



After School Program Spring Enrichment Classes

APRIL 7TH, 2025 – MAY 16TH, 2025

OVERVIEW

Spring enrichment classes will begin during the week of Monday, April 7th and end during the week of Monday, May 12th. These classes are open to all Emerson students. All classes will take place during after school hours with each class meeting once a week for one hour and beginning no earlier than 3:00pm. All of our enrichment courses are taught by Emerson teachers, parents, and some *Summer at Emerson* and After School Program staff members.

LEADERSHIP

Carly Meloche (Director of Summer and Auxiliary Programs) – cmeloche@emerson-school.org

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REGISTRATION

All families who wish to register for an enrichment class must sign up via our [SignUp Genius link](#). Grade level requirements are firmly set for each class and will not be modified. Please note that these spots are available on a first come, first served basis. We thank you in advance for understanding.

COMMUNICATION

There will likely be email communications sent throughout the session regarding any class updates or changes. The email address used to register your child for classes is the one we will use to send out these communications. If you would like to add an additional email address to our list of contacts for class updates, please let Catherine know via email.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If a class meeting is canceled for any reason (instructor absence, weather, etc), we will do our best to schedule a make-up date. This make-up meeting would occur on the same day and time that the class normally would meet during a given week. This rescheduling will depend on the school calendar and the instructor's availability. If a make-up meeting is not possible, we will prorate the total cost of the class at the end of the session to account for the missed class meeting.

PAYMENT

Our regular class prices range from \$169 to \$332, as noted in the class descriptions. Classes that do not meet the minimum enrollment will be canceled; you will be notified via email and your account will not be charged. Each class fee covers all associated costs and will be billed to your account at the end of May. **Refunds are not given for missed classes or mid-session withdrawals.**

CLASS PICK-UP PROCEDURE

When you arrive to pick up your child, please sign them out with your Procure PIN at the front of the library. We ask that you then wait in our Belonging Center as the area around our after school desk tends to get crowded when classes let out at the same time. All students will walk down to the Belonging Center to connect with their parent or guardian once their class has ended. Certain class meetings might occasionally run a few minutes over their allotted time. We appreciate your patience during these times. If you need to get your student from their class early, you are welcome to walk to their class location and retrieve them.



MONDAY

Drama Jr. Story Detectives – Grades Y5-K

Using voice, body, and imagination, young actors will discover characters and unlock mysteries through beloved children's books. Curiosity will be sparked in this fun-filled class encouraging literacy, self-expression, and storytelling! Led by award-winning professional actor and veteran drama teacher [Aimée Guillot](#), founder and former co-director of Cafeteria Kids Theater in Napa Valley, California.

- **Instructor:** Aimée Guillot, Certified Drama Teacher and After School Program Counselor
- **Spots Available:** 10
- **Day and Time:** Mondays 3:15pm-4:00pm
- **Dates:** 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 and 5/12
- **Fee:** \$169

Junior Scientists – Grades Y5-2

Science is all around us and science is for everyone! Junior Scientists is back with new, spring-themed, hands-on science experiments, along with some favorites from the fall and winter. Students will have fun practicing their observation skills as they learn how to use science to explore the world around them. In this class, young scientists will become excited and curious about the many different fields that science has to offer!

- **Instructor:** Jasmine Ridley, *Summer at Emerson* Instructor
- **Spots Available:** 10
- **Day and Time:** Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 and 5/12
- **Fee:** \$209

Acting Up: Games & Stories – Grades 1-2

Travel deeper in a dramatic exploration of traditional theater games, with an emphasis on storytelling. Students will learn the fundamentals of improv and create stories without scripts using a wide variety of tried and true improvisation techniques and games. Led by award-winning professional actor and veteran drama teacher [Aimée Guillot](#), founder and former co-director of Cafeteria Kids Theater in Napa Valley, California.

