad? Or do you already have the next great app idea and just need to know how to make it? In this no-experience-required course, we use MIT App Inventor software to make fun, creative apps for Android phones and tablets. We will also explore wireless communication by building custom Bluetooth hardware controllers and readouts for our apps. Participants will learn both the programming and design aspects of creating great apps, and have the opportunity to build apps of their own with the support of Circuit Lab instructors.

Limited to 12 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Eliot	App Inventors	3-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$230

## Art in Nature: Explore + Create

**Instructor (Newman):** Cassie Fernandes, Administrative Assistant, English & Social Studies Department, Needham High School

**Instructor (Mitchell):** Samantha Scola, Biology and Environmental Teacher, Needham High School

In this inspiring art class, students will venture outdoors to become immersed in the natural world. They will carefully observe the intricate lines, vibrant shapes, and captivating colors and textures that surround them. Through mindful observation and the collection of natural fragments, students will gather inspiration for unique and creative art projects. Utilizing a mixed-media

approach, students will experiment with a variety of materials, transforming their observations into fabulous works of art. This class encourages an appreciation for the natural beauty around us, fostering a deeper connection to the environment.

**Note:** Even on cloudy days or during gentle rain, the outdoors provides endless opportunities for artistic inspiration. Students should be prepared to spend some time outdoors during each class.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Newman	Art in Nature: Explore + Create Session 1	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:25–4:25pm	\$195
Newman	Art in Nature: Explore + Create Session 2	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:25–4:25pm	\$195
Mitchell	Art in Nature: Explore + Create	K-3	<a href="#">Weeks 3, 5, 6, 8 + 11</a> (5 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$165

## Chess: Beyond Beginners

**Instructor** (*Broadmeadow + Mitchell*): **Dmitry Barash**, Chess Grandmaster, ICCF (International Correspondence Chess Federation)

**Instructor** (*Eliot + Sunita Williams*): **Ilya Krasik**, USCF (U.S. Chess Federation) National Chess Master

**Instructor** (*Newman*): **Vadim Martirosov**, USCF (U.S. Chess Federation) National Chess Master, Original Life Master, and Life Master

Taught by chess masters, the NCE chess instructors will prepare you for competitive play. Whether you have only recently learned how to play, or if you are already a competent competitor, your skills will be further advanced and your love for the game will blossom. **Students must be familiar with the basic rules of chess, understand how the pieces move and have a strong interest in furthering their chess skills.**

Limited to 14 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	Chess : Beyond Beginners	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12</a> (12 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$440
Eliot	Chess : Beyond Beginners	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12 (no week 3)</a> (11 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$405
Sunita Williams	Chess : Beyond Beginners	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12 (no week 3)</a> (11 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$405
Mitchell	Chess : Beyond Beginners	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-11 (no week 8)</a> (11 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$405
Newman	Chess : Beyond Beginners	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-12</a> (12 sessions)	Thursdays	3:25–4:25pm	\$440

## Crafternoon

**Instructor:** **Caitlin MacDonald**, Instructional Assistant, Broadmeadow Elementary School

Let your imagination run wild as we turn your afternoons into Crafternoons! Join us as we make, play and experiment with a wide variety of both traditional and non-traditional art materials. Afternoons may include painting, mixed-media, seasonally inspired activities, building with upcycled and recycled materials, and much more. What will we create and discover in this welcoming and collaborative space? Social connections are a big part of kick-starting our creativity so classes will also include breaks for games, movement and/or music. **Returning students welcome – new projects every session!**

Limited to 10 students



Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	Crafternoon	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 2-11</a> (10 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$280

## Dodgeball and More

**Instructor:** Sportszone

This class will introduce students to the nearly endless different styles of dodgeball. We will be teaching Dr. Dodgeball, Prize Ball, Elimination, Army, Ring of Fire, and many more... Each week will be a new adventure of team, individual, or tournament dodgeball. Sports cards will also be given out at the end of each program, with the opportunity to earn special prizes for play and behavior. Time to find the next Ultimate Dodgeball Player! **Participants should wear sneakers and comfortable clothes.**

Limited to 14 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Eliot	Dodgeball and More	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$155

## Dungeons & Dragons

**Instructor:** Samantha Lee, Moderate Special Education Instructional Assistant, Broadmeadow Elementary School

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) is an imaginative, social experience that engages players in a rich fantasy world filled with larger-than-life heroes, deadly monsters, and diverse settings. As a hobby game, D&D is an ongoing activity which connects players with friends on a regular basis. The D&D game is a fantasy game of your imagination. It is part acting, part storytelling, part social interaction, part combat game, and part chance. You and your friends create characters that develop and grow with each adventure they complete. Use math, reading, and problem-solving skills to become a hero of might and magic in this glorified board game. **All skill levels welcome – whether you're a seasoned adventurer or just starting your journey, join our knights to stop evil and save the world!**

