2023 CHRISTMAS CLASS SCHEDULE

Time	K 1-2	K 2-3	GRADES 1-2	GRADES 3-4	GRADES 5-6	GRADES 7-8
9:00 – 11:00		K2-3: **Jingle Bell Writers** *9:00-10:30*	G1-2: **STEM: Santa's Engineering Lab**	G3-4: **Creative Writing: Painting with Words (Christmas Edition)**	G5-6: **Christmas Tales: Literary Analysis and Writing**	
11:00 – 1:00		K2-3: **STEM: Building and Coding** *11:00-12:30*	**inspirED reader and writer: The Polar Express**		G5-6: **Mythology and Legends**	
2:00 – 4:00	K1-2: **Santa's Magical Adventure: Literacy Workshop** *2:00-3:30*		G1-2: **Creative Writing Tis the Season (Holiday Writing)**	G3-4: **STEM: Scratchmas Coding**		G7-8: **Academic Writing**
4:00–6:00					G5-6: **STEM: Retro Video Game Coders**	
Available Upon Request (9am – 6pm)	K1-2: **Phonics Coaching & Private Group Classes**	K2-3: **Reading & Writing Coaching & Private Group Classes**	G1-2: **Academic Coaching & Private Group Classes**	G3-4: **Academic Coaching & Private Group Classes**	G5-6: **Academic Coaching & Private Group Classes**	G7-12: **Academic Coaching & Private Group Classes**

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GRADES: K1-2

FOR AGES: 3-4

1.5 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

SANTA'S MAGICAL ADVENTURE

A CREATIVE LITERACY WORKSHOP

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for young, curious learners. Students will strengthen listening skills, boost vocabulary, and ignite a love for reading during the magical Christmas season.

Through engaging story read-aloud sessions and a diverse range of activities designed to enhance reading comprehension, students will be captivated by Santa's exciting adventures while simultaneously developing essential comprehension skills. The following activities will allow students to deepen their understanding of story elements and vocabulary, reinforce letter recognition and letter-sound knowledge, nurture their creativity and artistic expression, and bring the story to life through engaging hands-on projects and crafts.

What will my child learn?

Throughout this course, students will explore the following topics:

- Onsets-rimes and word families through interactive oral activities.
- How-To procedural sequencing using graphic organizers.
- Story retelling through enjoyable games.
- Exercises focused on labeling, naming, and identifying.
- Fine motor activities including tracing, drawing, coloring, and craft activities.

What will my child do?

By actively participating in a diverse range of dynamic activities offered in this course, children will engage in active listening, critical thinking, inference-making, and the development of essential comprehension strategies.

This module aims to cultivate a lifelong passion for reading while nurturing vital cognitive and language skills. Students will acquire a deeper understanding of story elements through a series of activities, including sequencing procedures, retelling, and labeling. They will also enhance their oral comprehension skills through engaging and enriching discussions.

As a culmination, students will have the opportunity to unleash their creativity and imagination by creating delightful Christmas-themed crafts

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GRADES: K2-3

FOR AGES: 4-5

1.5 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

JINGLE BELL WRITERS

CHRISTMAS WRITING WORKSHOP

COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
This delightful course is specially designed to introduce young learners, aged 3-4, to the joy of writing through the enchanting theme of Christmas. Through engaging activities and interactive lessons, we aim to cultivate a love for writing in our young learners. Students will discover the joy of expressing their thoughts, ideas, and emotions through simple writing exercises. Join us as we embark on a magical journey filled with festive fun, creativity, and the joy of storytelling!	• We will focus on developing their fine motor skills, such as holding a pencil correctly and forming basic shapes and letters. These foundational skills will provide a strong basis for early writing development. • They will learn to use their imagination to create stories, describe holiday scenes, and share their Christmas wishes and dreams. • We will introduce young learners to basic writing concepts, such as letter formation, simple sentence structure, and punctuation. They will practice writing their names, letters, and short sentences, building their confidence in expressing themselves through writing.	• Explore sensory writing experiences: Our course will incorporate sensory writing experiences to engage students' senses. From writing with candy cane-shaped markers to exploring textured writing surfaces, these activities will make writing a multisensory and enjoyable experience. • Celebrate and share: At the end of the course, students will have the opportunity to celebrate their writing accomplishments. We will organize a special Christmas-themed gathering where students can showcase their written works, read their stories aloud, and share their holiday-inspired creations with their peers and families.

