## Enrichment at The Academy October 2019 - May 2020

Early Bird Reading Bricks Academy Minecraft Artspace Hot Wheels Division Roaring with Dinosaurs Famous Artist Series

Boys and Girls, Ages 4-14 — Adults, too!
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#### EARLY BIRD READING AND READING MASTERS

Cathy Cummins has taught thousands of children to read, and for more than three decades her **Early Bird Reading** program has served as a learning model for other instructors who teach the Orton Phonograms. **Reading Masters** (for more experienced readers) builds upon the skills acquired through Early Bird Reading. These two programs have enrolled more than 150 children each month, including girls and boys in the San Antonio area and from cities as far away as Eagle Pass, Laredo and McAllen.



#### EARLY BIRD READING WITH CATHY CUMMINS AGES 4 – 7 YEARS OLD

The Early Bird Reading curriculum consists of Orton-based phonics and basal readers that use a controlled vocabulary. Students will have a formal lesson in oral language, rhyming patterns and the 71 English language phonograms. We play word games, practice manuscript writing and work on art projects related to the phonograms we are studying. The group instruction is uniform because all the children need information about the phonograms, syllabication and the rules of

English. The art project is an important component of the program because it gives the children time to practice fine motor skills, and to review the phonograms that are being illustrated.

After the instruction period, students work on phonics projects and each child reads aloud with Mrs. Cummins. Everyone completes a "packet" of exercises related to reading skills, including *Word Challenge*, which gives the students decoding practice. There are also drills involving vowels, diphthongs, rhyming, spelling and reading comprehension. More advanced students will go to the *Comprehension Circle* to read and complete a packet of comprehension challenges such as main idea, detail, inference, sequencing and fact-and-opinion. They take home a reader for practice; as soon as that reader is successfully completed, they receive the next book. In addition, students take home a folder containing their packet, art project, reader and other materials.

The way to see progress in your child's reading ability is to be consistent. Please discuss the work with your "Early Bird," and read with your child every day for 10 minutes. You will be amazed at the progress made, particularly if <u>you</u> participate in the learning process.

#### **WEEKDAY EARLY BIRD READING**

Weekdays: Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30 PM; also on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:45 PM. Students attend one class each week for a semester: September through January, and February through mid-May. Tuition varies according to the number of classes. There is a Wait List for these sessions. To place your child on the Wait List (there is no obligation), please email Enrichment Registrar Michele Cummins: mcummins@sa-academy.org. Include the parent's name, child's name, age and (if applicable) grade and school, plus contact information. Michele will call or email you when there are spaces available.

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EARLY BIRD READING

Mrs. Cummins also offers Weekend EBR classes. There is no Wait List for Weekend EBR; enrollments are processed first-come, first served. Many Sunday EBR classes are already full; however, there is still limited availability in the Saturday EBR classes. Morning sessions are from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and afternoon sessions are from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

#### SATURDAY EARLY BIRD READING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 2020

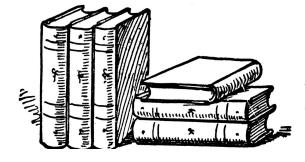
Saturdays, October 26 and November 2, 2019 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM or 1:30 – 4:30 PM \$200

Saturdays, November 16 and 23, 2019 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM or 1:30 - 4:30 PM \$200 Saturdays, December 7 and 14, 2019 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM or 1:30 - 4:30 PM \$200

Saturdays, January 11 and 18, 2020 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM or 1:30 – 4:30 PM \$200

For further information and availability, please email Enrichment Registrar Michele Cummins: mcummins@sa-academy.org.

The schedule of Spring 2020 Saturday and Sunday EBR classes will be available soon.



#### READING MASTERS WITH CATHY CUMMINS AGES 7 – 10 YEARS OLD READING AT GRADE LEVEL 2.9 OR ABOVE

Reading Masters is the next step after Early Bird Reading, yet with the same back-to-basics curriculum. It is the perfect class for a fluent reader to maintain speed, accuracy and comprehension. All children need to continue building the "brain lists" to remember which phonograms are used in which words to represent identical sounds. This expertise is gained with exposure, direct instruction and practice.

Maximum effort will be made in the areas of oral and silent reading, phonics and continued word research analysis. For example, children may be reading fluently, but do they know which phonogram represents the "sh" sound in the word "commercial"? This is the purpose of word research practice.

"Step Into Reading" materials are used for individual and group reading. Students enjoy solo and buddy reading of classics and contemporary favorites, combined with exciting follow-up activities in drama, art and creative writing. Special features include use of the dictionary and thesaurus, examination of Greek and Latin root words and practicing the rules of English grammar and spelling. Comprehension is enhanced with the McCall series of skill books, and participants receive notebooks containing exercises in critical thinking, analogies and sequencing. A bazaar is held on the final class day each semester, when students may use their accumulated "points" to acquire a variety of items, including gift certificates and electronics.

Reading Masters classes are offered on Fridays or Sundays by the semester; tuition varies according to the number of classes. There is a Wait List for these sessions. To place your child on the Wait List (there is no obligation), please email Enrichment Registrar Michele Cummins: mcummins@sa-academy.org. Include the parent's name, child's name, age, grade and school, plus contact information. Michele will call or email you when spaces are available.



THE ACADEMY KINGS

National Chess Master Alex Weinberg continues the tradition of superior scholastic chess at San Antonio Academy. Mr. Weinberg has more than 25 years' experience as a teacher and coach. A native of Russia, he was selected (at the age of seven) to receive formal training at the National Chess School in Moscow. He earned a B.A. at the University of Texas at San Antonio and a master's degree (M.H.A.) from Trinity University.

Please note: Registration is by the semester. Dates and tuitions given below are for the Fall Semester only.

Kindergarteners – 2nd Graders play on Tuesdays: 3:30 – 4:30 PM

3rd-8th Graders - play on Tuesdays: 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Minimum Enrollment: 10 Students Maximum Enrollment: 20 Students

Dates: Semester 1: Tuesdays, September 17, 2019 through January 28, 2020 (17 sessions)

Tuition: \$340 for (Fall) Semester 1 (Semester 1 tuition will be prorated after September 17, 2019)

Instructor: Alex Weinberg
Place: Bondurant Library

For further information and availability for Semester 1, please email Michele Cummins, mcummins@sa-academy.org.

There will be separate registration in January 2020 for Semester 2 (February–May 2020).

#### OCTOBER 2019

## MINECRAFT CLUB: MINI-GAME PARTY

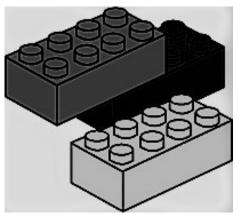
Do you enjoy playing mini-games? Omar Valdez has created another one-of-a-kind event, where Minecraft lovers will be catapulted into a minigame bonanza! Come ready to enjoy friendly competition; play alongside and against your friends in Minecraft dodgeball, hide and seek, capture the flag, paintball and more! If you enjoy the excitement of being part of a team, you'll love our Mini-Game Party sessions! Please note: No experience necessary.

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2019 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 7 - 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez



#### BRICKS ACADEMY: WORLD ANIMALS AND THEIR HABITATS

Bricks Academy kicks off a full slate of exciting LEGO® construction classes with "World Animals and Their Habitats." Youngsters will study fascinating animals and where they live, from polar bears in the Arctic to whales and sharks in the oceans, monkeys and lions in the jungle and camels in the desert. Then, using LEGO bricks, they will design living spaces for the "critters," using mathematics, engineering and architectural concepts. Measurement, estimation, as well as geometry are discussed as projects are developed and enhanced. Beth and Jim O'Brien, this dynamic husband and wife team of LEGO experts, will offer individual instruction and assistance, as each child creates an amazing menagerie of animals in their native habitats. Families are invited to view the unique creations at the end of class. Students will take home a goody bag with stuffed animals and zoo prizes!

Date: Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 4 - 6 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff



## PHONICS FOR ADULTS WITH CATHY CUMMINS

This is an intensive course in explicit phonics; participants will learn and master the 71 most fundamental written. sounds (phonograms) in the English language. The first session features an introduction to the phonogram system, the Rules of English, and decoding/encoding English words. In the second session, we'll focus on games, phonics applications, a makeand-take component, and suggestions for teaching reading and phonics at home and in the classroom. Additional reference materials include spelling lists, practice sheets and a guide to the "Five Silent E's." This course is excellent for parents of children in pre-kindergarten through grade (including students who are home-schooled); it is beneficial also for parents of older students who are experiencing reading or language barriers. Teachers and grandparents are welcome, too!

