

West Marion Elementary Electives Guide

Fall 2017

Second Session



Panther Pride

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ACHIEVE IT!

Program Philosophy

At West Marion Elementary School we recognize that our students have a variety of needs and abilities. They also have a variety of talents that need to be expressed and shared with others! Our new electives program is designed to foster this. With the new electives program students will be able to choose electives that appeal to them and further develop their skills and talents.

Program Structure

For 5 weeks students in grades K-5 will be allowed to choose two elective classes they would like to participate in. Students in grades K-1 will participate in two 45 minute sessions. Students in grades 2-5 will participate in two 55 minute sessions.

Teachers have chosen their own electives to teach. The electives are aligned to the NC Common Core standards. We will offer a wide variety of options! Each class will have limited seating so that we can have a better teacher to student ratio. We want to give students the best experiences possible. To make this happen students will choose 2 electives for each block that they are interested in. We will enroll them in one of the three electives for each of the blocks. Each block will feature different elective classes to choose from. To remain in compliance with the Exceptional Children's department all students who receive EC services will be placed with their resource teacher(s) for at least one of their elective classes.

Elective Options for Grades 4 & 5

Block 1:

Hee-Haw Production

Art Using Pastels

Girls Raising-Pace Yourself-Girls Only!

Fiber Arts

Fitness and Games

Sign Language

Drumline

The Nifty Fifty

Poetry

Math Card Games

Block 2:

Hop on the Hogwarts Express

Guitar Class

Chess Masters

I Love Calling NC Home

Battle of the Books

Women Leaders

Fitness and Games

Fiber Arts

Pottery

Drumline

Rooftop Readers

Sign Language

Yearbook

Elective Options for Grades 2 & 3

Block 1:

Pottery

Chess Kids

Artabet

Celebrate the Holiday

Fitness and Games

Guitar Class

Let Your Ears Ring

Sign Language

Xylophones and Tone Bells

Poetry

Free Rice

Block 2:

Pottery

Third Grade Chorus

Reading with Lego

Math Breakout EDU

What Would Mayberry Do?

Christmas Around the World

Fiber Arts

Holiday Chorus

Sign Language

Camping and Hiking-WMES Survivor

Poetry

Elective Options for Grades K & 1

Block 1:

Center Shot
Hands-On Math
Rhyme Time Cooking
Pondering Puzzles and Games Galore
Soap Making
Fiber Arts
Fitness and Games
Christmas Choir
Pre-corders and Action Music
Poetry

Block 2:

The Traveling Tooth Fairy
Holidays Around the World
Soap Making
Fitness and Games
Fiber Arts
Movement and Dance
Pete the Cat
Critter Trackers
Poetry
Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Description of Classes Grades 4 & 5

Fiber Arts

Students will learn to manipulate fibers to create works of art using many different materials, frames and supports. Students design objects through weaving, collage, assembling mixed media.

Drumline

Students will learn about precision in drumming as they explore beats and rhythms in an exciting drumline ensemble. Students who signed up for this elective the first time will be chosen to become part of the performing group. Students who did not sign up for the first rotation but would like to sign up this time may do so. Students will be chosen from the Nov. Elective group, as well, to also be part of the performing group. After this rotation, the drumline will be practicing one day after school.

Pottery

Students will develop an understanding for the basic elements and techniques of pinch pottery.

Girls Raising- Pace Yourself- GIRLS ONLY

Girls only- Girl Empowerment Train for a 5k and how to pace yourself in the classroom- quality over quantity

Art Using Pastels

Students will use pastels to create pieces of art each week. Already planned are: a butterfly, pear, dog, and a project that students decide on themselves.

Hee Haw Production

Students will learn, practice and demonstrate advanced solo and group singing techniques, including tone, diction, dynamics, pronunciation, and breath control, through rehearsal, performance, and reading of choral music. There will also be a music theatre component in that we will be working on a choral production based on the old classic, Hee Haw, preparing for our spring show.

Fitness and Games

Students will be provided with the opportunity to participate in a rigorous workout followed by an assortment of physically active games.

Sign Language

Students will learn commonly used signs and how to finger spell.

Chess Masters

For a long time, chess has been considered as a game played only by intellectuals and individuals with critical thinking abilities. However, the fact is that chess can be played by people of all age groups and mindsets. Chess is extremely helpful in brain development, particularly when it is played regularly from a very early age.

I Love Calling NC Home

An exploration of our state: its history, its geography, its people, its places! We will learn about famous North Carolinians, famous events, beloved sites, the North Carolina lighthouses, culture, tradition, economy, and more!

Battle of the Books

Students in grades 4-5 will read 15 books as selected for the NC Elementary Battle of the Books program.

Hop on the Hogwarts Express

Students will explore the world of Hogwarts through the reading of ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone***. Students will be responsible for reading the book before the session starts in September (copies will be loaned out). Students will learn how to dig deeper into the text, compare and contrast characters, learn about imagery and symbolism and explore the magic of reading.

Guitar Class

Introduction to Guitar

Women Leaders

In this elective, we will study different female leaders. We will use biographies and web searches to deepen our knowledge of various female leaders. This will cover several ELA and Social Studies standards.

Nifty Fifty

Students will experience the states through culture, food, history, and geography.