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GRADES: K2-3

FOR AGES: 4-5

2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

BUILDING AND CODING

SANTA'S STEM WORKSHOP

COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
This course is designed to spark curiosity and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of STEM. Throughout the week, students will tackle a series of hands-on activities and challenges, such as building a candy cane tower, and learn how to control robots with basic code. Students will learn how to work collaboratively, identify problems, make improvements and will be encouraged to discuss their observations.	• Understand Problems: Develop a deep understanding of challenges and identify opportunities for innovation. • Brainstorm Solutions: Encourage ideation and foster a culture of creative thinking to generate innovative ideas. • Prototype and Test: Transform ideas into tangible prototypes and test them to gather valuable feedback for refinement. • Collaborate and Problem-Solve: Cultivate teamwork and collaboration skills to tackle complex problems effectively. • Explore STEM: Dive into the fascinating world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), nurturing curiosity and discovery.	• The course encourages young learners to express their ideas in a creative and innovative way. • It provides a platform for students to explore various STEM topics, igniting their curiosity and fostering a deeper interest in these fields. • Throughout the course, students will create a collection of small designs, allowing them to showcase their work and engage in meaningful discussions with their peers and instructors. • This interactive aspect promotes communication, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas, enriching the learning experience for all participants.

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GRADES: 1-2

FOR AGES: 6-7

2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

SANTA'S ENGINEERING LAB

CAN YOU 'SLEIGH' ALL THE CHALLENGES?

COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
This course offers a comprehensive introduction to STEM concepts through a Christmas-themed curriculum. Students will engage in a range of hands-on activities focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, while cultivating curiosity and critical thinking. Students will learn how to take measurements, improve their designs and take part in some introductory coding challenges.	• Engaging in a series of hands-on activities to enhance learning experience • Fostering intellectual curiosity through interactive and stimulating tasks • Developing essential skills including critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration • Introduction to preliminary coding challenges to lay the foundation for computational thinking • Encouraging active participation and exploration in the learning process • Nurturing a growth mindset and fostering a love for continuous learning • Providing opportunities for students to apply their skills in real-world scenarios	Students will have the opportunity to explore various engineering concepts and will be able to bring their ideas and designs to life. They will design and engineer Santa's sleigh, build candy towers to test for design and durability, race and measure for speed and time, and many other fun and hands-on STEM challenges that will encourage their skill development. They will build a strong foundation in problem solving and will learn how to tackle challenges by simplifying them into small steps. Students will have a collection of designs that they can share and discuss with others.

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GRADES: 1-2

FOR AGES: 6-7

2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

THE POLAR EXPRESS

ALL ABOARD! A JOURNEY OF IMAGINATION AND STORYTELLING!

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COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
Welcome aboard the Polar Express Adventures in Writing! This exciting course is designed to inspire and develop the creative writing skills of Grade 1-2 students through the captivating theme of the Polar Express. Through engaging activities and interactive lessons, we aim to ignite a passion for writing in our young learners. Students will discover the joy of expressing their thoughts, ideas, and stories on paper. Join us on a magical journey filled with imagination, storytelling, and the joy of writing!	• Expand vocabulary and language skills: Through engaging writing prompts and activities, students will enrich their vocabulary and enhance their language skills. They will learn how to use descriptive language, adjectives, and adverbs to bring their writing to life. • Build grammar and sentence structure: We will guide students in developing their understanding of basic grammar rules and proper sentence structure. They will learn how to form complete sentences, use punctuation correctly, and apply basic grammar concepts in their writing.	At the end of the week, all students will: • Develop storytelling skills: Students will embark on thrilling writing adventures as they learn the fundamentals of storytelling. They will explore the elements of a story, such as setting, characters, plot, and dialogue, and apply them to their own writing. • Students will have the chance to showcase their writing accomplishments. We will organize a Polar Express-themed writing celebration where students can read their stories aloud, display their written works, and receive recognition for their efforts.

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GRADES: 1-2

FOR AGES: 6-7

2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

TIS THE SEASON

CREATIVE HOLIDAY WRITING 101

COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
Through engaging activities and interactive, hands-on lessons, they will explore vocabulary, grammar, and writing skills while immersing themselves in the joyous spirit of the holiday season. The season of Christmas brings many feelings and themes to mind: love, creativity, gratitude, joy, and togetherness. Learners will read a variety of stories that outline those messages. Students will be able to explore the meaning and significance of these themes in the context of Christmas. Through discussions and written assignments, students will have the opportunity to not only improve their reading and writing skills but also help them connect with the heartwarming aspects of Christmas.	• Many students often find it frustrating when they cannot effectively express their emotions due to a lack of vocabulary. Students to acquire an extensive range of vocabulary, enabling them to articulate their feelings with precision to enhance their communication skills. • This course will not only challenge students to read these texts, but to also think deeply and draw connections with the stories from their own memories. • Students will learn how to organize their ideas into clear and coherent paragraphs. They will be introduced to the use of full stops and commas to punctuate their writing effectively.	• In this course, students will focus on crafting more complex sentences. They will learn to include descriptive elements such as adjectives, adverbs, and details related to time and place. This goal aims to enrich their writing by providing additional information and creating more engaging and descriptive narratives. • Students will broaden their vocabulary for precise expression, form connections with shared holiday experiences, master organized writing, and craft engaging narratives.

