



Bancroft ES Winter 2025 Catalog

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	Mondays (9 classes)	Tuesdays (9 classes)	Wednesday (9 classes)	Thursday (9 classes)	Friday (9 classes)
Dates	<u>Have Class:</u> Nov: 10, 17, 24 Dec: 1, 8, 15 Jan: 5, 12 <u>No Class:</u> Nov: 3 (R/W) Dec: 22 (DCPS Break), 29 (DCPS Break) Jan: 19 (HOL)	<u>Have Class:</u> Nov: 4, 18, 25 Dec: 2, 9, 16 Jan: 6, 13, 20 <u>No Class:</u> Nov: 11 (HOL) Dec: 23 (DCPS Break), 30 (DCPS Break) Jan: 20 (HOL)	<u>Have Class:</u> Nov: 5, 12, 19, Dec: 3, 10, 17 Jan: 7, 14, 21 <u>No Class:</u> Nov: 26 (DCPS Break) Dec: 24 (Winter Break), 31 (DCPS Break)	<u>Have Class:</u> Nov: 6, 13, 20 Dec: 4, 11, 18 Jan: 8, 15, 22 <u>No Class:</u> Nov: 27 (DCPS Break) Dec: 25 (HOL) Jan: 1 (HOL)	<u>Have Class:</u> Nov: 7, 14, 21, Dec: 5, 12, 19 Jan: 9, 16, 23 <u>No Class:</u> Nov: 28 (DCPS Break) Dec: 26 (DCPS Break) Jan: 2 (PD)
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Please find all class descriptions below!

*** Below are the descriptions for all Active Play classes. If there's a class you're interested in that isn't being offered this term, please let us know—we'd love to hear your feedback!



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ADVANCED LEGO

Students will explore the world of advanced LEGO construction by tackling a new, intricate kit each week. Designed for young engineers and builders, this class encourages problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork as kids follow step-by-step instructions to build complex models—from vehicles and robots to architectural masterpieces. Each week introduces a new challenge, helping students sharpen their building skills, learn engineering concepts, and gain confidence in their abilities.

ANIME WORLD

Step into the world of anime! In this fun and friendly club, kids explore popular shows, characters, and stories while learning what makes anime so special. We'll watch clips, talk about favorite heroes and villains, try out simple drawing, and even learn a few Japanese words along the way!

ANIME DRAWING

Love anime? Come learn how to draw big eyes, cool hair, and fun characters! In this playful class, kids use simple steps to create their own anime-style drawings and colorful stories—no drawing experience needed, just imagination!

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ARCHERY

Take aim and have fun learning the art of archery! In a safe and encouraging setting, students will build focus, confidence, and coordination as they develop their skills with the bow and arrow. No experience needed—just a steady hand and a curious mind!

ART CLUB

Join us for a fun and creative time after school! Students will explore simple, hands-on art projects using a variety of materials. Each week brings a new opportunity to draw and craft. No experience needed—just bring your imagination!

ART WITH MS. PAT

Join Ms. Pat for a fun-filled, creative after-school art adventure! Come make new friends, have fun, and bring your imagination to life in a world of colors and creativity!

ART - YOUNG PICASSO'S ART CLUB

For those who love to imagine, observe, craft, draw, paint and sculpt – Young Picasso's Art Class is your afternoon enrichment! Projects will span the basics of rendering what we see and what we imagine, to two-dimensional and three dimensional mixed art pieces. We will look at different artists and styles to inspire our work. Each week the students will have an in class art project that is age appropriate to their skill set. The only requirement is a love of art!

ART OF ORIGAMI - LEVEL 1

Fold, flip, and have a blast! This class is perfect for beginners learning to follow step-by-step instructions, improve hand-eye coordination, and build fine motor skills while creating cool origami with seasonal kits. Every session brings a brand-new set of themed folds (like animals, boats, or flowers), and students get to keep their kits and creations at the end!

ART OF ORIGAMI - LEVEL 2

Ready to fold like a pro? This class is perfect for returning or confident folders who want to go beyond the basics. Students will learn more advanced techniques—like reverse folds and squash folds—taught step-by-step with lots of guidance. Projects are unique each season and designed to challenge creativity, focus, and fine motor skills. From detailed creatures to geometric wonders, it's origami that really *wows*!