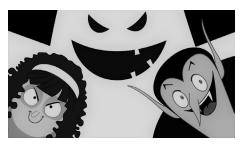
Dates: Monday-Tuesday

October 21-22, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Ages: Adults

Tuition: \$100 per person Instructor: Cathy Cummins



## KIDS' NIGHT OUT: FRIGHT NIGHT

Join us for this "Kids' Night Out" Halloween tradition! It's a great party, complete with masks, movies, pizza and crafts. This will be good, safe fun – wear a costume if you like, and make a monster mask in class. We'll play Wrap the Mummy and Halloween Jingo, and dance the Monster Mash, too. Take a ghost walk around campus, and listen to spooky stories before you take home a treat-filled miniature cauldron!

Date: Friday, October 25, 2019

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PMAges: 5 - 9 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Julie Smith

#### BRICKS ACADEMY: HALLOWEEN LEGOLAND®

Come to a "Spooktacular" morning building haunted houses. Frankenstein, monsters, ghosts and all things creepy. Using LEGO bricks, including orange, black, yellow, white and purple, you can construct an eerie scene. First, your instructors will teach you how to interlock bricks and then, analyze the physics of balance so that your creatures will stand. Holiday decorations and special snacks will enhance the FUN! Take home a cauldron filled with theme-related toys and sweets.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 6 - 12 years old Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff



#### MINECRAFT CLUB: POKÉMON EXTRAVAGANZA

Take one of the world's greatest phenomena and blend it with a game beloved the world over! Combine Pokémon and Minecraft to create a fabulous Minecraft Club session. We'll explore a unique modification to Minecraft, where every animal is a Pokémon and every structure is an actual Pokémon-themed place! Participants will have a chance to pick their first Pokémon in the game, and literally walk around and catch Pokémon to their heart's content. Join Omar Valdez to take on Pokémon Extravaganza in this one-of-a-kind Minecraft experience! Please note: No experience necessary.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 7 - 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez



#### **SPOOKY SCIENCE**

This is the ultimate chemistry class with exciting Halloween-inspired science experiments. Create different brews in miniature cauldrons that will bubble and boil with the magic ingredient of dry ice. There will be a "feely" table of animal bones for you to explore, and you can go Egyptian, too - make a miniature mummy! Wizard MacLaren and his able assistant Sylvia will lead you in the art of making spooky slime – add glitter and put the mixture in containers to take home. Get ready for some boom and bang explosions the

Wizard is famous for, and take home a treat bag full of goodies!

Date: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 5 - 10 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: John MacLaren

#### **BONE-OLOGY**

Do you know what the skull of a deer, pig and rat look like? How about a human skull? This workshop offers students an opportunity to observe and make diagrams of skeletal systems. There will be various mammalian bones, x-rays and models to help participants understand bone structure. View a bone cell under the microscope, and use stickers to assemble the human skeleton. Dissect an owl pellet and compare your findings with a chart to learn the names of the bones you find. Everyone will take home a treat bag.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 6 - 10 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Patricia Valdez

#### NOVEMBER 2019

#### **DRAWING MASTERS**

Talented artist and dedicated educator William Woodland thinks everyone can learn to draw if the correct techniques are properly taught. This morning, Mr. Woodland will demonstrate the skills that students should develop in order to progress in the art of sketching. Topics include light, point of view, form, texture, line, mass, positive and negative space, shading and perspective. If weather permits, students may sit under The Academy's 500-year-old oak tree to enjoy this drawing class. Mr. Woodland is experienced in working with youngsters; they will benefit from excellent instruction and individual attention. Participants will receive a portfolio with a sketchbook and drawing pencils.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 7 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: William Woodland



#### **HOT WHEELS RACERS**

This will be an exciting, fast paced session that teaches the scientific principles of force, inertia Receive a momentum. driver's backpack and collection of Hot Wheels, including some color shifters that can be custom decorated! Make a checkered flag, paint wooden cars, and use Crystal Climbers, Magna-Tiles and other materials to construct garages and other buildings. Finally, arrange the tracks and ramps to stage THE BIG RACE. Everyone takes home a prize!

Date: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 5 - 9 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Kathleen Proctor

## AMAZING SHARK ADVENTURE

Sharks are fascinating cartilaginous creatures! Why must they keep swimming all the time? How can they smell a drop of blood from miles away? Today, avid undersea explorers will have books, maps and displays to study many of the species found in our oceans, from the nurse shark in the Sunlit Zone to the goblin shark that lives in the Deep Abyss. Study shark anatomy from the inside out, and discover how they can float without an air bladder. Design an Ocean Zone chart and enjoy cool crafts; everyone will take home a treasure bag of shells and toys.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 6 - 10 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Patricia Valdez

## EXAM PREP: ISEE AND SSAT

This test prep class is specially designed for 8th graders who are preparing to take entrance exams for admission to independent high schools. However, students from 7th through 10th grade are welcome to register for practice. The ISEE (Independent School Entrance Examination) is required of many students entering private schools such as TMI and St. Mary's Hall. The SSAT (Secondary School Admissions Test) is required of some 8th graders applying for admission to other independent high schools. In this two-session class, Karl Graf prepares students for both English and math sections, using practice exams from ISEE, SSAT and Catholic high school entrance tests. This class is excellent preparation for all types of standardized tests, and tuition includes a workbook to use in class and to take home for further practice.

Dates: Sundays,

Nov. 3 and 10, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 7th - 10th Graders

Tuition: \$180 Instructor: Karl Graf

Place: Charlotte Hall, Room 304



#### FAMOUS ARTIST SERIES: FRIDA KAHLO AND DIEGO RIVERA

Cathy Cummins invites young artists to study two great Mexican artists! Frida Kahlo was famous for her small paintings of autobiographical events, and many self-portraits that included her pet monkeys and parrots. Today, we'll explore Kahlo's work and that of her husband Diego Rivera; then, students will paint their own renditions of typical Mexican subjects. See a

display of *retablos*, pre-Columbian artifacts and many items from their home in Mexico City. We'll enjoy Mexican snacks. *también*!

Date: Sunday, November 3, 2019

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PM Ages: 5 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Cathy Cummins

#### AFTERSCHOOL ARTSPACE: BLACK & WHITE MEDIA

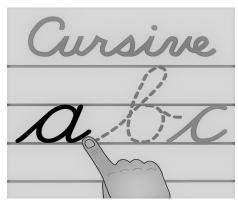
SAA art instructors Cary Gates and Dana Parish offer this three-session class in black-and-white media: charcoal, graphite and pen-and-ink. Participants will receive instruction in creating light and shade, and understanding values, composition and perspective. Enrollment is limited to 14 students, so that Mr. Gates and Mrs. Parish may provide plenty of personalized instruction. Tuition includes special papers, pencils and pen.

Dates: Thurs., Nov. 7, 14, 21 Time: 3:45 – 5:15 PM Ages: 3rd Graders and older

Tuition: \$165

Instructors: Cary Gates, Dana Parish

Place: Art Room



## BETTER CURSIVE IN A DAY

Cathy Cummins brings back this class by request! Many children lack information and practice in the important communication skill of handwriting. Even in this age of texting and emailing, students should still learn the correct way to write by practicing the proper strokes for the entire cursive

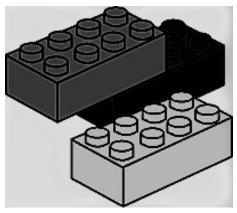
alphabet. Using the Palmer Method, Mrs. Cummins will provide instruction in correct pencil position, posture, letter size and form; participants will have ample time to practice in a casual atmosphere, free of pressure. Tuition includes workbooks and writing equipment.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 PM Ages: 3rd Graders and older

Tuition: \$65

Instructor: Cathy Cummins



## BRICKS ACADEMY: FIRST RESPONDERS

Today, students will enjoy using LEGO bricks to construct an entire village of buildings that house community helpers! First, learn the essential skill of interlocking the individual bricks. Then, you can build a police station, a fire department and a medical center. Your fire station can have doors, windows and even a helicopter pad. Role-play with a hook and ladder engine, and firefighters serving as first responders. The medical center can feature a doctor's office. ambulances and specialized medical equipment. The police station will have motorcycles, cruisers and helicopters. Dress in community helper costumes as you stroll around the completed village. Movable walls will enable participants to reconfigure the emergency responder centers over and over again. Students will take home a goody bag of themerelated toys!