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GRADES: 3-4

FOR AGES: 8-9
2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

PAINTING WITH WORDS

DISCOVER THE THE BEAUTY OF POETRY AND FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE THROUGH WINTER LANDSCAPES AND ART

COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
This imaginative course is designed to inspire young writers to explore the power of language and creativity through the art of painting with words. In addition to honing their writing skills, students will have the opportunity to explore the world of famous art and its connection to literature. They will examine renowned paintings and discuss how visual art can inspire and influence their own writing. Students will learn how to bring their ideas, emotions, and stories to life using descriptive language and vivid imagery.	• All students will be introduced to famous works of art • They will have the chance to practice critical and creative thinking skills, as well as their imagination and observation skills. • Students will be expected to incorporate figurative language to their stories. • This course will encourage all students to write and create compelling and descriptive stories. • Students will use art as a springboard to create an original creative piece.	At the end of the week, all students will bring home: • A completed daily package filled with creative writing techniques, suggestions, and tips • Practice making observations and inferences based on famous works of art. • A completed brainstorm of their ideas to further develop in the week or at home • A written project based on a topic of their choice • An edited piece of work that they can choose to further edit and submit for competition

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GRADES: 3-4

FOR AGES: 8-9

2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

SCRATCHMAS ANIMATION

STEM CODING & CREATION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this coding course, students will focus on using the block-based program MIT Scratch, and will create captivating Christmas animations, stories, and games.

Students will master essential coding concepts like loops, boolean logic, and variables. Through this hands-on experience, students will gain confidence coding fostering creativity and honing problem-solving abilities.

*STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING IN THEIR OWN LAPTOP

What will my child learn?

- Building proficiency with MIT Scratch as the coding platform
- Understanding fundamental programming concepts such as loops, boolean logic, and variables
- Developing problem-solving skills through coding challenges and projects
- Enhancing computational thinking abilities by breaking down problems into logical steps
- Gaining confidence in coding abilities through hands-on practice and experimentation
- Encouraging creativity by designing interactive projects and games using Scratch
- Fostering a supportive learning environment to encourage exploration and risk-taking

What will my child do?

At the end of the course, students will have their own simple animation or game design that can be shared with friends, family, and teachers.

The product they bring home will be their own design and code.

With the rapid increase in tech throughout the world, learning to code is becoming just as important as learning a language.

Students will gain confidence with the coding fundamentals and will have a solid foundation.

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GRADES: 5-6

FOR AGES: 10-11

2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

CHRISTMAS TALES

INSPIRE AND CHALLENGE YOUR WRITING JOURNEY

COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
Exploring Writing, Literary Analysis, and Academic Writing! This engaging course is designed to inspire and challenge Grade 5-6 students in their writing journey through the enchanting theme of Christmas. Through a variety of engaging activities and writing exercises, we aim to foster a love for writing in our young learners. Students will discover the power of storytelling and the art of crafting compelling narratives. Join us as we explore the magic of holiday stories, delve into literary analysis, and develop essential academic writing skills.	• All students will be immersed in the rich tapestry of Christmas tales from around the world. • Students will delve into classic and contemporary stories, analyzing themes, characters, and plot development. They will explore the cultural significance of these stories and how they reflect the spirit of Christmas. • They will learn techniques for developing well-rounded characters, building suspenseful plots, and creating vivid settings. Emphasis will be placed on descriptive language, dialogue, and narrative structure to engage readers.	• Students will sharpen their critical thinking skills as they analyze and interpret Christmas tales. They will explore literary elements such as symbolism, foreshadowing, and theme, and learn how to effectively express their interpretations through thoughtful writing. • Students will learn the fundamentals of academic writing, such as thesis statements, supporting evidence, and essay structure. They will practice writing analytical essays on Christmas tales, honing their ability to present well-reasoned arguments and support them with textual evidence.