ART OF STORYTELLING

Step into a world of wonder and imagination! In this exciting class, we'll dive into stories, from magical adventures to funny tales, with lots of fun twists. Your teacher will share stories that will take you on wild journeys, and then it's your turn to tell your own stories! You'll even get to act out characters, make funny voices, and become part of the story yourself. This class is all about having fun with words, using your imagination, and sharing stories with friends. Join us for a mix of storytelling, creativity, and play where everyone's voice is heard!

BASKETBALL WITH MR. WHITE

Get ready to hit the court with energy, teamwork, and a whole lot of fun! *Basketball with Mr. White* is more than just a game — it's an exciting opportunity to learn the fundamentals of basketball, build confidence, and improve your skills in a supportive, high-energy environment.

Whether you're new to the sport or a seasoned player, Mr. White brings the perfect mix of coaching, encouragement, and enthusiasm to help you grow as an athlete and teammate. From dribbling and shooting to teamwork and strategy, you'll develop your game while having a blast.

Come ready to sweat, learn, and play hard — Mr. White's got the whistle, and it's game time!

BEGINNER FRENCH

This fun and interactive after-school program introduces young learners to the basics of French. Students will explore simple words, phrases, and greetings through engaging activities like songs, games, and crafts. The program fosters a positive, no-pressure environment where children will develop their listening and speaking skills, while cultivating a love for language and culture. Perfect for little explorers eager to start their French learning journey!

BEY BLADES

Join the ultimate spinning-top showdown in our Beyblade Club! This high-energy, action-packed club is perfect for kids who love competition and strategy. Each week, participants will learn the basics of Beyblade battles, including how to launch, customize, and fine-tune their Beyblades for maximum performance.

BOARD GAMES

Get ready for an exciting adventure into the world of board games! In this fun and interactive after-school class, students will explore a variety of age-appropriate board and card games that encourage critical thinking, teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship.

BOOK CLUB

Join our After-School Book Club for an exciting adventure through the world of stories! In this fun and interactive program,



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students will explore different types of books—adventures, mysteries, and more—while developing a love for reading. Books and discussions will be in English.

BRAIN BUSTERS

Get ready to challenge your brain and have a blast! After school, we dive into awesome logic games like *Rush Hour*, boost your memory with matching cards, and solve fun brain teasers and riddles that spark your creativity. Build your vocabulary with kid-friendly crossword puzzles, tackle math challenges like beginner KenKen, explore word searches and Sudoku, and enjoy classic strategy games like *Connect 4*. Come play, think, and grow with us!

CHEERLEADING

Get ready to jump, chant, and shine! Our cheerleading program is all about building spirit, confidence, and teamwork through fun routines and energetic movement. Students learn the basics of cheer in a positive, high-energy environment where every voice counts!

COMIC CREATIONS

Get ready to unleash your creativity at our after school Comic Creations Club! Over the course of the season, students will learn how to create their very own comic books. This club focuses on the exciting process of storytelling through comics, where you'll discover the essential elements that make a great story and how to bring your ideas to life with illustrations and words.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Wiggle, stretch, spin, and explore! Creative Movement invites kids to express themselves through dance, play, and imaginative motion. With music, props, and plenty of space to move, it's a joyful way to build coordination, rhythm, and confidence.

CREATIVE WRITING

Unleash your imagination and become a writer! In the Creative Writing Club, kids dive into fun writing games, craft unique characters, build exciting fictional worlds, and share their own stories—whether through poems or prose. It's a space where every idea matters, and creativity shines bright!

DANCE

Our After-School Dance class is a lively and creative way for young dancers to explore movement and rhythm! Through fun routines and games, students will build coordination, flexibility, and confidence while learning the basics of different dance styles. Perfect for all skill levels, this class lets kids express themselves through the joy of dance!

DEBATE

The Debate Club is the perfect place for young minds to develop confidence, critical thinking, and communication skills! In this engaging and supportive environment, students will learn the fundamentals of debating—how to structure an argument, think on their feet, and express their opinions persuasively. Each week, kids will explore different topics, engage in friendly debates, and sharpen their ability to listen and respond thoughtfully to others.