Date: Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 4 - 6 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Bricks Academy Staff



# FREE PARENTING LECTURE: THE SMARTEST KIDS IN THE WORLD BY AMANDA RIPLEY

Join us this evening for a fascinating review of Amanda Ripley's bestseller THE SMARTEST KIDS IN THE WORLD: And How They Got That Way. and a discussion of differences among schools in America and abroad. Ms. Ripley states that it's a 21st Century mystery: America's most privileged students have high-tech schools and well-educated parents and teachers. We even spend more on each student than any other nation. Yet, our students perform lower in reading than affluent kids in 17 other countries, and lower in math than children in 27 other countries! To discover why, Ms. Ripley decided to spend a year traveling in the "smart-kid" countries. She followed three American teenagers, each visiting a country whose students have demonstrated remarkably improved academic success in recent years: Finland, Poland and South Korea. Her findings detail the similarities and differences in educational practice, ideology and curriculum. The book is an essential read for anyone interested in the future of American education. Participants will receive additional reviews and related articles, plus examples of standardized tests used to assess skill levels in essential subjects. Admission is free, but space is limited; for reservations, email Michele Cummins: mcummins@saacademy.org, and please include your telephone number.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Ages: Adults Tuition: Free

Lecturer: Cathy Cummins

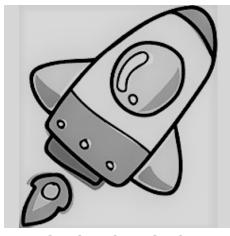
## MINECRAFT CLUB: JURASSIC WORLD

Minecraft is back by popular demand, with more fun and awesome challenges! In this class, students will be immersed in the world of the Jurassic Period, using a "mod" geared toward adding dinosaurs to the game. Students will get a chance to build their very own Jurassic Park, fly a helicopter around a prehistoric kingdom, and play alongside their friends in the exciting game we all know and love – Minecraft! Please note: No experience is necessary.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019
Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
Ages: 7 – 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez



#### JUNIOR SPACE FORCE

Prepare to launch! This afternoon, we will explore the wonders of our solar system. Study Mars, our neighbor, and experiment with Martian space sand; put it in water, then scoop it up and out. The sand stays completely dry! Build with Star Wars Legos and play Space Jingo for real NASA patches. Work with glow-in-the-dark constellation cards, and make your own solar system model to hang in your room. Enjoy some space ice cream, learn about the life and work of an astronaut and take home an inflatable space shuttle. Have a blast in this great science class!

Date: Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 3:30 PM

Ages: 6 - 10 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Rebecca Udzik

## EXTREME WIZARDRY OF HARRY POTTER

Enter the Hogwarts Lab to mix up concoctions for the spooky season. Choose your House: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff: Ravenclaw or Slytherin; make a wand, and play with Professor MacLaren's collection of Harry Potter memorabilia. Don your wizard hat and mix fantastic potions. Turn a liquid into a solid by making orange gak - you can play with it and mold it, but it doesn't stick to floors or furniture. Experience extreme explosions too! Create homemade butterbeer and watch it bubble in your cauldron - you'll want a chocolate frog, too! Enjoy lots of extra crafts and maybe a game of quidditch. Everyone will take home wizardry prizes.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 6 - 11 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: John MacLaren

## KEYS TO READING COMPREHENSION

Many children are excellent readers, but comprehension is another level of performance that takes much practice. In this two-session class, instructor Carmina Trejo will show students how to excel on daily reading assignments and standardized tests. Participants will receive a notebook with exercises featuring analogies, fact-and-opinion, inference. summarizing, causeand-effect and author's purpose. Focused, meaningful practice and entertaining high-interest topics will motivate students to strengthen their comprehension skills. We'll also read a book or magazine and write about the content, using graphic organizers. Take home your binder and a comprehension workbook.

Dates: Saturdays,

November 16 and 23, 2019

Time: 2:00 - 4:30 PMAges: 7 - 11 years old

Tuition: \$110

Instructor: Carmina Trejo



#### SAT EXAM PREP FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

This test preparation class is designed specifically for 7th graders who are taking the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) as part of the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). For many years, veteran educator and tutor Jerry Campa has assisted students who are preparing to take this important exam. In this two-session class, students will practice with sample tests; they will also receive a Princeton Review or SAT College Board workbook (a \$35 value) to use in class and take home for continued practice.

Dates: Sundays, November 17

and December 1, 2019 (Note: No Class on November 24)

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 7th Graders

Tuition: \$225 (includes Workbook)

Instructor: Jerry Campa

## BRICKS ACADEMY: GIVE THANKS!

This special holiday class offers LEGO enthusiasts a challenge: build a beautiful Pilgrim village, using bricks that reflect the autumn colors. First, check your skills at interlocking bricks. Then, create an entire holiday table setting with all the favorite foods of the harvest. Or, perhaps you'd like to build the Mayflower, the log houses of Plymouth, or Squanto's wigwam. Add turkeys, cornstalks, deer and pumpkins to recreate the First Thanksgiving. Participants will enjoy special snacks and take home a muslin bag of treats.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

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#### CSI: SPY ACADEMY

This is an exciting addition to John Enrichment MacLaren's schedule. Spy Academy offers a howand-who-dunnit format. Put on your lab coat and examine the evidence to name the culprit! Participants will analyze fingerprints, DNA, hair samples and secret codes; then, dress in a police officer uniform and use handcuffs to make an arrest once the suspect is identified. This class encourages teamwork and features role play, too. Learn mysterious codes to send messages to your team, and create a disguise to hide your true identity!

Date: Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 7 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: John MacLaren

#### DECEMBER 2019

## KIDS' NIGHT OUT: HOLIDAY LEGOLAND

It's time for the annual Friday Night Holiday Lego party! Julie Smith will set up an impressive collection of Lego stations, including pirates, Indiana Jones, Star Wars, Mission to Mars and City Vehicles. There will also be a large free-play center. With holiday movies as our backdrop, we'll enjoy our traditional pizza, dessert and special treats, and play Bingo for Lego prizes. Participants can interact, share building experiences and design their own projects, with adults available to help construct their dream creations. Everyone takes home a Lego-filled stocking!

Date: Friday, December 6, 2019

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PMAges: 4 - 9 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Julie Smith

## BRICKS ACADEMY: THE HOLIDAY EXPRESS

ALL ABOARD! The LEGO Express is heading for Santa's Village! Use your math and engineering skills to construct several train track configurations that run in various directions. Then, build a train engine and boxcars that can travel down the route to Toyland. Also, design landscape features like bridges, fences, trees and train stations. Add LEGO figures, snowflakes and quaint cottages. Participants will wear an engineer's cap and take it home along with a stocking stuffed with toys and a big train whistle. This will be wonderful seasonal fun!

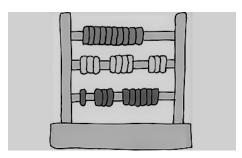
Date: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 4 - 6 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff



#### **MATH TOY STORE**

A great class for holiday fun! Today's session with veteran instructor Kathleen Proctor is designed to teach voung children about coins and relative value. Each student will receive a "cash drawer" with both paper currency and plastic coins. Hands-on games with math manipulatives will instruct students in money matters, and also offer practice in addition and subtraction. Finally, participants will visit The Academy "toy store" to purchase favorite items: tovs. books and an old-fashioned candy counter will be available. Students will take home their purchases, money kits, and a holiday treat bag!

Date: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 4 - 7 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Kathleen Proctor

#### **FOLLOW THE STAR**

Charlotte Cox, president of the Coppini Academy of Fine Arts, offers a special holiday class based on Scripture, to teach the true "Reason for the Season." Read the story of the Nativity, and browse through a display of illustrated books about the First Christmas. In addition, there will be a unique display of Nativity scenes from various cultures. Participants will enjoy Christmas treats and design traditional crafts: an angel ornament and a handpainted rendering of the Holy Family. In addition, students will create a chest containing precious gifts of the Magi, including oils of frankincense and myrrh, and embellished with gold leaf. In addition to their beautiful projects. everyone will take home a holiday stocking filled with toys and candy!

Date: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Charlotte Cox



#### FROG BIOLOGY

Patricia Valdez, "The Frog Lady," is a well-known instructor who offers popular science workshops in San Antonio and other Texas locations. Using a wide variety of reference materials including books, charts and models, Mrs. Valdez will help you learn the anatomy of a frog. Participants will dissect their own preserved specimen, and make notes and drawings in a lab notebook. Safety is our main concern, and students will wear goggles, aprons and gloves in this carefully supervised laboratory workshop - this will be a great class for avid science fans and future pre-med majors!

Date: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 7 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Patricia Valdez

#### BRICKS ACADEMY: LEGO® WINTER WONDERLAND

Bricks Academy presents a dynamic building workshop for the Season! This will be a great way to celebrate the holidays by constructing a village with buildings such as a library, airport, restaurants, houses, a hospital, police station, fire station and residents. You can work on a masterpiece of your choosing. Then, we will put all the components together to complete the winter wonderland. Add evergreen trees and sprinkle snowflakes around for a wintry look. There will be plenty of individual instruction and assistance from Beth and Jim O'Brien, and participants will take home a stocking filled with holiday surprises!

