

Introducing



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Dear Grace Families,

We've made a list, checked it twice and are sure you'll agree it is very, very nice!
G4U is coming to town!

And with this letter and *Informational Packet*, we are officially kicking it off!

Beginning the week of January 18th, Grace Day School will come alive every afternoon post-dismissal with the clubs and courses for students of every age that you have requested and to which our faculty and volunteers are so graciously lending their time and expertise. Worth repeating is the primary mission of G4U:

The mission of G4U is to provide students with extra-curricular activities and programs that will enhance their learning experience at Grace, expose them to topics and ideas that transcend their normal academic studies, afford them a less formal opportunity in which to have fun learning and to do so in a format that is highly-interactive, as well as to encourage elevated social interaction with their peers in a new and exciting context.

We are certain that, once you've had a chance to review and absorb what follows, you will agree that we have accomplished our mission to this point. The architects of the program have lovingly and deftly designed one that is as comprehensive as it is fun, as interesting as it is diverse. It will surely resonate with students and expose them to new ideas – the perfect supplement to the already profoundly excellent academic education they are receiving at Grace. The foundation for G4U was constructed in record time and is being offered to you at a highly reasonable cost. Next step is to secure enrollment and initiate the actual programs come January 19th.

Please keep in mind that this is a new endeavor and a highly ambitious one at that. Be patient as we iron out any kinks that may emerge in the early weeks of the program and feel free to share your insights and comments throughout the Winter so that the G4U Spring session, set to launch in April 2010, will be even better than this one!

Warmest regards, and our most sincere wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Larry Anderson & The Board of Trustees



G4U Winter 2010 Session Schedule of Programs AT A GLANCE

all begin at 3:10pm, end at 4:10pm * all 8 week programs except where otherwise noted
 meet weeks of: 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15

<u>Grade</u>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
K, 1		Writing Workshop K. Licari (classroom) 4 weeks per grade	Storyworld D. Harris (classroom) 4 weeks		
1, 2	iLife@Grace Computer Lab J. Morris (computer room)				
1, 2, 3				Muralissimo J. Krupnick (art room)	Artistic Photography M. Crema/ L. Schreckinger (classroom) 4 weeks
2, 3, 4, 5			Dancemania E. Cammann (gymnasium)		
3, 4, 5		Book Club L. Delgatto (library)			
3, 4, 5, 6, 8	Chess Club A. Viafore/D. Bogdan (classroom)				
4, 5, 6, 8				Math Club F. Cayemitte (classroom)	
5, 6, 8			Careermapping D. Bates (library) 6 weeks		Law Mentoring E. Sweeney/N. Kanzer (classroom)
Non-G4U Activity (partial)	Art Workshop, Math Olympiad, Boys B-ball,	Drama, Girls B-ball		Drama, Band	Kids Care



Artistic Photography

Ready. Set. Shoot! That is what 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders will be doing under the age-appropriate tutelage of Millie Crema and Laura Schreckinger, a Grace grandma and mom, respectively, and both accomplished photographers.

Photography is an exciting and creative art form about which one is never too young to learn. And of its many artistic applications – fashion, photojournalism, nature, portraiture, etc., - it is really just our basic human desire to capture - and remember - the simple, wonderful moments of life that draws most of us in to its orbit.

So for the budding Avedon or the casual snaphooter, this hands-on workshop will expose children to the artistic aspects of photography in a fun and engaging manner. They will glean useful tips and advice from their instructors as they pursue together inspirational subjects around school. Camera operation, the basics of taking portraits and still-life, plus downloading, printing and album-making will round out the course.

Smile!

Artistic Photography details

target grades - 1 through 3

when it meets - Friday

program duration – 4 weeks

where it meets - classroom

what you'll need – point-and-shoot
digital camera with cable

cost - \$75

facilitators – Millie Crema and
Laura Schreckinger



Book Club

James Bryce said “The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it.”

Lauren Delgatto’s Book Club is designed to help children do just that – understand and appreciate the depth of a story and the value of reading.

Book Club will explore the structure and components of a single story including characters, theme, illustration, etc., and dissect it over the course of the program. Imagine the students’ surprise upon realizing that a *single* book could fuel so much analysis?

This exercise will illuminate for them the joy of reading and also encourage them to view books from both the reader’s and the author’s perspective.

Book Club details

target grades - 3 through 5

when it meets - Tuesday

program duration – 8 weeks

where it meets - library

what you’ll need – to be a fan of books

cost - \$75

facilitator – Lauren Delgatto



Careermapping

is a guest-speaker only program designed to introduce grades 5 through 8 to professionals from a variety of unique fields.

Most children grow up knowing what it means to be a firefighter or veterinarian, but there are *many* other careers that are just as exciting and compelling. One day soon, you'll have to map out a career plan for yourself.