DETECT DETECTIVES

Put on your detective hat and get ready to solve mysteries! In this sub, kids sharpen their observation, logic, and teamwork skills through fun games like clue hunts, code breaking, and mystery puzzles

DRAWING

Students will enjoy guided drawing activities where they'll create fun pictures like popular characters or season-themed drawings. Each class also includes free drawing time, giving kids the chance to let their imaginations run wild and create their own unique artwork. Designed for grades 1-2 and 3-5, this program focuses on creativity, self-expression, and most importantly—having fun with art! Perfect for young artists who love to draw and want to explore their creative side.

DODGEBALL

Duck, dive, and dodge your way to fun! In our high-energy dodgeball games, students stay active while building reflexes, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It's all about safe fun, fast moves, and lots of laughter.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In this hands-on, fun-filled class, kids will dive into the world of entrepreneurship by running their own lemonade stand. From brainstorming a catchy name and designing a logo to pricing, marketing, and customer service, students will learn the

fundamentals of starting and managing a small business. Along the way, they'll develop important skills like teamwork, budgeting, problem-solving, and communication.

FENCING

Our fencing class is one of Bancroft's most popular! In this class, kids will learn proper technique and terminology for stances, attacks and defenses. In addition, they will learn the rules for our fencing class that ensures the safety of each member. They will also play games such as king/queen of the castle, sharks and minnows and a team battle to foster teamwork and sportsmanship.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Huddle up—it's game time! Our flag football program is full of energy, teamwork, and excitement. Students learn the fundamentals while running, catching, and scoring in an all-fun environment. Perfect for beginners and future quarterbacks alike!

FLOOR HOCKEY

This class introduces kids to the sport of street hockey and is great for players with and without experience. Kids will learn how to hold the stick, pass, shoot and play all positions. Classes will be split up between learning the skills of the game and then scrimmaging.

FRISBEE GOLF (DISC GOLF)

Aim, throw, and score—Frisbee style! Frisbee Golf is a fun twist on traditional golf, where kids learn to throw for accuracy and navigate creative “courses” with discs. It's great for building focus, coordination, and outdoor fun—no golf clubs needed!

GOLF

Swing into fun and learn the game of golf! Our junior golf sessions focus on the basics—grip, stance, and swing—while keeping things playful and relaxed. Kids build coordination and patience as they chip, putt, and play their way to confidence on the green!

GYMNASTICS

Through playful activities and obstacle courses, young children will explore basic gymnastics skills like balance, coordination,



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and flexibility. This class encourages creativity and physical development while fostering confidence and having tons of fun with friends!

HANDBALL

Fast-paced, active, and tons of fun! Handball is a great way for students to stay moving while learning teamwork and coordination. With simple rules and constant action, it's easy to pick up and hard to stop playing!

HAND EMBROIDERY

Students will be working on creativity and attention to details in this club. We will work on a project that students can complete throughout the session time frame with different stitches and designs. If possible, younger students can get help from older students as they work through different designs.

HIP HOP

Get ready to move, groove, and bust a move! In Hip Hop Dance Club, kids learn cool dance steps, fun footwork, and exciting routines to upbeat music. It's all about energy, expression, and having a blast while building rhythm, confidence, and style on the dance floor!

HOT WHEELS

Start your engines and zoom into fun! After school, kids build epic tracks, race their favorite Hot Wheels cars, and create wild stunts and challenges. Along the way, they'll explore basic physics concepts like speed, momentum, and gravity—all through hands-on play. It's all about speed, creativity, and friendly competition—perfect for little racers who love to play, build, and imagine big adventures on wheels!

IMPROV

Think fast, be silly, and go with the flow! Improv Club is all about using your imagination, thinking on your feet, and having a great time! Kids play theater games, make up scenes on the spot, and learn to work as a team—all while laughing a lot and building confidence.

JEWELRY MAKING

Get ready to turn your imagination into wearable art! Kids will work through age-appropriate kits, with older students diving

into exciting projects like clay jewelry and using thread to create colorful friendship bracelets. Whether they're crafting a simple bracelet or designing a bold statement necklace, children will develop fine motor skills, explore patterns and design, and build confidence in their artistic abilities. This club is the perfect blend of creativity, craftsmanship, and self-expression.

JOIN US ON JEOPARDY!

