

Specials Descriptions

Spanish

Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 – 3pm

Spanish class at the farm school will be planned organically around the needs of the students and their growth in the language as the year progresses. We will learn vocabulary associated with nature and the world around us including colors, numbers, seasons, descriptions of people, animals, objects, weather, and other basic expressions. Children will learn language using songs, stories, and movement activities, as well as some time learning how the language is formed (grammar and spelling) for older students. Students will live in the beauty of the language during class and will also learn basic cultural information through discussion.

Theatre

Thursdays from 2 – 3pm

Our students will play theatre games that build confidence, stretch the imagination, and encourage creative collaboration. Younger children “play-pretend” in self-directed play that is determined by their own interests, while older students, through improvisational and interpretive drama, are introduced to activities that invite them to adopt roles and participate in fictional stories. This may include storytelling from books, reading of poetry, reader’s theatre, writing scripts, and performance. Language develops and vocabulary is extended as children are encouraged to discover roles and create their own stories in a stimulating and changeable environment that is supported by costumes, props, puppets, play structures, music, and the outdoors.

Art in Nature

Tuesdays from 1 - 2pm

Artists of the month and art history will be featured in this class alongside art projects such as marbleizing paper, using air dry clay, branch weaving, crochet/knitting, painting, drawing, rock painting messages to leave in public places, building a giant bird nest, decorating trees for the birds, land art/nature art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, whittling wood, action art inspired by Jackson

Pollack, making shadow puppets, earth art, hand sewing, basket making, making instruments, trash art/repurpose/upcycle, spin art, stained glass mosaics, collage activities drawn from Keri Smith's books including *The Pocket Scavenger*, drawing with both hands/non dominant hand/feet gelatin prints, cyanotypes, pop-up cards/books, and building Rube Goldberg machines.

Music:

Weekly, Mondays and Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00pm

Through hands on learning, students will explore a plethora of musical genres while acquiring the fundamentals of music. Students will be able to better understand beat patterns, basics of reading music, various instruments and instrument families, music history, vocal and instrumental performance, and their necessary application.

Celtic Folklore:

Seasonal Festival

Our seasonal folklore events highlight traditions which are tied to plants and animals, the elements and the earth, and the agricultural calendar. The animals, meadow, orchard, trees, and barn become the backdrop for these folklore immersions which may include storytelling, riddles and proverbs, traditional song and dance, mask and costume making, folk drama, crafting, and food assembly.