This program will help arm you with the knowledge of some less-known – but fun and cool – job opportunities.

Who knows? One might be just right for you.

Speakers will review what it takes to have a career like theirs, what a typical day at work looks like for them and the special skills, talents or personality traits that lend themselves well to their discipline. They will also answer your questions and offer advice.

Some speaker highlights already on-board include a TV sports anchor, a NYC fashion and beauty publicist, a psychologist, and a special kind of nurse who cares for the smallest babies of all.

And more!

Careermapping details

target grades – 5 through 8

when it meets -Wednesday

program duration - 6 weeks

where it meets - library

what you'll need -curiosity

cost - no cost

facilitator - Diane Bates



Chess Club

is back at Grace by popular demand, and with good reason...a 1970's landmark study revealed that chess-playing encourages significant advancement in spatial, numerical and administrative-directional abilities, as well as verbal aptitudes. Chess is part of school curricula in over 30 countries and is widely considered the ultimate brain work-out.

Chess Club will be once again facilitated by acting-arbiters Annie Viafore and Diane Bogdan and is open to students in grades 3 through 8.

Before the actual Chess game sessions commence, students will select a name for their club and learn some common Chess-speak. There will also be a game review for returning enthusiasts and a lesson for beginners.

Each week will explore “the art of the opening move” and the program will culminate with a fun and exciting students vs. teacher/parent tournament.

Kibitzers welcome!

Chess Club details

target grades - 3 through 8

when it meets - Monday

program duration – 8 weeks

where it meets - classroom

what you'll need – basic grey matter

cost - \$75

facilitators – Annie Viafore, Diane Bogdan



iLife@Grace Computer Lab

For today's generation of young students, the world of information is, quite literally, in the palm of their hands - in the form of a computer mouse. And although controlled use is a mandatory, helping children understand the broad range of capabilities their PC affords them has evolved into a fundamental life skill with benefits even those as young as 5 and 6 years of age can enjoy and appreciate.

Under the experienced eye of computer teacher Jessica Morris, and with access to lab computers and SMART Board, 1st and 2nd graders will engage in a variety of activities that are designed to help them gain comfort and confidence with computer technology, hardware and age-appropriate software. Program elements include digital storytelling with pictures and movies and even designing their own comic strip.

Point, click, you're on your way!

iLife@Grace **Computer Lab details**

target grades - 1 & 2

when it meets - Monday

program duration - 8 weeks

where it meets - computer room

**what you'll need - no supplies
needed**

cost - \$75

facilitator - Jessica Morris



Dancemania!

Be it Ballroom, Ballet, Belly or Break...Mambo, Tango, Rumba or Cha Cha, dance exists in virtually every global culture and has since the dawn of man. Through dance we feel *alive* and don't just *hear*, but truly *experience*, music.

No extra-curricular program would be complete – or nearly as fun – without its inclusion.

Enter Emmy Cammann.
Professional dancer.
Movement expert.
Ballerina.
Teacher.

Emmy will provide Grace students with a fundamental introduction to movement and choreography before segueing into rehearsals for a dance showcase attended by proud parents. Girls AND boys encouraged to join!

Bravo.

Dancemania details

target grades - 2 through 5

when it meets - Wednesday

program duration – 8 weeks

where it meets - gymnasium

what you'll need – to earnestly try to be present every week

cost - \$75

facilitator – Emmy Cammann



Law Mentoring

is a compelling, sophisticated and – yes! - dazzling program designed to introduce children in grades 5 through 8 to the amazingly at-once simple *and* intricate aspects of law in America. Law Mentoring will aim to inspire and illuminate students with an overview of the myriad aspects of this discipline including law school, law study and law practice.

Attorney Erin Sweeney will illustrate how law influences our day to day lives as well as explain the foundations of government & public policy. Erin will also oversee mock trials and, perhaps most exciting of all, she will escort the students on an exciting VIP field trip to visit a courtroom.

The evidence is overwhelming...
this promises to be a *fabulous* program.

Law Mentoring details

target grades - 5 through 8

when it meets - Friday

program duration – 8 weeks

where it meets - classroom

what you'll need -an inquisitive mind

cost - \$75

facilitators – Erin Sweeney and Nancy Kanzer



Math Club

It has been said *the essence of mathematics is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple.* Dr. Fritz Cayemitte and his team of 4th to 8th grade brainiacs will attempt to do just that over the course of this challenging and exhilarating 8 week club.

Math Club's awesome program will boggle and inspire young minds with an age-appropriate dissection of Numbers Theory...

*The Real Number System. Rational & Irrational Numbers.
Perfect Numbers. Prime Numbers.*

*The Fibonacci Sequence. The Golden Proportion.
Four Steps to Problem Solving. And more.*

At program's end, these ambitious students can expect to have strengthened their mathematical skills and become better problem solvers.