Looking for a way to challenge your child's mind while having fun? Join our Jeopardy-style class designed to inspire critical thinking, boost knowledge, and make learning exciting! In this action-packed class, students will team up to compete in friendly, fast-paced trivia games. Each week, they'll tackle categories across a variety of subjects—science, history, math, literature, and even pop culture—while reinforcing important concepts in a fun and interactive way. With each correct answer, kids will build confidence, and hone their skills in problem-solving, teamwork, and quick thinking.

KICKBALL

Kickball is not just a game - it's an exciting way to socialize, exercise and develop your teamwork skills. Our afterschool program caters to players of all levels and ages. Our coaches make sure that our class is safe, engaging and welcoming for everyone. Join us for some afternoon fun!

LITTLE BUILDERS CLUB

In Little Builders Club Pre-K and Kindergarten students are invited into a world of hands-on, creative exploration using jumbo LEGOs, Magna-Tiles, Brain Flakes, and other fun building materials. This class is designed as a free-form, play-based environment where young minds can build, imagine, and experiment at their own pace.

Each session encourages collaborative and independent work while inviting students to explore basic spatial and engineering concepts through play

LITTLE STARS DRAMA

In our Little Stars Drama Program—designed just for PreK and Kindergarten kids - your child will explore the world of imagination, creativity, and self-expression through fun drama games, role-playing, and storytelling.

LITTLE VET HELPERS

Calling all animal lovers! Kids become junior vets as they care for stuffed pets, learn about animal health, and practice gentle hands-on play. It's a paws-itively fun way to explore what it means to be a vet

MAD SCIENTIST

Get ready for a whirlwind of hands-on fun and mind-blowing experiments in our Mad Science After-School Program! Designed for curious young minds, this exciting program takes science beyond the classroom with interactive, age-appropriate activities that explore everything from chemistry and physics to engineering. Each week, students will engage in thrilling experiments, create bubbling potions, launch rockets, and explore the wonders of the natural world—all while learning key scientific principles in a fun, engaging way.

NEWS CLUB

Extra! Extra! Come report the fun at school! In News Club, students become reporters, writers, and editors as they cover all the latest happenings around campus. From interviews and comic strips to "breaking news" about recess, they'll ask big questions, create their own stories, and work together to build a school newspaper or news show—full of fun, creativity, and collaboration!

PAINTING

Brush it, splash it, color your world! Painting Club lets kids explore their creativity through color and fun. Using brushes, sponges, and even their fingers, students paint everything from landscapes to abstract art—learning new techniques while making masterpieces!

PHOTOGRAPHY

See the world through a new lens! Photography is more than taking pictures; it's a means of capturing moments that speak to the soul and awaken the senses. In our photography club, students explore creativity by capturing moments, experimenting with angles, and telling stories through pictures. It's all about seeing, snapping, and sharing their unique perspective!

PING PONG



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Our ping pong classes are the perfect way to add some fun and competition to your after school routine. Our classes are beginner-friendly, so you'll be able to learn the basics of the game in no time. Plus, playing ping pong is a great way to improve your reflexes and hand-eye coordination. Come join us and see what all the buzz is about!

POKEMON

Gotta catch 'em all—after school!

In Pokémon Club, kids dive into the world of Pikachu, Charizard, and all their favorite creatures! Whether they're trading cards, drawing their own Pokémon, learning fun facts, or battling in friendly (non-competitive) games, this club is all about creativity, friendship, and Pokémon fun.

POTTERY

Let's get messy and make something amazing!

In Pottery Club, kids shape, squish, and mold clay into cool creations—like bowls, animals, or anything they can imagine! It's a hands-on way to explore art, build fine motor skills, and take home something they made with their own two hands.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Speak up and shine! In this fun and friendly club, kids learn how to share their ideas with confidence. Through games, show-and-tell, silly speeches, and short presentations, students build their speaking skills, boost self-esteem, and find their voice—one word at a time!

PUPPET MASTERS

Join us to explore the puppetry world, create characters, learn basic puppetry techniques and create your own hand puppets! The class will incorporate Spanish as an immersive language to learn about body parts, colors, sizes, emotions and body movements.