Date: Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 Time: 1:00 – 3:30 PM

Ages: 6 – 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff

## FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL: THE POLAR EXPRESS

One of SAA's annual Holiday Hits! Receive a giant sleigh bell necklace as you enter our workshop this evening. Hear seasonal stories: decorate cookies and frost a tiny tree with glistening snowflakes. Paint a jolly wooden Santa – perfect for your holiday table or mantel décor. The whole class will build a big snowman together, and students will also create individual Texas snowmen to take home. One of Santa's elves will deliver our pizza. and we'll enjoy seasonal snacks, too. Mix up reindeer munch, and fill holiday treat bags to give to friends and family. We'll save time to watch a portion of The Polar Express, and everyone will take home a stocking with treats and toys.

Date: Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Ages: 4 - 8 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Kathy Bolner and

Cathy Cummins



#### TEDDY BEAR HOLIDAY TEA

A holiday tradition at SAA! Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their Christmas Tea, and you are invited. Hear holiday stories and decorate mini evergreen trees with ornaments and candy canes. Make a stocking and festive hat for your bear. Create two gifts for family members, and then sit down for a sumptuous tea with special treats. Play Bingo and holiday games, and take home an old-fashioned stocking filled with toys for "good little girls and boys."

Date: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 4 - 7 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Amalia Aguilar

## BRICKS ACADEMY: SANTA LEGO® MAGIC!

Join Beth and Jim O'Brien for an amazing LEGO workshop, paying tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, their reindeer and the magical wonder they create for girls and boys all over the world. Learn how to interlock LEGO bricks. Use balance, measurement and patterning to create your unique holiday figures. Build Santa and his sleigh, the North Pole village, elves, candy canes and other items associated with "The Jolly Old Elf." You can even construct an arctic scene with snow mounds and polar animals. The best surprise of all: our LEGO engineers will receive a visit from Santa himself! To spread his unique brand of Holiday Cheer, he'll bring a toy-filled stocking for each participant. Happy Holidays!

Date: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff

#### HOLIDAY MARSHMALLOW BLASTERS

Back by request, master science teacher John MacLaren offers this holiday class featuring principles of engineering. First, make your marshmallow blaster out of PVC pipe. Then, decorate it with a favorite design or logo - maybe a superhero or a coatof-arms. After you create a coordinating shield to go with your blaster, we will be ready to go outside for the "fluffy" battle of the century. Consult with your teammates to develop a strategy to outsmart your opponents during the "Marshmallow War of the Century" - Is anyone able to defeat Mr. MacLaren? Each student takes home a holiday stocking with candy and toys. It will be a BLAST!

Date: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 7 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: John MacLaren



## HOLIDAY CHESS TOURNAMENT

U. S. Chess Master Alex Weinberg hosts a festive Chess class and tournament! First, there will be free play and discussion of International Chess Masters and historic matches. A three-round tournament follows, with a souvenir holiday chess trophy for each participant. Additional trophies will be awarded to the top three players. This will be a fun way to celebrate the holidays, and a chance to sharpen your skills in the world's greatest game! We'll save time for seasonal treats, and participants will take home a holiday stocking, too. Maximum enrollment is 12 players, so please register early. Please note: Players at all levels are welcome to participate.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 PM Ages: 6 – 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Alex Weinberg

## FAMOUS ARTIST SERIES: RENAISSANCE MASTERS

This Sacred Art workshop is an annual event at The Academy, providing students an opportunity to create works based on Scripture. We'll study Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and other Masters who created priceless treasures for the churches and cathedrals of Italy. Students will paint a Madonna or Holy Family to take home as a beautiful centerpiece, and other Christmas projects will be available for participants to prepare for gift giving. We'll save time to snack on seasonal treats!

Date: Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PMAges: 5 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Cathy Cummins



#### **HOLIDAY CAMP**

Need to do some last-minute shopping and decorating? Mrs. Cummins and her elves will be glad to entertain your little ones with lots of holiday fun and cheer! We'll hear seasonal stories, play games and create beautiful gifts for family and friends. After lunch we'll go on a field trip to see a movie; when we return, we'll enjoy games and freeplay until pick-up time. Please bring a sack lunch; drinks and snacks will be provided.

Date: Friday, Dec. 20, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Ages: 5 – 9 years old

Tuition: \$100

Instructors: Cathy Cummins and Staff

#### JANUARY 2020



#### KIDS' NIGHT OUT: COACH'S GAME NIGHT

Tonight, Coach David joins Julie Smith for a wonderful evening of games galore, including indoor bowling, basketball and goofy relays. Enjoy Tinker Toys, Magna Brix and Lincoln Logs, too! We'll have a hula hoop contest and do the Limbo; watch movies, munch on pizza and dessert, and play Bingo for prizes. Everyone receives medals and ribbons, plus a party bag to take home.

Date: Friday, January 10, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PMAges: 4 - 9 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Julie and David Smith

## BRICKS ACADEMY: FANTASTIC FAÇADES

Using LEGO® bricks and elements, explore the world of building façades, with the interlocking construction of the front and two sides of your structure. The back side is left open so you can work on the intricate and creative "finishing out" of the space. Participants can create the interior of the various rooms found in homes, offices, or other structures, as well as gardens and other spaces. Your imagination might lead you to enhance your builds beyond your initial conceptual design. This fantastic facade adventure is for LEGO enthusiasts who enjoy a challenge, as opportunities for both individual and team projects will expand their range of artistic creations. We'll save time for snacks and LEGO prizes, too!

Date: Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 7 years and older

Tuition: \$50

Instructors: Bricks Academy Staff



#### AFTERSCHOOL ARTSPACE: ACRYLIC PAINTING

An annual tradition at SAA. Are you serious about art? In this three-session acrylics workshop, SAA art instructors Cary Gates and Dana Parish will share with you their expertise in color theory and mixing, composition and application with brush and palette knife. Participants will explore and express their own artistic talents by completing (depending on size) one or two works of their own choice. Students should bring to the first class at least two simple pictures they would like to paint. These can be photos, prints, etc. (without too many details). Enrollment is limited to 14 students, so please register early!

Dates: Thursdays,

Jan. 16, 23, 30, 2020

Time: 3:45 – 5:15 PM Ages: 3rd Graders and Older

Tuition: \$175

Instructors: Cary Gates, Dana Parish

Place: Art Room

## MINECRAFT CLUB: MINI-GAME PARTY

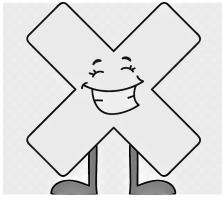
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Date: Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 7 - 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez



#### MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Does your child need to memorize the multiplication tables once and for all? Many students are going forward to advanced math concepts without knowing the basics, and often they are not receiving the extra help they need to master these facts. In this two session class, Jerry Campa will make multiplication easier to understand. Each participant's current skill level will be assessed, followed by drills, games and plenty of review to help students learn to multiply. Additional take-home exercises will be provided so students can continue to boost their skills.

Dates: Saturdays,

January 18 and 25, 2020

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Ages: 2nd – 4th graders

Tuition: \$110

Instructor: Jerry Campa

#### **ART ON CANVAS**

Today's art workshop is all about *Invention, Creation and Inspiration!* First, students will set up a palette with a variety of colored acrylics, and prepare to paint on stretched canvas: one large piece, and a smaller one that can be displayed on an easel. Students may create using suggested subject matter, or they may paint a self-portrait on canvas board. Additional projects include a decorated artist's apron and a tote.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 4 - 7 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Rebecca Udzik

#### SCIENCE SAMPLER

This unique lab experience will inspire your budding scientist to discover more about our natural world. With master teacher Pat Valdez, participants will enjoy a variety of hands-on experiments and displays in several areas of science: physics, geology, microbiology and chemistry. We'll begin by learning the Scientific Method with mystery capsules. In physics, perform the egg drop experiment; in the chemistry lesson, we'll watch steel wool ignite. Examine rocks in the geology segment, and learn the differences among igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary specimens. Build an aluminum foil volcano and watch it erupt! Use a microscope to view what lurks in a drop of pond water, and draw your observations in a lab journal. This is a perfect class for young science enthusiasts!

