

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

Attached you will find a listing of the offerings for intersession. They are broken down by grade level so that it is easier to fill out for your child. These are due by Friday, December 16th at the latest and classes with a cap will be filled first come/first served. During the December break, you will receive an email as to which course your child is enrolled. Please note that some of the intersessions are half-day. It will be necessary for your child to choose two half-day intersessions or one full day.

Just a few notes about how intersessions work.

- Students are required to wear uniforms for all intersessions. If there is a field trip or a day when uniforms are not required, you will be informed by the teacher.
- Lunch works the same during intersession. You will still sign up for lunches or send cold lunch. If your child is going on a field trip, you will be informed about what is happening for lunch by the teacher.
- Students will not be allowed to change intersessions once they start. It causes a great deal of confusion and also makes it difficult to keep numbers even if students are changing courses.

Intersession Selections

Kindergarten: Please note that Kindergarteners will not be choosing an intersession. They will stay with their homeroom teacher but will be doing intersession activities throughout the week.

Dahlquist	The Human Body Learn all about how to take care of your body and stay healthy! We will learn about the importance of exercise, keeping clean, healthy eating, and rest. Through doing hands-on projects and activities, students will gain an understanding of how to keep themselves healthy. We will even have a pajama day at the end of the week!
Fischer	The Five Senses The Intersession topic for half day Kindergarteners is the 5 senses. We will be exploring each of the senses and doing hands-on activities that we wouldn't usually have time for.

First Grade: Please note that the First Graders will not be choosing an intersession. The teachers will be doing crafts based on reading and math as well as some other activities. The groups of students will be mixed during the day, but students will stay within first grade.

Steele	Math and Reading Crafts Join the first graders in playing games and making crafts centered around key math and reading skills! Students will compile a bound book of all of their projects to take home at the end of the week to share with friends and family.
Mannella	

Second Grade: Most of the courses for second grade are half-day courses. Please make sure that you choose **TWO** sessions. Indicate your selection by checking the box of the activity you would like.

selection	Teacher	Activity
	Savering / Dick	Astronomy As we blast off into space, we will explore the solar system, stars, planets and other astronomical events and bodies. Students will get to see constellations and stars in the mobile planetarium. We will be using Ipads, computers, and other technology to reinforce learning about the sky.

	Slechta	<p align="center">Large Group Games</p> <p>Elementary PE is usually about individual skill development and just focusing on the actions it takes in order to play a game. This class is about trying to teach kids the aspect of games with a big group and how to work effectively in those groups. Students will play in multiple big group games throughout the week. We will then head into the classroom and journal about cooperation, sportsmanship, honesty, encouragement, and health. This class will be a great way for kids to truly see what exercising and working in a group really means!</p>
	Platisha	<p align="center">Phenomenal Paper</p> <p>We will be exploring a variety of ways to use something as simple as paper to create extraordinary works of art. We will be visiting the MN Center for Book Arts to make our own cotton paper out of pulp and also exploring the third dimension in bookmaking by creating pop-out books. Back in the Art classroom, we will be learning how to make paper beads and marbled paper out of shaving cream as well as delving into other paper sorts such as paper mache and tissue paper. Who knew paper could be so fun?!</p>
	Hunter	<p align="center">Holiday Baking</p> <p>Students will prepare, bake, and decorate gingerbread houses from scratch. Students will need to bring in the appropriate food supplies and utensils. Other nutritional instruction and food prep will also take place.</p>

OR

Full-day (choose one)

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	Carter	<p align="center">Penguins and Polar Bear Session</p> <p>We will be exploring the habitats of animals from the Arctic and Antarctica. We will also take a look at the Inuit way of life and the role of animals. We will be going to the Como Zoo to attend a workshop on the tundra and to look at the polar bear exhibit.</p>

Third and Fourth Grade: The first group of courses are half-day courses. If you choose from the first group, you will need to select TWO sessions. All of the courses in the second group are full-day courses. You will only need to select one. Please do not select one from the first group if you are choosing a full-day course.