- **Instructor:** Aimée Guillot, Certified Drama Teacher and After School Program Counselor
- **Spots Available:** 10
- **Day and Time:** Mondays 4:15pm-5:15pm
- **Dates:** 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 and 5/12
- **Fee:** \$169

TUESDAY

Just Dance – Grades 1-4

Do you love to dance? In this class, dancers will explore creativity and movement through dance! This class will use all dancers' talents and strengths to compose their own routines by the end of the session. Remember to wear comfortable clothes you can move in and bring a water bottle. No prior dance experience is required. We will perform a group dance in a small performance during the last week of class.

- **Instructor:** Holly Greca, *Summer at Emerson* Instructor and After School Program Counselor
- **Spots Available:** 12
- **Day and Time:** Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm



- **Dates:** 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6 and 5/13
- **Fee:** \$169

The Eagle's View Podcasting Club I – Grades 2-5

In this club, we will learn all about podcasting: the difference between scripted and Q&A podcasts, where to listen to podcasts, what makes a podcaster different from a YouTuber, and much more. While becoming familiar with a wide range of topics to include on Emerson's own podcast "The Eagle's View," you will get to create content for the podcast which will be listened to by the whole Emerson community! If creating content is not your forte, you can write commercials or create original music for all of our podcasts and their segments.

- **Instructor:** Jessica Taranto, Emerson School 4th Grade Teacher
- **Spots Available:** 12
- **Day and Time:** Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6 and 5/13
- **Fee:** \$206

Beginner Mock Trial – Grades 4-6

Come and put your debate skills to the test while learning all about how court trials work. Start by creating your own small-claims court cases in the style of television court shows. Then, move on to playing a part in a mock civil court case where you will get to choose which lawsuits to argue. Finally, participate in a mini mock criminal trial where you will write your own scripts and take on the role of either lawyer or witness. No matter how much you know about law, this class will be a unique and incredible experience!

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- **Spots Available:** 12
- **Day and Time:** Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6 and 5/13
- **Fee:** \$176

WEDNESDAY

Chess Challengers – Grades K-3

For players who feel ready to move beyond the basics of chess, let's take it up a notch! Come together with fellow chess lovers and learn the advanced rules of the game. Play in intense bracket matches and swap strategies to make us all better players. Do you have what it takes to be an Emerson Chess Champion?

- **Instructor:** Grant Weston, Emerson School Kindergarten Teacher
- **Spots Available:** 10
- **Day and Time:** Wednesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm
- **Dates:** 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14
- **Fee:** \$200

The Eagle's View Podcasting Club II – Grades 3-8

In this club, we will learn all about podcasting: the difference between scripted and Q&A podcasts, where to listen to podcasts, what makes a podcaster different from a YouTuber, and much more. While becoming familiar with a wide range of topics to include on Emerson's own podcast "The Eagle's View," you will get to create content for the podcast which will be listened to by the whole Emerson community! If creating content is not your forte, you can write commercials or create original music for all of our podcasts and their segments. **Middle School Students:** This is your opportunity to take charge in researching and writing about a wide range of topics that are important not only to the middle schoolers at Emerson but



to teenagers worldwide. You will get to create content for the podcast which will be listened to by the whole Emerson community including round table discussions on topics of your choice, interviews, and much more!

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- **Spots Available:** 12
- **Day and Time:** Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14
- **Fee:** \$206

Adventures in Cooking & Baking I – Grades 2-4

Join Chef Jyl of [A Curious Kitchen](#) in the Emerson Kitchen as we learn how to prepare tasty snacks and meals together. Students will learn about food and knife safety, how to use measurements and read a recipe, and how to be creative with seasonal cooking. Families are asked to provide a reusable container so students can bring food home. All levels are welcome!

- **Instructor:** Jyl Barnett Nolan, *Summer at Emerson* Instructor and Emerson School Parent
- **Spots Available:** 10
- **Day and Time:** Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14
- **Fee:** \$332

Stories and STEAM: Fairy Tale Edition – Grades Y5-1

In this class full of fun and imagination, we will explore all STEAM categories providing engaging, hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEAM) learning. Join this creative journey as we experiment and explore with hands-on materials inspired by familiar fairy tale stories.