Date: Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Patricia Valdez

## BRICKS ACADEMY LEGO RACERS

Build your own racing machines, using LEGO® bricks and elements! During this process, participants will learn how size, weight, stability, and the force of gravity affect their vehicles' performance. Mathematics, physics, and engineering concepts are involved in the design of their personal renditions. After testing their unique build on the four-lane racetrack, students can redesign their vehicle to enhance its power and speed during subsequent races on the track. Takehome prizes will include a Hot Wheels® vehicle and LEGO bricks.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 – 3:30 PM Ages: 7 years and older

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff

## YOUNG WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Creative writing is one of the most challenging skills that students are asked to demonstrate. They are required to write essays for standardized tests throughout school; later they must write themes, articles and speeches in many career fields. Yet, most students receive little direct instruction or practice to acquire this essential proficiency. In this two-session class, Kathy Bolner will introduce a variety of writing genres including short stories, poetry and narrative prose. Using a keyword graphic outline, participants will organize ideas and structure information. The young authors will write a biographical sketch, a poem, and a short story or non-fiction report. They will learn how to "build" the plot, the climax and the conclusion, taking time to develop clear language to explain the characters and setting. This is a good way to hone skills and overcome any writing blocks. Mrs. Bolner will critique and edit the written work; students will take home a portfolio, including a journal and writing instruments.

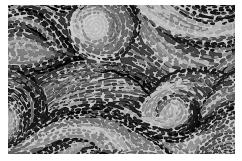
Dates: Saturdays

January 18 and 25, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 4:30 PMAges: 7 - 13 years old

Tuition: \$110

Instructor: Kathy Bolner



#### FAMOUS ARTIST SERIES: VINCENT VAN GOGH FATHER OF EXPRESSIONISM

Today's session highlights the work of Vincent Van Gogh: Starry Night, Café Terrace at Night and his portraits of residents in the French town of Arles. Students will hear anecdotes about the artist's life and style, and view an age-

appropriate documentary about his paintings. Then, we'll load our brushes with oil paint and whirl it around the canvas to create our own masterpieces. In addition, participants will paint a vase and fill it with sunflowers and irises. Take-home materials include a portfolio containing beautiful color prints of Van Gogh's work. Our young artists will enjoy French snacks and, weather permitting, we'll stage an outdoor exhibit at the end of class.

Date: Sunday, January 19, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PMAges: 5 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Cathy Cummins

## BRICKS ACADEMY: MACHINES & MECHANISMS (S.E.A.M.)

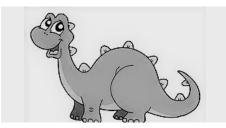
Join us as we explore activities that develop S.E.A.M. (science. engineering, art, and mathematics) skills. Using LEGO® bricks, elements, and figures, participants will learn how to build machines and mechanisms such as a spinning top, see-saw. windmill, and vehicle. An understanding of balance and symmetry, the force gravity, logical thinking, creative exploration are skills that are enhanced. Both individual and team projects bolster the range of artistic designs that are created. Take home a treat bag full of goodies!

Date: Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020

Time: 1:00 – 3:30 PM Ages: 4 - 6 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructors: Bricks Academy Staff



## ROARING WITH THE DINOSAURS

Calling all young paleontologists to an afternoon of "dinomite" learning! Our classroom will be decorated with dinosaur replicas, trilobites and fossilized shark teeth. Play Dinosaur Jingo to study important facts about these prehistoric creatures. Stage a mock battle between herbivores and carnivores, excavate dino claws and paint a model of a T-Rex tooth. Finally, go on a dinosaur egg hunt to find the nest of the mother Myosaurus. Take home a goody bag with a dinosaur grabber and realistic models.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 4 - 7 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Rebecca Udzik

#### JUNIOR DOCTORS

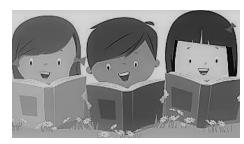
This exciting class with science educator John MacLaren is perfect for youngsters who are interested in anatomy. Today, students will work with real instruments including a stethoscope, a blood pressure monitor, a reflex hammer and more. Mr. MacLaren will dissect an eyeball and discuss organs and body systems. Students will build a life-size skeleton puzzle, color a canvas "digestive system" apron, and receive a "brain cap" with illustrations of the various centers of the brain. Participants will also have a unique opportunity to hold a sheep's heart, brain and kidneys. A dynamic, hands-on way to learn about the amazing human body!

Date: Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 4:30 PMAges: 5 - 10 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: John MacLaren



#### **READ TO UNDERSTAND**

Many students can read fluently, but still struggle to master effective comprehension. In this two-session course, instructor Carmina Trejo will use "think aloud" prompts on interesting topics to encourage

students to visualize, infer and predict the meaning of a passage or story. Excerpts will be taken from both fiction and non-fiction selections, and comprehension questions will assist participants in reflecting upon what has been read. We'll also use graphic organizers and journals to help focus on details. Participants will receive a home-study kit that includes plenty of practice exercises.

Date: Saturdays, January 25 &

February 1, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 4:30 PMAges: 7 - 11 years old

Tuition: \$110

Instructor: Carmina Trejo



# FREE PARENTING LECTURE: ENDING THE HOMEWORK HASSLE

#### BY JOHN ROSEMOND

This evening, Cathy Cummins leads a discussion of the book by John Rosemond, a family psychologist and nationally recognized parenting authority. In Ending the Homework Hassle, Rosemond guides parents through a practical, time saving program that will put an end to their over-involvement in what should be primarily a student's responsibility. Discover step-by-step methods for implementing a successful homework management system, that strengthens responsibility, selfsufficiency and self-esteem. The author also addresses just about every school problem imaginable, performance including when to seek remedial help, how to motivate the underachiever, and what parents should know about home schedules and establishing family values. Participants will have an opportunity to analyze their current management style and how

to improve monitoring techniques. Admission is free, but space is limited; for reservations, email Michele Cummins: mcummins@sa-academy.org, and please include your telephone number.

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Ages: Adults Tuition: Free

Lecturer: Cathy Cummins

#### FEBRUARY 2020



## MINECRAFT CLUB: JURASSIC WORLD

Please refer to Page 6 for course description.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Ages: 7 – 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez



#### **PET VET**

This is a great beginner medical science class for young children. Participants will receive a set of four pet animals (cuddly, stuffed ones): a cat or a dog, a fish, a bird and a snake. Make and decorate a pet habitat. Then, practice working with all the tools a good veterinarian needs: thermometer, stethoscope, bandages, and even office supplies, signs and forms. Look at x-rays, and study the anatomy of

each animal; learn how to care for them. At craft time, decorate a water bowl and assemble 3-D models. Mr. MacLaren will teach you fascinating facts about veterinary medicine, and you can even take home a tiny pet cricket that sings for you!

Date: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 5 - 10 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: John MacLaren

#### LEONARDO'S JOURNALS

This is a charming new offering from Charlotte Cox, renowned local artist and president of the Coppini Academy of Fine Arts. Ms. Cox will create a leather-bound journal containing 100% cotton pages for each participant. Students can add jewels or charms to hang off the journal's spine, and "ghost images" of drawings by Leonardo da Vinci will be printed on some of the pages. The classroom will be decorated with many natural objects, including feathers, leaves, flowers, animal skulls, bones, shells and rocks. Students can sketch these and then add quotes by da Vinci to embellish their beautiful, one-of-a-kind journals. Participants will also take home a da Vinci edition of Kids Discover magazine as well as a collection box containing nature's gems!

Date: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$65

Instructor: Charlotte Cox



#### FROG BIOLOGY

Please refer to Page 8 for course description.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 7 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Patricia Valdez

#### **BRICKS ACADEMY:** VALENTINE WORKSHOP

A fun Sunday class for boys and girls who love to build with LEGO bricks! Today, participants can create hearts, cupids, flowers or many other symbols associated with Valentine's Day. Beth and Jim O'Brien from Bricks Academy will include red, white and pastelcolored bricks for you to use. Extra crafts will be available, too. You can make a greeting card and use fabric markers to design a tote bag or wallet for a best friend or a favorite relative. Take home a treat bag with candy and tovs!

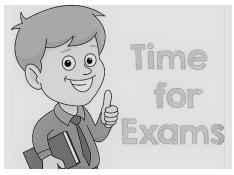
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020

1:00 - 3:30 PM Time: Ages: 4 - 12 years old

Tuition:

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff



#### **SAT EXAM PREP** FOR 6TH GRADERS

A new offering, designed especially for 6th graders who are taking the SAT in their 7th grade year as part of the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). Veteran educator and tutor Jerry Campa will help you get a head start in your test prep to ensure stellar scores! In this two-session class, students will get plenty of practice using sample tests; they will receive a commercial practice notebook to use in class and take home for further practice. Space is limited, so register early!