Math Card Games

Students will learn to play a variety of card games that review math skills.

Poetry

Students will read and discuss the author's purpose for writing his/her poems. Students will write poems about different seasons and different topics. Then, the students will compare and contrast their poem with the other students' perspectives of a topic.

Rooftop Readers

Students will learn the art of architecture through a variety of reading materials. Students will learn the basics of building, all the while becoming better readers. If you love building and have a love of reading this is the elective for you!

Yearbook

Students will work cooperatively to put together a yearbook for our school for the 2017-2018 year.

Description of Classes Grades 2 & 3

Chess Kids

*Students who know how to play chess or have taken this elective before should not sign up for Chess Kids.

Beginning Chess- Students will learn the layout of the board, names of the pieces, and basic moves of each. By the end of the class, students will be able to play a beginner level game of chess using all the pieces.

(There is no cost for this class, however a membership for each student will be offered for an online program that will allow children to continue learning and improving their chess skills after the elective is over. Cost \$4-\$8)

Celebrating the Holiday

The student will know: Examples of key historical figures and events and their correlating cultural traditions. A historical figure is a person from the past who has made a significant and lasting impact on society both during his/her time and/or in the present.

Art-a-bet

Students use 6 universal lines to draw pictures. We share how book illustrators use these lines to create pictures.

Third Grade Chorus (3rd Grade Chorus)

80% Panther Productions/ 20% Chorus

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Reading With Lego

Building block STEM activities and text dependent questions drive students back into close reading passages are a fun and exciting way to engage students. These have students thinking outside the box as they work to design, create, and improve. In addition, each STEM challenge activity links students to a high interest informational text that gives them additional related information to what they are building!

Fiber Arts

Students will learn to manipulate fibers to create works of art using many different materials, frames and supports. Students design objects through weaving, collage, assembling mixed media.

Math Breakout EDU

Breakout EDU allows for the facilitation of games where players use teamwork and critical thinking to solve a series of challenging puzzles in order to open the locked box.

Pottery

Students will learn the basics and fundamentals of pottery making using different mediums and techniques.

Guitar Class

Students will learn the basics of playing the guitar.

Let Your Ears Ring

Students will learn to play the handbells using color-coded cues. Students will learn the notes on the scale in order to play simple tunes. Students will learn how to create a steady beat.

Xylophones and Tone Bells

Students will learn to play holiday music while learning proper xylophone ensemble technique.

What Would Mayberry Do?

Students will watch The Andy Griffith Show and discuss the different characters/ moral decisions that they make.

Christmas Around the World

Students will become more global as they learn about different countries and how they celebrate the winter holidays!

Holiday Chorus

Let's fill the halls with the joyous sounds of the season! Students will learn holiday songs from various cultures and prepare a winter holiday mini-concert.

Poetry

Students will read and discuss the author's purpose for writing his/her poems. Students will write poems about different seasons and different topics. Then, the students will compare and contrast their poem with the other students' perspectives of a topic.

Free Rice

Warning: This elective may make you smarter. It may improve your speaking, writing, thinking, grades, job performance..... Join the Free Rice elective to help end World Hunger when you learn about a variety of subjects. Let's "Rice up!"

Camping and Hiking-WMES Survivor

The wilderness challenges us to be prepared, to learn the ways of the environment around us, and to carry enough gear to be safe and comfortable. In this elective, we will learn how to set up a campsite, administer basic first aid, and how to camp and hike safely.

Description of Classes Grades K & 1

Center Shot

Students will learn how to shoot a bow and arrow while practicing good decision making.

Hands-On Math

Students will learn math concepts using hands-on manipulatives. We will cover geometry, addition, subtraction, and number sense.

Rhyme Time Cooking

Students will learn nursery rhymes, review letters and sight words. They will cook something from each rhyme such as curds and whey from Little Miss Muffet.

Pondering Puzzles and Games Galore

Students will work cooperatively to complete challenging games, brain teasers, puzzles, critical thinking, and problem solving activities.

Soap Making

Students will learn the history of soap making and how it was done in the olden days.

Pre-corders and Action Music

Learning the fundamentals of playing a beginning woodwind instrument, simple dances, and play parties

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Christmas Choir

Students will learn to read music and sing popular Christmas carols. They will put on a performance for their peers in December.

Holidays Around the World

Students will learn about seasonal holidays around the world and make crafts with each holiday.

Traveling Tooth Fairy

Students will learn all about different tooth fairy traditions from all around the world.

Pete the Cat

Students will learn about different story elements, make crafts and have fun with everyone's favorite book character, Pete the Cat!

Movement and Dance

Students will learn basic movement concepts including using space, different styles of movement, and shapes. They will learn to work together to create "dance stories" where they will tell stories using only movement.

Critter Trackers

Learn to identify basic animal tracks in fun ways, including making plaster casts, using tracking stencils, animal identification field guides and the school outdoor tracking box and nature trail.

Poetry

Students will read and discuss the author's purpose for writing his/her poems. Students will write poems about different seasons and different topics. Then, the students will compare and contrast their poem with the other students' perspectives of a topic.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears Musical Play

Including songs and dances, students will tell the classic tale with a surprise ending! Students will work together to prepare a final performance!