Limited to 8 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	Dungeons & Dragons	3-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$245

## Fitness Fun

**Instructor:** Michelle Barbato, Fifth Grade Instructional Assistant, Newman Elementary School

You won't want to miss our *Fitness Fun* class! Develop essential teamwork skills, learn to collaborate effectively, and enhance your physical fitness while participating in a variety of games, sports, and challenges designed to keep you active and engaged. From classic favorites to innovative new activities, this class welcomes all skill levels and encourages you to participate at your own pace. Join us for a dynamic and enjoyable experience that promotes health and friendship.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Newman	Fitness Fun: Session 1	3-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:25–4:25pm	\$195

Newman	Fitness Fun: Session 2	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:25–4:25pm	\$195
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## Fun with Fiber Art

**Instructor:** Chelsea Brown, Local fiber artist and NCE Elementary, Middle and Adult instructor

In *Fun with Fiber Art*, students will explore the exciting world of fiber arts and its endless possibilities. They will explore a range of textile techniques, including sewing, weaving, and knitting, using fabric, yarn, and thread to develop their own creative projects. Inspired by games, cartoons and pop culture, students will transform their imaginations into reality, from sketch to stitch. A highlight of the class will be designing and hand-sewing their very own felt stuffies. Students will also learn techniques such as embroidery, pom pom making, and more! From basic stitches to more advanced techniques, this hands-on experience offers a delightful introduction to the world of textiles.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	Fun with Fiber Art	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$245

## Game Design Lab

**Instructor:** Corena Powers, Special Education Department Assistant, High Rock and Pollard Middle School

Join the *Game Design Lab* and bring your game ideas to life! Each week, we'll gather to brainstorm and create new games using "mystery objects" brought in by students and the Instructor. From wacky board games to exciting outdoor challenges, we'll work together to design, build, and play our own unique creations. Learn about game mechanics, teamwork, and the power of imagination as we transform everyday objects into extraordinary game pieces!

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	Game Design Lab	K-3	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195

## Game Play

**Instructor (Mitchell):** Rosemary Rose, Occupational Therapist, Sunita Williams and Mitchell Elementary School

**Instructor (Sunita):** Tracy Gay, COTA/L (Licensed & Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant), Sunita Williams Elementary School

Join us for a fun-filled class focused on cooperation, social connection, skill-building and play! We will enjoy indoor games of all sorts including, board games, dice games, movement games, card games, puzzles and more. Try games that require skill or involve strategy to play and others that are games of chance. Have fun and make new friends all while developing fine motor, visual perceptual, social, and academic skills. **Returning students welcome—we will have new games and activities!**

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Mitchell	Game Play	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-10</a> (10 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$280
Sunita Williams	Game Play	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195

## Grand Slam Tenniball

**Instructor:** Sportszone

A true gym class classic, tenniball is a ton of fun for players of all ages and skill levels. Tenniball is inspired by baseball and softball but uses a tennis ball and tennis racquet instead of a ball and bat. Hitting the ball is much easier, fielding is much safer, and customizable rules make the game an absolute blast. Each week we will mix up the teams and the rules, so the participants will never know what to expect. There may even be some special prizes in store for awesome plays, top tier strategy, and shows of sportsmanship. You don't want to miss out! **Participants should wear sneakers and comfortable clothes.**

Limited to 16 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Mitchell	Grand Slam Tenniball	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$155

## Ink + Flow: Sharpie and Watercolor Art

**Instructor:** Ellen Porter, Instructional Assistant, Eliot Elementary School

In this class, students will explore the exciting contrast between flowing watercolors and bold black ink. They will learn to create amazing pieces of art inspired by stories, poems, and their own imaginations. Each week will focus on a different area of exploration, such as landscapes, animals, and abstract art. We will even incorporate the occasional moment of zen with a quick meditation break or a few stretches to keep students focused.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Eliot	Ink + Flow: Sharpie and Watercolor Art	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195

## Interactive Coding for Kids

**Instructor:** Circuit Lab

In this hands-on class, students explore Scratch programming, using the MIT-developed programming interface to craft stories and games. Then we will use Makey Makey boards to invent new ways to interact with the Scratch projects using everyday objects. Our circuitry projects will become musical instruments, video game controllers, pressure sensors, and more. Students will learn valuable 21st-century skills while engaging in these fun, creative lessons. Collaborative project challenges enhance teamwork skills and inspire critical thinking. **No prior coding experience required.**

