Club Descriptions

\*\*\*Homework club will be offered every day for grades kindergarten to sixth.\*\*\*

Monday

Model UN Grades 4-6

Ms. Davis and Ms. Yacus

Model UN gives students the opportunity to discuss and debate real world issues that the UN covers. Students will work together to complete research and a position paper on a given topic. Selected students will attend the Middle School Model UN in NYC in the Spring to compete again groups from other schools.

Math Club Grades 4-6

Mrs. Vas and Mrs. Goncalves

Students will work on advanced math techniques and equations to help them prepare for math competitions. Competitions can be amongst other group members and eventually among other schools.

Zumba Grades K-2

Ms. Khomyak

Zumba is a club for 1st and 2Nd graders which will meet every Monday 3:00- 4:00. Zumba is a dance fitness program that was created in 1990’s. It involves dance and aerobic elements. If your child loves to crank up the music, shake, dance, and have fun with their friends then they will enjoy Zumba Club.

Glee Club Grades 3-6

Mrs. Hatch and Mrs. Coira

Glee Club is a musical group for grades 3-6.  In Glee Club, students sing popular songs and perform at the school concerts.  Students add dance moves to create a theatrical performance.

Science Olympiad Grades 4-5

Mrs. Ghosh

Elementary Science Olympiad team is expected to participate in invitational and official competitions.

The ESO  is the perfect complement to any K-6 science program. Its events take advantage of the natural curiosity of each child, and allow for in-depth hands-on experiences.

Yoga All Grades

Ms. Meiswinkle

Yoga is a form of exercise that uses slow movements and stretching. It is good for increasing flexibility and balance.  Students will put into practice precise posture, breathing exercises, and meditation.  Students will gain wellness, flexibility, strength, and balance.

Board Games Grades K-2

Ms. Donahue

The focus of this club is to introduce students to playing and finishing traditional and non- traditional board games. Students will practice how to play with others fairly while also working on higher-level thinking skills such as planning and strategizing. All games are age-appropriate and students are encouraged to bring some of their favorite games from home to share with their friends.

Creative Writing Grades 4-6

Mrs. Andreychak and Ms. Mangiaracina

Students will learn more about the writing process as they use their creativity to produce original short stories, comic strips, and plays.

Tuesday

Yearbook Grades 5-6

Ms. Yacus and Mrs. Vas

Students will work together with teachers to document important events in the life of Teecs students. Each grade will be represented in the book. Pictures will be taken of events and a final product will be available to all students by the end of the school year.

Drama Grades 2-6 (must also do Thursday!)

Ms. Vigorito and Ms. Davis

Drama club is a club for all of our drama queens and kings out there! This year our play will be "Peter Pan", and anyone from grades 2-6 can join. Please be reminded that drama club is held TWO days after school, so your child must attend BOTH days in order to perform in this year's show. Drama club will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, and our performance is held at the end of May, so we have all year to perfect our singing, dancing and acting skills!

Arts and Crafts Grades K-2

Mrs. Hatch and Ms. Donahue

In Arts & Crafts, students have the opportunity to express themselves creatively in a relaxed environment.  Students will create art and explore a variety of art mediums.  Students will make projects to take home as well as help with decorations for the concerts and drama performances.

Sports Club Grades 3-6

Ms. Meiswinkle and Mrs. Caruso

Students will learn a variety of sports this year, from team sports to recreational sports, we will review the history, the rules and apply those rules to play a game.

Newspaper Club Grades 4-6

Ms. Gaetano and Ms. Sacks

The newspaper club will be a club for students to write short articles about what is going on in school. We will preweite, revise, and format the newsletter. It will published each week for students and parents. I am open to publishing the newsletter online somehow if we can.

Wednesday

Robotics Grades 4-6

Students will built and program an autonomous (no remote control) LEGO MINDSTORMS® robot to score points by performing mission tasks. Missions require the robot to navigate, capture, transport, or deliver objects on a printed mat (the Field).  The robot has 2 ½ minutes to complete as many missions as possible. Through the Project, teams learn more about the science behind the Challenge theme. The kids use their creativity to design a solution (or modify an existing solution) to solve a real-world problem.

See more at: <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge/startateam#sthash.NsCwkegF.dpuf>

Robotics Grades 1-3

**J**unior FIRST LEGO League (also known by the acronym Jr.FLL) is a non-competitive robotics program designed for children ages six to nine. It is one of the programs established by FIRST. Jr.FLL follows the same topics given to FIRST LEGO League (FLL). While FLL teams conduct research projects and design autonomous robots specifically to carry out missions relating to the topic, Jr.FLL teams conduct much smaller projects and makes models out of LEGO elements to illustrate one part of the topic. They may also use LEGO WeDo, a programmable robotics kit, as part of their models.

Chess Grades 2-6

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Thursday

Word Games Grades 1-2

Ms. Khomyak and Mrs. Caruso

Word Games is a club for 1st and 2nd graders which will meet every Thursday 3:00- 4:00. Students of all abilities will play word games such as Crosswords, Word Search, Scrabble, Mad Libs, Up Words, and many other new games that are vocabulary oriented. The club will challenge your child’s mind as well as increase their vocabulary.

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Pen Pals Grades 1-3

Mrs. Coira and Mrs. Andreychak

In Pen Pals, students have a chance to learn essential letter and envelope writing skills. Students will be able to write, draw, and type letters to their pen pals.

Green Team Club Grades 3-6

Mrs. Goncalves and Ms. Mangiaracina

A committee that is devoted to making TEECS continue to be a "green" school.  There will be several events and activities this team will run in the school and surrounding community that will relate to being green.

World Culture Club Grades K-2

Ms. Sacks and Ms. Gaetano

The World Culture club explores the different types of food, dance, music, and art of cultures around the globe.

Friday

Science Olympiad Grade 6

Science olympiad team is expected to compete in invitational, regional and state tournaments.The Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events which students prepare for during the year. The competitions follow the format of popular board games, TV shows and athletic games. These challenging and motivational events are well balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. There is also a balance between events requiring knowledge of science facts, concepts, processes, skills and science applications.