- **Instructor:** Kristen Ellis, Emerson School Kindergarten Teaching Aid
- **Spots Available:** 12
- **Day and Time:** Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14
- **Fee:** \$209

Watercolor Painting – Grades K-2

Learn how to paint with watercolors! This class will introduce students to basic techniques through weekly projects. Students will paint pictures of houses, mountains, the night sky, and even spooky spider webs!

- **Instructor:** Aysia Rodriguez, *Summer at Emerson* and After School Program Counselor
- **Spots Available:** 10
- **Day and Time:** Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14
- **Fee:** \$209

Community Service & Volunteering – Grades 5-8

Taking part in community service by volunteering is a rewarding experience for everyone involved. In this class, we will help to support Avalon Housing, a local organization working to end homelessness in our own community. After learning about the specific needs of the families and individuals that Avalon Housing supports, we will organize and run a donation drive for them. Come and join this meaningful and fun class where the rewards are truly priceless.

- **Instructor:** Jasmine Ridley, *Summer at Emerson* Instructor
- **Spots Available:** 12



- **Day and Time:** Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/9, ~~4/16~~, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14 and 5/21
- ***Please note that this class will not meet on April 16th but rather on May 21st due to a scheduling conflict.**
- **Fee:** \$206

Improv! – Grades 3-5

Learn the fundamentals of improvisation in this hilarious and fast-paced class geared toward building imagination, spontaneity and confidence on stage. Through exciting theater games, students will hone skills using the Actor's Toolbox, make connections with other actors, and create an ensemble. Led by award-winning professional actor and veteran drama teacher [Aimée Guillot](#), founder and former co-director of Cafeteria Kids Theater in Napa Valley, California.

- **Instructor:** Aimée Guillot, Certified Drama Teacher and After School Program Counselor
- **Spots Available:** 10
- **Day and Time:** Wednesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm
- **Dates:** 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14
- **Fee:** \$169

THURSDAY

Let's Make an Emerson Deal! - Grades 3-5

Have you ever dreamed of being a contestant on a game show or hosting your own? Are you a fan of games and exciting prizes? Then Emerson's version of Let's Make a Deal is the perfect opportunity for you! You will have the chance to create your own games, trivia, and host scripts. Our exciting final project will be playing the full game where you can compete for fantastic prizes of unimaginable value. Join us for a fun and inviting experience that you won't want to miss!

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- **Fee:** \$206

French 101 - Grades K-3

Bonjour! In this new class, explore the French language and culture at an introductory level. Students will learn simple French vocabulary with different mini-units weekly. They will also get the opportunity to explore different elements of French culture such as holidays, activities, music, and – most importantly – food! During the last week of class, students will get the opportunity to sample French foods, snacks, and treats such as fruit, cheeses, pastries, and candies from France.

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- **Fee:** \$176

Crochet Club – Grades 5-8

Join Ms. C in developing basic stitches such as chain, single, double, and half-double stitches to make a scarf of your own. When you're ready for the next step, practice working in the round to create a hat, as well as develop your bobble stitch. Big crochet hooks and bulky yarn make projects come together quickly and easily. Beware: Crochet is totally addictive and you will probably be crocheting all spring long! This class is for both beginners and experienced crocheters.



- **Instructor:** Leslie Capozzoli, Emerson School Director of Student Life and Community Engagement
- **Spots Available:** 5
- **Day and Time:** Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- **Dates:** 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8 and 5/15
- **Fee:** \$206

Embroidery – Grades 3-5

Learn the joys of stitch work! This class will introduce students to the essential tools and techniques of embroidery. We will learn how to transfer designs from paper to fabric, follow patterns, select a color palette, and add their own embellishments. Each week, students will work on a mini design to practice their stitches!

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- **Fee:** \$332

Basics of Criminal Justice – Grades 6-8

Are you interested in law and justice? Do you dream of becoming a lawyer, law enforcement officer, or other member of the criminal justice system when you grow up? Would you like to learn more about your legal rights as preteens and teens? If you answered yes to any of these questions, join us as we examine different parts of law. Learn about creating laws by designing your own constitution, discover how policing works by role-playing criminal investigations, and explore the unique world of juvenile law by participating in a mini mock juvenile court trial. This class will be a fun and exciting introduction to what goes into getting a real criminal justice degree.

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