Simple, indeed.

Math Club details

target grades - 4 through 8

when it meets - Thursday

program duration – 8 weeks

where it meets - classroom

what you'll need – a true appreciation *and* affinity for math

cost - \$75

facilitator – Dr. Fritz Cayemitte



Muralissimo

is shaping up to be one of G4U's most popular programs among 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders!

Murals are probably the oldest human art form, as cave paintings around the world suggest. And although *quilting* is commonly thought of as an early-American discipline, it actually has roots in ancient times, too. So it is fitting that lifelong artist and Grace mom Jordi Krupnick has opted to combine these two glorious ideas and introduce the children to a unique hybrid art form that will adorn one lucky Grace wall come Spring!

Each child will have an opportunity to ideate on - and create - their own "block" within a group-chosen theme for the large-scale canvas mural. Paint will be the primary medium and the final creation will be unveiled to the entire school and parent body upon its completion in March.

Fantastico!

Muralissimo details

target grades - 1 through 3

when it meets - Thursday

program duration - 8 weeks

where it meets - art room

what you'll need - to possess the pure, artistic vision of a child.
And a smock.

cost - \$75

facilitator - Jordi Krupnick



Storyworld

Once upon a time in the kingdom of Massapequa there were some very happy and vivacious Grace Day School Kindergarteners and first graders who signed up for a program during which they were read a great new story each week for a month and were then encouraged to express their thoughts, cite favorite parts, offer their feedback, ask questions and draw pictures inspired by that story.

Crisscross-applesauce.
And welcome to G4U Storyworld!

Storyworld details

target grades - K & 1

when it meets - Wednesday

program duration – 4 weeks
(2/1, 2/8, 2/22, 3/1)

where it meets - classroom

what you'll need – ears to listen

cost - \$75

facilitator – Danielle Harris



Writer's Workshop

is an engaging, hands-on course designed to introduce grades K and 1 to the wonderful and exciting world of creative writing. The over-arching goal of this program is to lay the groundwork to insure a lifelong appreciation for and enjoyment of this most fundamental academic and communication skill.

Because after all, even Jane Austin and William Shakespeare were kids once.

Everyone has their start somewhere!

Writer's Workshop is facilitated by Kathy Licari, a specialist with experience working with this age group. She and the children will explore together the art and craft of choosing a topic about which to write and formulating story ideas. She will review time-honored tips for improving writing skills and even introduce the future Pulitzer-prize winners to the editing process in an age-appropriate manner.

Write on!

Writer's Workshop details

target grades - K and 1

when it meets - Tuesday

program duration -

4 weeks K = 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8

4 weeks 1st grade = 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15

where it meets - classroom

what you'll need - pencils, markers, crayons, a writing folder

cost - \$75

facilitator - Kathy Licari



WINTER 2010 STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORM

STUDENT NAME _____ **GRADE/TEACHER** _____

list any student allergies or special needs here _____

parent contact info: name _____ home phone _____ mobile phone _____ email _____

emergency contact: name _____ home phone _____ mobile phone _____ email _____

Please circle all Winter 2010 program/s in which you are enrolling:

Artistic Photography \$75 (grades 1-3)

Computer Lab \$75 (grades 1 & 2)

Muralissimo \$75 (grades 1-3)

Book Club \$75 (grades 3-5)

Dancemania \$75 (grades 2-5)

Storyworld \$75 (grades K & 1)

Careermapping no charge (grades 5-8)

Law Mentoring \$75 (grades 5-8)

Writer's Workshop \$75 (grades K & 1)

Chess Club \$75 (grades 3-8)

Math Club \$75 (grades 4-8)

TOTAL OWED \$ _____

Please return this completed form and payment in an envelope labeled "G4U Enrollment Form" NO LATER THAN January 8, 2010
Make checks payable to Grace Day School.

About G4U:

- All program availability is first-come, first-served.
- All programs subject to cancellation in the event of low enrollment.
- Students will receive a confirmation of their admission into their G4U selections and list of necessary supplies, if any, via backpack by 1/14/10.
- Bus transportation at program completion (4:10 pm) will not be available.
- All students must be dismissed to parents/guardians. Dismissal will be from main door of school (near office).
- All attempts will be made to notify parents & students of cancellations as far in advance as possible via ConnectEd, email or phone if necessary.
- If student needs to miss their G4U course or club on a particular day please notify teacher or the school office.
- Parents or volunteers with special expertise wishing to facilitate future G4U programs please contact diane bates (diane@blueskypr.com).

Shhhhhh !!

(here's a sneak-peek at the G4U SPRING & FALL 2010 offerings currently under consideration)

Let's Cook
Introduction to Photography
Garden Club
Psychology Club
Explorers Club
Careermapping Redux
Book Club for Upper Division
Creative Writing for Upper Division
Advanced Computer Lab

