

ILP (Individualized Learning Plan) Group Offerings- January/February 2008

The following ILP groups will be offered during the six-week cycle from January 9, 2008 to February 13, 2008. All ILP groups will meet each Wednesday afternoon from 1:50-2:50 pm.

African Drumming

For Grades 3-6

This ILP group is for students with a musical background or those just interested in drumming. Students will learn on authentic African drums, bells, shakers, balafons, kalimbas, udus and other percussion instruments.

Arts Night Orchestra

For Grades 3-6

This ILP group will be a performance group for students who play a musical instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, clarinet, trumpet, percussion, guitar, piano, or other). This group will rehearse then perform at Arts Night- February 6, 2008.

Clayworking

For All Grades

Students will learn how to work with different types of clay on different projects. Students will be marking vessels, animals big and small, and learning what it means to make something 3-D. The final project will be a group exhibition where each student makes a piece individually that is incorporated into a larger design.

The Comic Book Project

For Grades 3-6

The Comic Book Project is an initiative of Columbia University's Teacher's College that uses passion for comic books and graphic novels to inspire quality themed narrative and expository writing. Students will learn drawing skills, writing conventions, storyboarding, and organization during the 6-week period. The ILP Group will be comprised of writing and drawing mini lessons, drafting time with great materials, and graphic work at the computers. The culminating activity will be the publication and sharing of student-centered comics and the sharing of the group's work on the Columbia University Comic Book Project Website.

Concrete Poetry

For All Grades

In this ILP group, students will mix poetry with art- as they will create poems with original artwork that matches. With concrete poetry (sometimes called "visual poetry") typographical arrangement of words is as important in conveying the intended effect as the conventional elements of the poem, such as meaning of words, rhythm, rhyme and so on. Students will create their own works using mixed media.

Crafting a Puppet Character

For K Only, plus Grade 5 Helpers

Students will begin with the construction of small puppets with art supplies. The students will also learn how to mimic mannerisms and communication skills in order to "bring a character to life." We will also develop a storyline with a given structure, much like a storyboard. The final product will be the completion of each student's puppet and a performance of a short story.

Karate

For Grades 1-6

Representatives from Ichiban Karate Studio in Wakefield will instruct students in the basic maneuvers and discipline of martial arts.

Fabric Arts**For All Grades**

In this ILP group, we will look at fabric art (print, sewing, weaving) from different cultures and will reproduce them in class. Students will produce projects using adinkra cloth, quilts, and various weavings.

Oregon Trail**For Grades 3-6**

Students will study the time period of 1840-1870 America, comparing and contrasting life then vs. now. They will also read and discuss literature from that period. From the new knowledge, students will attempt to be successful in the popular "Oregon Trail" computer game.

Painting II**For Grades 2-6**

Students will build on knowledge learned in Painting I. Only acrylic and oil paint will be used in this session. Students will paint on canvas panels for a more professional look. The final project will be a finished 16 X 24" painting on canvas.

Survivor KHA**For Grade 4**

This ILP group is about cooperation and getting along with others. These students will be challenged to work together as a team to accomplish a specific goal (much like a "Survivor" challenge!). Students will also work on social skills and correct behavior during these outdoor activities.

Tumbling**For All Grades**

In this ILP group students will learn teamwork through lessons that are physical/kinesthetic. Students will demonstrate new gymnastic skills in a safe environment. Confidence will be built as students are exposed to somersaults, cartwheels, rolls, headstands, etc.

A Taste of Mexico**For Grades 1-3**

Students will learn about the culture of Mexico. They will make crafts and various foods, learn songs, and learn some conversational Spanish. At the conclusion, students will present new learning to small groups.