Limited to 12 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Eliot	Interactive Coding for Kids	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$230

## Jazzy Jewelry

**Instructor:** Jasmine Sanders, ILC Instructional Assistant, Newman Elementary School

In *Jazzy Jewelry* you'll learn the basics of beading and stringing to craft stunning, personalized jewelry. From casual to chic, sparkly to funky, the possibilities are endless! Experiment with different bead styles, colors, and textures to create one-of-a-kind pieces that reflect your unique personality. You'll also be guided through essential techniques like using clasps, jump rings, and knotting to give your creations a polished finish. **Returning students welcome – new projects every session!**

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Newman	Jazzy Jewelry	1-3	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:25–4:25pm	\$195

## KidCasters

**Instructor:** Tal Kelly, Freelance Art Director, Kid Podcast Producer and *Kids Listen* board member

Back by popular demand, *Kidcasters* is your chance to turn your passions into podcasts! Whether you're a gaming enthusiast, a budding comedian, a storyteller, a playwright, or a music lover, we'll help you transform your ideas into captivating audio content. Together, we'll brainstorm concepts, develop scripts, and master the art of recording and editing sound. From the initial idea to the final product, you'll gain hands-on experience in every aspect of podcast production, including marketing and distribution. **By the end of the class, you'll have a live podcast episode ready to share with the world and the tools to create and publish your own audio adventures.**

Limited to 6 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Eliot	KidCasters	3-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-10</a> (10 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$280

## LEGO Builders Club

**Instructor (Broadmeadow):** Corena Powers, Special Education Department Assistant, High Rock and Pollard Middle School

**Instructor (Eliot):** Ellen Porter, Instructional Assistant, Eliot Elementary School

**Instructor (Mitchell):** Rosemary Rose, Occupational Therapist, Sunita Williams and Mitchell Elementary School

**Instructor (Sunita):** Tracy Gay, COTA/L (Licensed & Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant), Sunita Williams Elementary School

Lego Builders Club invites budding architects and imaginative builders to unleash their creativity while exploring the endless possibilities of LEGO bricks! From constructing towering skyscrapers and intricate vehicles to creating fantastical creatures and imaginative worlds, students will learn valuable engineering concepts, develop problem-solving skills, and foster teamwork and collaboration. With a focus on creativity, imagination, and fun, Lego Builders Club provides a space for students to celebrate themselves, their ideas and one another. **Returning students of past LEGO-themed classes welcomed - new challenges, same vibe, different name!**

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	LEGO Builders Club	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195
Eliot	LEGO Builders Club	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195
Mitchell	LEGO Builders Club: Session 1	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195

Mitchell	LEGO Builders Club: Session 2	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195
Sunita Williams	LEGO Builders Club: Session 1	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195
Sunita Williams	LEGO Builders Club: Session 2	K-4	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195

## Martial Arts

**Instructor:** Steve DeMasco's Martial Arts of Needham

Martial Arts is the perfect way for students to channel their energy into something positive while learning valuable skills! This action-packed class combines fun, fitness, and discipline as students dive into our martial arts program. With each class, students build confidence, improve coordination, and develop strength, agility, and focus. Led by experienced, enthusiastic instructors, the program fosters teamwork, respect, and determination, all while making every session feel like an exciting challenge.

Whether they're kicking, punching, or learning self-defense moves, students will find themselves engaged in high-energy drills, games, and interactive activities. Every day brings something new, keeping everyone motivated and eager to return. The program emphasizes not only physical fitness but also includes the life skills portion of our lessons which helps students grow into well-rounded individuals who are ready to take on any challenge with a positive attitude. **Ideal for students of all skill levels.**

Limited to 12 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Eliot	Martial Arts	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$230
Sunita Williams	Martial Arts	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$230
Newman	Martial Arts	K-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:25–4:25pm	\$230

## Mindful Movement

**Instructor:** Lindsay Mason(Special Education Liaison) & Annie Swisher(ILC Instructional Assistant),Sunita Williams Elementary School

Ignite your child's imagination and well-being in our *Mindful Movement* class. *Mindful Movement* will combine yoga, meditation, and dance to provide a refreshing outlet for movement and creativity, embracing a holistic approach to your child's growth and happiness. This class promises an exciting journey of movement, self-discovery, and creativity, all while promoting a sense of focus in the midst of your child's busy schedules.