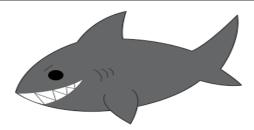
Dates: Sundays,

February 2 and 9, 2020

1:00 - 3:30 PM Time: Ages: 6th graders

Tuition: \$200 (including notebook)

Instructor: Jerry Campa



#### **EXTREME SHARKS LAB**

This will be a special dissection class on sharks; safety is our first concern, so students will wear goggles and gloves. Educator John MacLaren will fascinate participants with his knowledge of the inner structures of these creatures of The Deep. Study the outside first, then move to the underside; dissect a dogfish shark to examine its inner organs. Other specimens will include a stingray, starfish, and squid. Record your observations and drawings in your lab journal. Many marine animal specimens, models and reference books will be available for extra research. Make a shark tooth necklace, and take home a goody bag of themerelated prizes.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020

1:00 - 3:30 PM Time: Ages: 8 - 13 years old

Tuition:

Instructor: John MacLaren

#### **SUNDAY SPECIAL: PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR KIDS**

This class is designed to teach voungsters the basic elements of good speaking, and to give them confidence in communicating orally with others. We'll discuss note preparation. attention-getters. body language. inflection, speed and eye contact. After learning the techniques of public speaking, we'll put our knowledge into practice with various activities: introductions, interviews, debates, persuasive speaking and how-to talks. Parents are invited to attend the finale, when each orator will give a solo speech and join a partner in a duet.

Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020

1:00 - 5:00 PM Time: 2nd Graders and older Ages:

\$75 Tuition:

Instructor: Cathy Cummins

#### PHONICS FOR ADULTS WITH CATHY CUMMINS

Please refer to Page 3 for course description.

Monday-Tuesday. Dates:

February 10-11, 2020

7:00 - 9:00 PM Time: Ages: Adults

Tuition: \$100 per person Instructor: Cathy Cummins



#### FREE PARENTING LECTURE: **NURTURE SHOCK**

This evening, we welcome SAA's Associate Head of School, Kimberly Dunn, who will guide our conversation centering on Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman's New York Times bestseller Nurture Shock. In this popular book, the authors point out how our instincts about children can be off-the-mark. One of the most important chapters, "The Inverse Power of Praise," says some research suggests if you tell your children they're special, you can actually ruin them! Other chapters discuss sibling rivalry, bullying, jumpstarting children's language skills, why kids lie, and teaching children about race issues. This book is an eye-opener, so come ready to join the discussion. Participants will receive hand-outs containing pertinent articles. Admission is free, but space is limited; for reservations, email Michele Cummins: mcummins@saacademy.org, and please include your telephone number.

Wed., Feb. 12, 2020 Date: Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Ages: Adults

Tuition:

Free Lecturer: Kimberly Dunn

#### SHARKS IN THE DARK

Put on your head lamp and glow-in-thedark jewelry for a dive into the abyss! Enter the darkened classroom to view bioluminescent sea creatures like the lantern shark, dragonfish, comb jellies and more. The main focus of today's workshop will be sharks, the living fossils of the ocean. Make your own shark tooth necklace with real teeth and colorful beads. Then, make an "ocean in a box" filled with specimens of shells, coral samples, starfish and sponges. Play Ocean JINGO for prizes, make marine animal rubbings and go on a shark hunt to find a treasure chest loaded with take-home goodies. We'll have a fascinating study with books, replicas of different shark species from the tiny dwarf shark to the Great White, and hands-on activities. This will be a JAWSOME experience!

Date: Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 6 - 9 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Rebecca Udzik



#### GREEK AND LATIN ROOT WORDS

A perennial favorite! Once again, Cathy Cummins offers this half-day workshop on Greek and Latin root words. When students have a solid background in root words, vocabulary and spelling skills increase and SAT scores soar! Today, we'll review 100 words; then, we'll do projects and play exciting games such as Jeopardy and "Fact File." In addition, enjoy performing a Reader's Theater Greek mythology play. Participants will receive a portfolio of practice sheets and a deck of 100 Root Word Cards (a \$20 value).

Date: Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 PM Ages: 7 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$85

Instructor: Cathy Cummins



#### SUPERHERO ADVENTURE

It's a bird...it's a plane...it's a super party! Join Mrs. Aquilar for a Saturday afternoon of POW, BOOM and ZAP fun! Kids who love the Avengers, Captain America, Spiderman, The Hulk and Iron Man will enjoy the special activities today. We'll do crafts, play Jingo, and design our own comic strip with The Avengers as the main characters. Build a cityscape with Legos, and use Superhero figures to complete the dynamic scene. Decorate your own cape, shield and mask. Learn the theme songs of each hero, and then perform a mini-play. Take home a goody bag of Superhero prizes!

Date: Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 4 – 8 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Amalia Aguilar

#### STUDY SKILLS

It's never too late to improve test-taking skills and everyday organizational individual Identify your abilities. learning style, and practice skimming, process of elimination, following directions, planning and prioritizing. Participants will brush up on outlining, note-taking and mnemonic techniques as well; these are skills that immediately improve scholastic performance and last a lifetime! Students will receive a notebook containing practice sheets for home study.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 8 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: William Woodland

## JUNIOR PALEONTOLOGISTS: DINOSAUR DISCOVERY

Children love dinosaurs! Today's class is offered by highly regarded teacher John MacLaren and his fabulous sidekick, Miss Sylvia. Kids will be met at the door by talking, moving dinosaur animatrons. Participants will excavate bones and shark teeth in a mock sand pit, and make plaster molds of fossils. Play dinosaur Jingo for prizes, assemble and paint a wooden T-Rex model, and stain a model tooth. Take home a wonderful goody bag of dinosaur replicas plus your own fossil collection.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 5 - 9 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: John MacLaren



#### **READ AND WRITE**

This two-session workshop helps students improve their reading and writing skills. We'll start with a set of four short, high-interest books in different genres; two non-fiction texts, one folktale and one biography. Participants will read the books together and perform comprehension exercises to increase recall and attention to detail. Ms. Trejo will guide students through written responses to each story's content. Finally, students will write a paragraph summarizing each book. Take-home materials include the set of readers, a notebook and a response journal.

Dates: Saturdays,

February 22 and 29, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 4:30 PMAges: 7 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$110

Instructor: Carmina Trejo

#### **EARLY BIRD MATH**

Give your child a head start in math with this introduction to the world of numbers. Youngsters will explore addition and subtraction, and play games related to time, money, number sequence and fractions. Using a large collection of math manipulatives. participants will also study number patterns. classification strategies and beginning geometry. Take home flashcards, a clock with adjustable hands, a money kit with coins and bills, and a skill book containing worksheets for further practice.

Dates: Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 4 - 7 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Kathleen Proctor



#### STAR WARS SLEEPOVER

A once-a-year special - SAA first grade teacher Tanya Weis and her husband Eric invite you to join them and Luke Skywalker, Anakin, Queen Amidala, Han Solo and other galactic globetrotters for an AWESOME outer space party. The event includes a pizza dinner and sleepover in the Enrichment Room on Friday night; on Saturday morning, a Continental breakfast will be served. We'll begin Friday evening with a Lego construction session, followed by a treasure hunt. Enjoy Space Jingo, crafts, games and more. Watch movies and "planetarium" projections on the ceiling as you fall asleep. Wear your pajamas and bring your sleeping bag, pillow and toothbrush. Space is limited, so register early for this one!

Date: Friday, February 28, 2020 Time: Friday, 6:00 PM through

Saturday, 9:00 AM 7 – 10 years old

Tuition: \$80

Ages:

Instructors: Tanya and Eric Weis



#### MINECRAFT CLUB: POKÉMON EXTRAVAGANZA

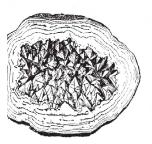
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Date: Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 7 - 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez





#### **FOSSIL FINDERS**

Calling all rock hounds! This will be a hands-on adventure to learn how rocks form and change. A large display will be on hand in our classroom "quarry," and participants will use a magnifying glass to observe the differences among the sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic specimens. Crack open a geode to reveal the crystals inside, arrange agate slices on the light table and play Rock Jingo. You'll use a pocket volcano to watch an eruption, too. Finally, make your own beautiful specimen collection to take home, including amethyst, quartz, tiger eye and ocos.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 4 - 7 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Rebecca Udzik

#### CHESS TOURNAMENT: LUCKY LEAP YEAR!

Calling all Chess Players - Celebrate this unique, quadrennial event with us! First, there will be free play and discussion of International Chess Masters and historic matches. A three-round tournament follows, with a souvenir trophy for each participant. Additional trophies will be awarded to the top three players, and everyone will take home a goody bag. Maximum enrollment is 12 players, so please register early. Note: Players at all levels are welcome to participate.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PMAges: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Alex Weinberg

#### **MARCH 2020**

#### HEROES & MONSTERS: GREEK, ROMAN & VIKING MYTHS

This is a unique workshop with fascinating stories and exciting projects related to the myths of the ancient Greeks, Romans and Vikings. Hear the tales of Medusa, a gorgon with snakes for hair; Pegasus, who was born out of Medusa's blood; and the Chimera, a terrible creature with a body that was part goat, part lion and part snake. Explore the creation stories of various cultures and the homelands of their deities: the Viking Asgaard, the Roman Vulcan's Forge, and Mount Olympus, the realm of the Greek immortals. Activities include Greek Jingo, a "banquet" and several art projects, including a miniature Trireme like Jason and the Argonauts used to gain the Golden Fleece. Create a Medusa hat or mask, and a frieze with drawings depicting Theseus, Hercules and others. Take-home prizes for all!