RAINBOW LOOM – FROM BANDS TO ART

Join us for a hands-on, colorful crafting adventure in our **Art Club: Rainbow Loom – From Bands to Art!** In this fun and creative after-school class, students will use Rainbow Looms to make imaginative designs like turtles, strawberries, Stitch from *Lilo & Stitch*, and more. Each week, they'll complete a new project and take home their unique creation.

This class is perfect for kids who love working with their hands,

expressing their creativity, and learning new skills in a fun, social setting.

SAY IT AIN'T SEW! SEWING - LEVEL 1

Thread your way into sewing fun! In this beginner-friendly class, kids use kits to learn sewing basics like threading a needle, tying knots, stitching by hand, and safely handling materials. Each season brings a brand-new kit (no repeats!) so students can re-enroll without repeating projects. Kits include fun themes like farm animals, mini plushies, purses, and more. Students will take their kit and creations home at the end of the season. **Note:** Pre-K and Kindergarten students use plastic needles to keep things safe and stress-free.

SAY IT AIN'T SEW! SEWING - LEVEL 2

Sew ready for a challenge? Level 2 takes things up a notch! Students leave kits behind and dive into fun, hands-on projects like pillows, bookmark corners, and more! Along the way, they'll build skills like safely using real needles, measuring and cutting fabric, and stitching with precision. Creativity + confidence = sewing success!

TENNIS

In our tennis class, kids will learn the proper grip of the racket and stroke to hit the ball over the net. We will do this through some drills and then play games that will reinforce these skills. This class is excellent for players of all skill levels, whether they have played before or are new to the sport.

TIMBER TOTS

Timber Tots is a nature-inspired play and learning program for little builders! Using Lincoln Logs and other Timber Tots toys, kids develop fine motor skills, practice teamwork, and spark their imagination. Through hands-on building, sensory play, and early STEM activities, children explore, create, and connect—all while having tons of fun!

TOTS BASKETBALL

Come play with us after school and start your child's basketball adventure! Our classes are all about learning the basics through fun games, teamwork, and lots of play. Students will build skills, confidence, and a love for the game—one bounce at a time!

TOTS FLOOR HOCKEY

Get ready for some action-packed fun with our Toddler Street Hockey After School Program! Designed for little ones aged 3 to 5, this program introduces young children to the exciting world of street hockey—all in a safe and supportive environment. No skates needed—just bring your sneakers!

TOTS SOCCER

Introduce your little one to the joy of soccer in our fun and engaging Tots Soccer program! Designed for children ages 3-5 years, this class focuses on developing basic motor skills, coordination, balance, and social interaction in a non-competitive environment. Our experienced coaches use age-appropriate drills, games, and activities to teach fundamental soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting while promoting teamwork and confidence. Parents are encouraged to participate in helping their little athletes feel comfortable and excited about the sport.

THE 24 CHALLENGE

Looking for a way to help your child build math skills while having fun? Join our **24 Challenge** After-School Program! This fast-paced and interactive class is perfect for students who love a challenge and want to improve their math fluency in an exciting way. "Offered in a tournament-style competition, students compete using addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division to develop solutions to problems that equal 24." More info [here!](#)

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Run, pass, catch, and score! Ultimate Frisbee combines teamwork, speed, and strategy in a game that keeps everyone moving. Kids learn to throw, cut, and play as a team in a fun, fast-paced environment perfect for all skill levels.

VOLLEYBALL

We offer a fun, supportive, and exciting space for students to grow their volleyball skills. Whether they're just starting out or looking to level up, everyone's welcome—see you on the court!

WIFFLEBALL

Big league fun with a backyard twist! Wiffle Ball is all about teamwork, hitting, running, and laughing along the way. It's a great way for students to learn the basics of baseball in a light, low-pressure setting—perfect for all skill levels!



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WORLD COOKING

Chop, mix, taste, and travel the globe—right from the kitchen! Students explore different cultures through fun, hands-on cooking activities. From spring rolls to guacamole, they'll learn about global ingredients, kitchen skills, and the joy of sharing food with friends.

YOUNG KNIGHTS CHESS

This chess class is perfect for young players who already know the basics and are eager to learn more! Students will build on their knowledge of piece movement, explore simple tactics, and practice planning their moves through fun games and challenges. This class helps kids develop patience, focus, and strategic thinking while having a blast with their peers!

YOUNG MAD SCIENTIST

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