**Class Activities will include:**

**Yoga Fusion:** Through yoga, boost flexibility, focus, and relaxation.

**Expressive Dance:** Explore creativity and confidence through dance routines.

**Mindfulness Magic:** Learn valuable mindfulness techniques.

**Coordination and Fun:** Develop motor skills in a supportive and enjoyable setting.

**Relaxation Rituals:** End each session on a calming note.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
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Sunita Williams	Mindful Movement	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195
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## MineCraft Modding Adventures

**Instructor:** iCode Of Wellesley

Calling all Minecraft lovers and designers! Join us as we learn how to mod Minecraft using MCreator. Learning to mod in Minecraft is a gateway to an adventure of creativity in computer skills that can be taken from video games to the real world. Students will build new tools, items, building blocks (coding) and create custom armors. They will also create custom biomes and structures to create structures and worlds in Minecraft.

Limited to 12 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Mitchell	Minecraft Modding Adventures	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$360

## On Trend: DIY Art Creations

**Instructor:** Emily Garron, ILC Instructional Assistant, Sunita Williams Elementary School

In this hip new art class we'll explore the latest trends and techniques seen on Pinterest and other popular platforms. Using a variety of traditional and non-traditional art materials, we'll create unique and stylish projects inspired by artsy projects that have gone viral. From DIY crafts to abstract art, we'll experiment with different techniques and express our creativity in fun new ways.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Sunita Williams	On Trend: DIY Art Creations	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195

## Soccer and More

**Instructor:** Sportszone

In this action packed class, students will learn the fundamentals of Soccer, do drills to develop and improve skills, and play Soccer games. Students will also get the chance to rotate playing some of their other favorite sports games throughout the session including dodgeball, basketball, flag football, kickball, pickle, and many others. If you love sports and variety, this will be a fan-favorite class for you! At the end of each class, we will discuss current events in sports, learn the importance of maintaining a healthy active lifestyle, and reinforce in-class learning using sports cards and prizes. This class is a fun way to be active, learn about teamwork and sportsmanship, and make new friends! **Participants should wear sneakers and comfortable clothes.**

Limited to 16 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	Soccer and More	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$230
Mitchell	Soccer and More	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$230

## STEAM Adventures

**Instructor:** Nini Catalasan, Instructional Assistant, Sunita Williams Elementary School

In *STEAM Adventures*, we'll explore the exciting intersection of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. From conducting art-based experiments to designing eco-friendly inventions, we'll use our creativity and problem-solving skills to tackle real-world challenges. Through interactive games, outdoor adventures, and collaborative projects, we will share our ideas, observations and creations with one another, fostering a community of young innovators.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Sunita Williams	STEAM Adventures: Session 1	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$245
Sunita Williams	STEAM Adventures: Session 2	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$125

## Street Hockey and More

**Instructor:** Sportszone

While many of our programs are focused primarily on play, this program dives a little deeper into the intricacies of one of the fastest games out there. Participants will have a chance to learn the fundamentals of hockey, like stick handling, passing, spacing, communication, and rotation, and take part in a variety of mini-games. This class is a fun way to be active, learn about teamwork and sportsmanship, and make new friends. Participants will also receive a daily pack of sports cards! **Participants should wear sneakers and comfortable clothes.**

Limited to 16 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	Street Hockey and More	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$230
Mitchell	Street Hockey and More	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$230

## Team Challenges: Design + Construct

**Instructor (Broadmeadow):** Corena Powers, Special Education Department Assistant, High Rock and Pollard Middle School

**Instructor (Newman):** Laurie Kraemer, Teaching Assistant, Newman Elementary School

In *Team Challenges: Design + Construct*, students will work collaboratively to solve unique engineering and design challenges. Each week, teams will be presented with a new challenge and provided with a set of supplies to build with. Through creative problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking, students will design and construct innovative solutions. At the end of each challenge, teams will vote on awards for each team's creation, fostering friendly competition and celebrating diverse approaches to design and construction.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Broadmeadow	Team Challenges: Design + Construct	K-3	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Mondays	3:00–4:00pm	\$125
Newman	Team Challenges: Design + Construct	2-5	<a href="#">Weeks 9-12</a> (4 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:25–4:25pm	\$125

## The Great Outdoors

**Instructor (Sunita Williams): Emily Garron**, ILC Instructional Assistant, Sunita Williams Elementary School

**Instructor (Eliot): Samantha Scola**, Biology and Environmental Teacher, Needham High School

In this class, we'll immerse ourselves in the natural world that surrounds our school. We will explore and care for the school's outdoor garden, learn about and celebrate local plants and animals, and discover the magic of nature through imaginative games and building projects. From creating nature obstacle courses and building forts in the woods to constructing miniature animal shelters and designing eco-friendly art, we'll use natural materials to spark creativity and inspire collaborative play. We'll also learn about the importance of protecting our environment and discover how to minimize our impact on the natural world. Through these hands-on adventures, we will cultivate a deep appreciation for the natural world and a love for exploration and discovery.