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GRADES: 5-6

FOR AGES: 10-11

2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

MYTHOLOGY & LEGENDS

ANCIENT TALES AND MYTHICAL REALMS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
Explore the world of mythology and legends, including Greek and Egyptian mythologies, along with the tales of King Arthur and Atlantis! This is an opportunity for students to unleash their creativity as they craft their own fiction stories to produce unique myths and legends.	• How to identify and correctly use specific verb tenses when describing events and actions • They will compare and contrast the themes, characters, narrative structures, and symbolisms across different mythological traditions and legendary tales • Students will learn key mythological terms and produce well-structured paragraphs and essays that analyse and discuss different myths and legends • By analysing the motivations, conflicts, and moral dilemmas faced by mythological characters, students will generate alternative interpretations to create original narratives	This course will allow students to gain an appreciation and understanding of different cultures, including their beliefs, morals, and symbols. Writing their own myth or legend will enhance students' language skills and foster creativity to provide a unique educational experience that combines literature, history, and imagination. Students illustrating academic excellence will earn the opportunity to publish their myth or legend in the Baker & Bloom Student Gazette.

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GRADES: 5-6

FOR AGES: 10-11

2 HOURS/DAY, $500/HOUR

RETRO VIDEO GAME CODERS

CREATE YOUR OWN ARCADE GAME!

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Through block-based Python using Makecode Arcade, students will craft their own Christmas-themed retro video game, while honing in on crucial coding skills and equipping students to tackle more complex challenges.

With a spotlight on functions, variables, boolean logic, and math integration, students will not only master the art of game creation but also lay a strong foundation for advanced coding.

*STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN LAPTOP

What will my child learn?

- Exploration of advanced block-coding techniques, including conditional statements and loop structures
- Building a strong foundation in coding proficiency through hands-on practice and application
- Gaining confidence to tackle more complex coding tasks and projects
- Refining critical thinking skills by analyzing problems and designing effective solutions
- Learning and implementing effective debugging techniques to identify and fix errors in code
- Encouraging creativity and innovation through challenging coding exercises and projects

What will my child do?

At the end of the course, students will have their own simple animation or game design that can be shared with friends, family, and teachers.

The product they bring home will be their own design and code.

With the rapid increase in tech throughout the world, learning to code is becoming just as important as learning a language.

Students will gain confidence with the coding fundamentals and explore some more complex challenges, providing the foundation such that they are ready for text-based coding.

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GRADES: 7-8

FOR AGES: 12-13

2 HOURS/DAY, $550/HOUR

ACADEMIC WRITING

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COURSE DESCRIPTION	What will my child learn?	What will my child do?
Academic Writing Excellence: Mastering the Craft! This comprehensive course is designed to equip Grade 7-8 students with the skills and strategies necessary for successful academic writing. Students will gain a deep understanding of academic writing, its purpose, and its conventions. They will explore the key features of academic essays, including thesis statements, evidence-based arguments, and logical organization. Through a rigorous and focused curriculum, students will develop their ability to produce clear, well-structured, and persuasive academic essays across various subjects.	• Students will learn how to formulate clear, concise, and arguable thesis statements that guide their essays. • They will practice refining their thesis statements to ensure they effectively convey the main argument of their essays. • The course will focus on cultivating students' analytical and critical thinking skills, enabling them to evaluate and interpret complex information. • Students will learn how to analyze arguments, identify logical fallacies, and present counterarguments to strengthen their own positions.	• Students will refine their grammar and punctuation skills to ensure clarity and precision in their writing. • They will also explore techniques for enhancing their writing style, such as varying sentence structure, using appropriate vocabulary, and employing rhetorical devices. • By the end of the week, students will have developed the necessary skills and confidence to excel in academic writing across a range of disciplines. They will be equipped to tackle writing assignments with clarity, precision, and sophistication, setting a strong foundation for future academic success.

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GRADES: K-12

FOR AGES: 3-18
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ACADEMIC COACHING

HELPING YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

With one-on-one coaching we work closely with parents and students to evaluate needs, develop with a personalized learning plan before we begin coaching.

Academic Support	Test Preparation	Admissions Interviews	Personal Projects and Interests
• IB Diploma Program subjects including English Language & Literature, English Literature, History, Geography, Latin • IB Middle Year Program (MYP) English and Humanities • IB Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Extended Essay (EE) • iGCSE English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Latin • Academic Development in: research, essay writing, oral presentations, vocabulary, test-taking and assessment mastery	• SSAT / ISEE prep (for US middle and high school programs) • UK boarding school entrance exams • SAT and ACT • MAP • CAT4	• US boarding school • UK boarding school • US college admissions • UK university admissions	• Guidance in developing standout IB Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) Projects and IB Middle Year Program • (MYP) Personal Projects • Independent Community Service Projects • Creative writing portfolio • Private Super Learner course that teaches the most effective learning strategies and mindsets