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: William Woodland



#### **MANNERS 101**

It's time for Spring holidays and events! Veteran teacher Amalia Aguilar invites you to join her for this beginner etiquette class. Participants will practice table manners, learn how to set a table properly, make introductions and speak politely. Children will prepare a snack and learn how to use serving and eating utensils. With a model telephone, they will also practice conversation manners. A craft session will include creating thank-you notes and personal stationery, as well as designing a table runner and napkins. Students will learn that manners do matter and so does personal conduct. An additional takehome folder will contain award-winning educator Ron Clark's "Essential 55" rules of behavior.

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 Time: 9:30 – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Amalia Aguilar

#### INTRO TO DIVISION

It's almost time for Spring standardized testing! Come and review the basics of division with master teacher Jerry Campa; then, enjoy games and other challenging activities based on those principles. In this two-session class, Mr. Campa provides excellent instruction and lots of personal attention. Participants will receive a notebook containing both division and multiplication worksheets for further practice.

Dates: Saturdays,

March 21 and 28, 2020

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Ages: 2nd – 4th graders

Tuition: \$110

Instructor: Jerry Campa

#### **PIRATE ISLAND**

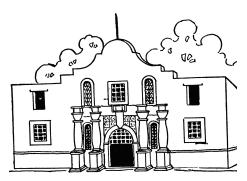
Ahoy, Mateys! Come to this fun class if you like pirates, buried treasure and exciting adventures. Put on a pirate hat, eye patch and colorful bandana; then, play Walk the Plank, Toss the Rat, Ring the Mast and Shark Mania. Enjoy sand art, and make your own treasure chest to fill with jewels and coins. Go on a treasure hunt around campus. Study sharks and other ocean creatures, and build an island retreat with Legos. We'll save time for a treasure hunt, too! Take home a goody bag filled with "booty."

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 4 - 7 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Rebecca Udzik



## BRICKS ACADEMY: REMEMBER THE ALAMO!

Bricks Academy offers this fun session to honor all things TEXAN. Today, using LEGO bricks, students can construct the Lone Star flag with red, white and blue bricks; or, how about a mockingbird, our state bird; or, our state tree, the pecan? There will be bricks to build all sorts of objects associated with our great state: cowboys, cattle, horses, Space Shuttles, and even The Alamo! Participants may opt to build a Texas landscape such as the Coast, the Hill Country, canyons or mountains. Both individual and group "builds" can be engineered to reflect the pride we have in our unique State. Take home cowboy prizes today!

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff



#### **EXPLODE INTO SCIENCE**

John MacLaren is well-known for his entertaining chemistry classes. **Participants** receive protective eyewear, and using safe, common ingredients, will conduct experiments that go POP, FIZZ, and BANG! Watch a sealed container, the "grain elevator," pop its lid after you add a secret mixture. Watch a model volcano erupt, and then it's your turn, using your own pocket volcano. Learn how lightning works, and observe chemicals as they change states and shapes. Take home a rock collection as well as a kit that makes crystals and a batch of snow!

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 7 - 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: John MacLaren

#### READINESS RAPTORS ROCK

Come celebrate with the Raptors, and roar your way into reading! Review phonograms, letters and sounds, and practice your penmanship skills as you write your own book. In this two-session class, participants will receive phonics and math workbooks, as well as Benchmark early readers on high-interest, non-fiction topics. The preprimers cover counting exercises as well as fascinating science studies. Take home your books in a colorful tote!

Dates: Sundays,

March 22 and 29, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 4 - 7 years old

Tuition: \$110

Instructor: Kathleen Proctor



#### FREE PARENTING LECTURE: BOYS AND GIRLS LEARN DIFFERENTLY

#### BY MICHAEL GURIAN AND KATHY STEVENS

Tonight's discussion centers on the understanding of gender differences in the area of academics. Michael Gurian's highly acclaimed book clearly demonstrates how "hard wiring" and socialized gender differences affect how boys and girls learn. In the 10th Anniversary edition, the author added new information on a wealth of topics, including the latest research in brain science and leading-edge practical strategies. Parents and teachers will learn specifically how the brains in the sexes differ; the effects of nutrition on brain function; and, how to innovate with single-sex education options. We'll look at developmental, chemical, hormonal and functional differences. Then, participants will discover how those dissimilarities affect the learning of mathematics, science, technology and reading throughout the schoolage years. Another important topic is the approach to standardized testing. Gurian paints a picture of successful learning environments for girls and boys at each age, and we'll explore thoughtprovoking study guide questions, too. Admission is free, but space is limited; for reservations, email Michele Cummins: mcummins@saacademy.org, and please include your telephone number.

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Ages: Adults Tuition: Free

Lecturer: Cathy Cummins



## FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL: POKÉMON AND PJ'S

Parents, treat yourselves to a date night while we entertain your children at an old-fashioned pajama party! Kids will enjoy crafts, JINGO, movies, games and pizza in a relaxed, fun-filled environment. Participants can dress in PJ's if they wish, and we'll dance to party favorites like "Hokey Pokey," "Limbo," and "The Twist." After pizza, we'll decorate cookies for dessert. Then, we'll enjoy a Pokémon trading card treasure hunt and watch a movie. Decorate a keepsake box filled with Pokémon cards and prizes!

Date: Friday, March 27, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PMAges: 5 - 10 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Omar Valdez

#### BRICKS ACADEMY: LEGO® BUSY BUILDERS

Using LEGO bricks, youngsters will create unique two- and three-dimensional objects and structures. Students can also join their buildings to create one massive build. Individual and team projects will offer our busy builders opportunities to explore math and engineering concepts. Vehicles, LEGO people and animals can be integrated into their ever-expanding projects. Everyone will take home a goody bag with LEGO bricks.

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 4-6 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff

#### **APRIL 2020**

#### KIDS' NIGHT OUT: SPURS FAN NIGHT

On tap tonight is a wonderful evening of basketball and games galore. We will pay tribute to our home team, the San Antonio Spurs, and practice shooting baskets in the gym. After a pizza dinner, we'll play Sports Jingo for prizes. At craft time, make a Spurs cap or design a T-shirt. A room full of board games and Legos will be available, and we'll watch a great movie. Everyone receives a Spurs party bag to take home.

Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM Ages 4 – 9 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Julie Smith

#### **SPEED READING**

The spring testing season is almost here, so it's time to look at your reading and comprehension skills. How is it going? Does it take you a long time to plow through assignments, only to realize you can't remember what you have read? In this morning's three-hour workshop, we'll find word patterns, use eye-tracking techniques and practice the mechanics of effective recall; elevate eye movements and explore apps that track your progress, too. Enjoy fun, interactive exercises that will get you involved in the selfimprovement process, and help you excel on upcoming standardized tests.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 9 - 14 years old

Tuition: \$60

Instructor: Rebecca Woodland

### MINECRAFT CLUB: MINI-GAME PARTY

Please refer to Page 3 for course description.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 7 - 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez



## PETER RABBIT'S EASTER PARTY

Boys and girls, come celebrate an Academy tradition on a beautiful spring day! We'll decorate eggs with dye and applique, and make confetti-filled cascarones. You can embellish a hat or a bonnet with artificial flowers, ribbons and bows, and plant a mini garden. Join the hunt on the Franklin House lawn, and find the golden egg! Enjoy seasonal snacks while you hear about Peter's adventures in Mr. McGregor's garden. Take home a beautiful basket of treats and a plush rabbit.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 4 - 8 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Rebecca Udzik



#### BUGS, SPIDERS, SNAKES AND OTHER CREEPY CRAWLIES

A great class for a spring afternoon – a science adventure focusing on creepy, crawly and slithery creatures. Prof. MacLaren will set up a fascinating

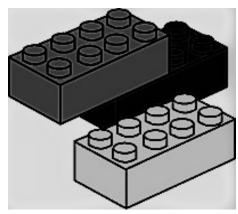
lab where participants will dissect a grasshopper and study a variety of bugs and their anatomy. Make a cricket cage and take home a pet cricket. Examine snake bones and skin, and learn about "movie star" snakes and spiders like Spiderman. Make a giant web and a mask with antennae. After we study the life cycle of the butterfly, we will construct a wheel with a real pupa. Play Bug Bingo for prizes, and take home a bag of goodies.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PMAges: 5 - 9 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: John MacLaren