**Note:** Even on cloudy days or during gentle rain, the outdoors provides endless opportunities for exploration, inspiration and play. Students should be prepared to spend some time outdoors during each class.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Sunita Williams	The Great Outdoors	1-5	<a href="#">Weeks 7-12</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195
Eliot	The Great Outdoors	K-3	<a href="#">Weeks 1-6</a> (6 sessions)	Thursdays	3:00–4:00pm	\$195

## Upcycled Materials: Explore, Experiment, Invent

**Instructor (Newman): Laurie Kraemer**, Teaching Assistant, Newman Elementary School

What happens when we think of discarded materials as art tools worthy of our attention? In this class, we will put down our pencils and paintbrushes and pick up newspapers, plastic bottles, cardboard tubes and more as we mess about in open-ended exploration. How many different ways can we use a single material? How big can we go? Can we invent something new or useful? Student artists will flex their skills in improvisation, problem-solving, and collaboration as we sculpt, print, play, and push the limits of recycled media.

Limited to 10 students

Location	Class	Grades	Dates	Day	Time	Price
Newman	Upcycled Materials: Explore, Experiment, Invent	K-2	<a href="#">Weeks 1-8</a> (8 sessions)	Tuesdays	3:25–4:25pm	\$245

## Need help registering?

If you are unable to register online or have any trouble with our online registration system, a member of our NCE team would be happy to assist you by phone at **781-455-0400 x5**

# Scholarship Assistance

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**Scholarship assistance** is available for Needham Public School students experiencing financial hardships. No student will be denied access to any NCE program due to an inability to pay. Any student receiving an NCE scholarship is eligible to join **one class per session at the reduced rate**.

NCE offers 60% off one class per session, per child for those experiencing financial hardship.

\*For families participating in the State Public Assistance Program or the District's Free and Reduced Meal Plan: Those that qualify may receive 85% off one NCE class per session, per child.

## How to register for classes with scholarship assistance:

**STEP ONE:** Create an online registration account for your family on our registration platform, [Eleyo](#). [Click here](#) for instructions on setting up your family's account. *If your family already has an account on Eleyo, you may skip this step.*

**STEP TWO:** Complete [this google form](#) to apply for scholarship assistance. NCE will be in touch to confirm and finalize class registration.

**Questions?** Please contact Rita Jarvis at [Rita\\_Jarvis@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:Rita_Jarvis@needham.k12.ma.us) or call the NCE Office at 781-455-0400 x5

## More NCE Offerings!

[Parent University Catalog](#)

[Adult Catalog](#)

[Middle School Catalog](#)

### Summer Explorations Program Dates:

**Open to rising grades 1-9**

Week 1: July 7-11

Week 2: July 14-18

Week 3: July 21-25

Week 4: July 28-August 1

***Class offerings and details coming soon!***

Contact [ncesummer@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:ncesummer@needham.k12.ma.us) with any questions.

# Needham Public Schools



## Needham Non-Discrimination Policy

The Needham Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, active military/veteran status, ancestry, genetic information or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, and other administered programs and activities. In addition, students who are homeless or of limited English-speaking ability are protected from discrimination in accessing the course of study and other opportunities available through schools.

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## Needham Community Education

Needham Community Education (NCE) is a self-supporting branch of the Needham Public Schools. Each year, NCE provides over 500 different enrichment programs to over 6,000 participants including Needham's elementary, middle and high school students, as well as adults living and working in Needham and the surrounding communities. NCE is committed to delivering quality lifelong experiences for all.

## Contact Information

**Office Hours: 8:00am–4:00pm, Monday–Friday**

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## Translation Assistance

**ATTENTION:** If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services are available to you free of charge. Contact your child's school for assistance.

**Chinese (Simplified):**

请注意: 如果您的母语不是英语, 我们将免费提供您语言辅助服务。如需协助, 请与您孩子的学校联系。

**Spanish:**

ATENCION: Si usted habla un idioma que no sea el inglés, hay servicios de asistencia lingüística disponibles gratis. Contacte la escuela de su hijo para asistencia.

**Russian:**

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы не говорите на английском языке, для вас доступны бесплатные языковые сервисы на вашем языке. Обратитесь за помощью в школу, в которой учится ваш ребенок