Half-day courses (choose two)

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	Berth	<p>The Art of Disney</p> <p>Take a vacation to the magical world of Disney where we will discover the history of animation, create our own sound effects for the movies and even have a chance to put our voices to animated film. Spend time learning about what goes on in the three years of creating an animated movie, and how the Disney Imagineers get a dream to the screen. Create your own artwork, become a Junior Imagineer and spend time in a virtual Disney Studio, experiencing the life of an animator, musician, voice actor, set designer and more!</p>

	Cauley	<p align="center">Board Game Creation</p> <p>In this intercession we will discover some of the many different styles of board games from all ages of history. Students will creatively develop, decorate, and share their own full-color games.</p>
	Morgan	<p align="center">The Science of Winter</p> <p>Did you know that in Minnesota over 40% of the year has below freezing temperatures? We are going to explore some of the reasons for the seasons, and the physics behind what makes snow and ice (and gravity) help us slip and slide and have a grand old time in the winter. Along the way we will do some hands-on investigations while ice-skating and snow-tubing, and create some awesome snow projects! Come with us and investigate the Art and Science of Winter!</p>

Fifth Grade: All courses for fifth grade are full-day courses. Please mark your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2.

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	Nelson / Arrowsmith	<p align="center">Engineering 101</p> <p>Engineering 101 is a fun, hands-on intercession where the student engineers build puff-mobiles, catapults, bridges, Rube Goldberg machines, tinfoil boats, and towers made of marshmallows and spaghetti! Be prepared for a final day filled with team competitions, including launching ping-pong balls!</p>

	Melander / Sirovy	Criminal Justice Can you handle the truth? In this intersession, it's not what you know; it's what you can prove. Join us to explore the ins and outs of the legal system.
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Sixth - Eighth Grade: All courses for sixth through eighth grade are full-day courses. Please mark your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2.

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	Larson	Art Boot Camp Artist boot camp involves the dabbling of artists in various mediums. Cadets will be introduced to metal work, cinematic adventure and sculpting, painting, and the miniature world of a jeweler. Fine tune your skills in painting by exploring the techniques of water color and tempera under a Painting Sergeant's guidance - you'll even learn how to make your own paint. Step into the world of molten metal as forms are created for a pouring, and steel is bent with your own hands to create your personal sculpture. Learn patience in the world of jewelry creation using the small and technical motor skills involved in metal and textile braiding. Use your creative side to mould your own Pixar character after critically analyzing a film from the series. Artist Boot Camp is limited to 10 students, grades 6-8, so enlist at the top ranking if you wish to be present for basic training.
	Cauley	Board Game Creation In this intersession we will discover some of the many different styles of board games from all ages of history. Students will creatively develop, decorate, and share their own full-color games.
	P. Erickson / S. Erickson	Physics of Snow Tubing We are going to explore some of the reasons for the seasons, and the physics behind what makes snow and ice (and gravity) help us slip and slide and have a grand old time in the winter. Along the way we will do some hands-on investigations while ice-skating and snow-tubing, and create some awesome snow projects!
	Nelson / Arrowsmith	Engineering 101 Engineering 101 is a fun, hands-on intersession where the student engineers build puff-mobiles, catapults, bridges, Rube Goldberg machines, tinfoil boats, and towers made of marshmallows and spaghetti! Be prepared for a final day filled with team competitions, including launching ping-pong balls!
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Intersession Sign-up

Name _____

Grades Two – Four Half Day Courses (Choose two)

_____ Astronomy

_____ Large Group Games

_____ Phenomenal Paper

_____ Holiday Baking

Grade Two – Full Day

_____ Penguins and Polar Bears

Grades Three and Four ~ Full Day (Choose one)

_____ Penguins and Polar Bears

_____ Art of Disney

_____ Board Game Creation

_____ Science of Winter

Grade Five – Full Day (Choose one)

_____ Penguins and Polar Bears

_____ Art of Disney

_____ Board Game Creation

_____ Science of Winter

_____ Engineering 101

_____ Law and Order

Grades Six – Eight – Full Day (Choose one)

_____ Penguins and Polar Bears

_____ Art of Disney

_____ Board Game Creation

_____ Science of Winter

_____ Engineering 101

_____ Law and Order

_____ Art Boot Camp

_____ Physics of Snow Tubing