#### BRICKS ACADEMY: LEGO® EASTER PARADE

The wonderful staff of *Bricks Academy* offers a special Easter workshop. Learn how to interlock the bricks, and then build objects associated with Spring and Peter Rabbit! Use geometry and balance strategies to construct standing rabbits to march in an Easter parade. A real challenge will be to build a tapered, oval decorated egg or spring flowers like lilies and roses. Families are invited to view the lovely holiday scene at pick-up time, and participants will take home an old-fashioned basket of goodies.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 Time: 1:00 – 3:30 PM Ages: 6 – 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

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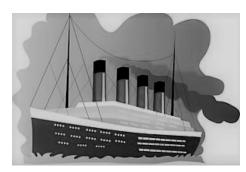
#### **DRAWING MASTERS**

Please refer to Page 4 for course description

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Ages: 7 – 12 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: William Woodland



#### **TITANIC**

An Academy Tradition each Spring -Come aboard, Titanic fans! Tonight, you will have a most exciting adventure, using materials from Queenstown and Belfast, Ireland, where the majestic ocean liner was built in 1910. Through the generosity of the Titanic Museum, you will receive authentic mementos: notebooks, photo journals, jewelry, postcards and more. Your passport will have the name and class assignment of a real passenger who sailed on the ill-fated ship. Discover fascinating facts about your character as you interact with other travelers. Have your picture taken in the wheelhouse and enjoy dinner and a movie in the First-Class dining room. Take in the sights and sounds on the sun deck, making your own captain's hat and Titanic model. Enjoy a lively game of Titanic Jingo, write postcards to your friends and family, and decorate your very own steamer trunk to carry all your keepsakes. Your ocean journey ends with a scavenger hunt, and you will learn the fate of your passenger.

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Ages: 8 – 12 years old Tuition: \$55

Instructors: Kathy Bolner,

Cathy Cummins

## BRICKS ACADEMY: FIESTA LEGO® FUN

Join *Bricks Academy* for a LEGO Fiesta celebration! Participants can create a LEGO float on a base plate, and add whatever theme objects they choose. Build a band, or characters from a famous movie; or, you could make a float with a San Antonio theme – even a mascot from your favorite sports team. We'll put the individual floats together to make our own Viva Fiesta parade. We'll save time for *pan dulce* and everyone will take home a mini piñata and a bag of *dulces*.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Ages: 6 – 12 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff

#### **HOT WHEELS RACERS**

Please refer to Page 4 for course description

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 5 - 9 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Kathleen Proctor

## EXTREME SPACE & ROCKETS

Join veteran science educator John MacLaren for an exciting adventure in space! Hear about the Father of Rocketry, Dr. Robert Goddard; study aerodynamics, the principles of flight, and conduct a variety of experiments. Use Alka Seltzer and canisters to create a chemical reaction and resulting "explosion." Race balloon rockets across the classroom, and launch a variety of water rockets to see how far they fly. Play Space Jingo for prizes, and taste space ice cream at snack time. Take home a goody bag and an inflatable Space Shuttle.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$60

Instructor: John MacLaren

## CHESS TOURNAMENT: VIVA FIESTA!

Join U.S. Chess Master Alex Weinberg for a special Fiesta Chess class and tournament. First, students will receive a lesson on legendary games of the Chess Grand Masters. Then, Mr. Weinberg will conduct a three-round tournament with a souvenir Alamo City trophy for each player. Additional trophies will be awarded to the top three players. A Fiesta-themed party will include refreshments and minipiñatas filled with dulces and prizes. Mr. Weinberg will also play a demo game of chess while blindfolded! Maximum enrollment is 12 players, so register early. Please note: Players at all levels are welcome to participate.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PM Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Alex Weinberg



#### THE ART OF SPELLING

The English language now has over a million words, making it the most complex system in the world! So many students are high readers, but they still struggle with spelling and receive little instruction in the Rules of English. In today's class, we will review these important rules and the sounds of the Orton Phonograms. We will also look at Greek and Latin derivatives, homonyms and homophones. Students will practice the 100 most frequently used "priority" words while enjoying a variety of games. Participants will take home a portfolio of practice sheets, writing instruments, a spelling workbook and the Orton Phonogram flashcards.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PM Ages: 8 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$75

Instructor: Cathy Cummins



## FAMOUS ARTIST SERIES: AT HOME WITH MONET

The perfect art class for a spring afternoon! Study the life and work of French artist Claude Monet. Regarded as the "Father of Impressionism," Monet often painted scenes of the water lilies and Japanese footbridge in his extensive gardens in Giverny, as well as scenes from the nearby city of Rouen. He painted the Rouen Cathedral more than 20 times! Prints and postcards from the Monet Museum will inspire today's artists, as they create their own masterpieces using acrylics on canvas. Additional projects include a pressed flower coaster and tile painting. We'll enjoy French snacks, too!

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 PMAges: 5 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Cathy Cummins

#### MAY 2020

#### KIDS' NIGHT OUT: LEGO EXTRAVAGANZA

A treasured end-of-the-year tradition at SAA! As the school year draws to a close, join your friends for one more awesome evening of building, featuring our huge collection of theme Legos: pirates, robots, Sponge Bob, Star Wars and more. We'll have free-play centers, too. Participants may collaborate on a project, or design their own creations. Enjoy our traditional pizza, dessert and special treats, and play Bingo for Lego prizes. Have a great summer!

Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM Ages: 4 – 9 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Julie Smith



#### MARINE SCIENCE AND CRAFTS

Wear your favorite shirt with an ocean motif, and join Patricia Valdez for a creative, hands-on study of the world's oceans and creatures of The Deep. Mrs. Valdez will read marine life stories, play sea-themed songs and teach you about the unique characteristics of many ocean animals. Then, enjoy creating sea-related crafts: make ocean slime, a wave in a bottle, a shell craft and shark tooth necklace. Play Sea-Life JINGO for prizes! Everyone takes home a treasure box of shells and treats!

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 Time 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Patricia Valdez

#### BRICKS ACADEMY: LEGO® MOSAICS

This morning, experiment with LEGO bricks in a whole new way in this one-of-a-kind workshop. Using base plates, assemble LEGO bricks of all shapes, sizes and colors to create a beautiful mosaic picture. With Mother's Day coming soon (May 10), consider making a portrait of Mom, or maybe a self-portrait, a LEGO cake or a bouquet of flowers in honor of the special lady in your life. Build by yourself or with a team. In addition, decorate a card and a teacup planter to give to your mother on her special day. Families are invited to view the stunning mosaic creations at pickup time.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Ages: 6 – 12 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructors: Beth and Jim O'Brien

and Staff



### MINECRAFT CLUB: JURASSIC WORLD

Please refer to Page 6 for course description.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Ages: 7 – 13 years old

Ages: 7 - 1Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez



#### **AQUA SCIENCE**

This afternoon. popular science instructor Patricia Valdez brings a fascinating Sea Life Museum to The Academy! This will be a hands-on adventure; participants will study the anatomy of a crayfish, starfish and squid, using magnifying glasses and microscopes to observe shrimp eggs and diatoms. Mrs. Valdez will show you the internal anatomy of these animals for observation and sketching. Examine shell samples and discuss the creatures that inhabited them, and assemble your own beautiful shell collection to take home. We'll also create a sea-life craft and play Sea Life JINGO. Take home a treat bag of ocean-themed prizes, too.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 Time: 1:00 – 3:30 PM

Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM Ages: 6 - 12 years old

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Patricia Valdez



#### MINECRAFT CLUB: POKÉMON EXTRAVAGANZA

Please refer to Page 4 for course description.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 7 – 13 years old

Tuition: \$50

Instructor: Omar Valdez

# WITHDRAWALS AND CANCELLATIONS FOR ENRICHMENT AT THE ACADEMY

The withdrawal deadline is FOUR WEEKS prior to the start of a class. NO REFUND OR CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN WITH LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS' NOTICE. A \$15 Change-of-Schedule fee will be deducted from any tuition credit or refund each time a student's confirmed class schedule is changed (except to add new classes).

If a class is canceled by San Antonio Academy due to conditions beyond our control (inclement weather, teacher illness, etc.), either the class will be rescheduled, or the tuition may be transferred to another enrichment class. [The \$15 Change-of Schedule fee will be waived.] If a class is canceled due to insufficient enrollment, the full tuition may be refunded or transferred to another enrichment class.

We are unable to give refunds or credits in case of absences.