

Elective One Pager - Rising 6th Grade

FINE ARTS

- **ART I:** This course is designed to enable students to develop their problem solving and creative thinking skills while teaching them to perceive the world around them, interpret emotion through a variety of artistic media, and evaluate their own artwork as well as the work of other artists. Students explore basic elements of art and principles of design using a variety of media and techniques concentrating on both traditional and contemporary. Students may be required to purchase some materials (art kit or supply list). An art fee may be required in some instances. Sketchbooks are required.
- **BAND I:** In Beginning Band, students are taught the proper care and handling of instruments, as well as hand position and proper tone production. Music fundamentals are taught to enable students to recognize and apply musical symbols and terms. Attitudes toward cooperative effort and enthusiastic band spirit are stressed. Winter and/or spring concerts constitute the band's performance requirements. Students may be required to purchase or rent their own instruments, as well as purchase some instructional materials. (Instruments may be obtained through a rental/purchase agreement.) An annual \$80 fee is charged to students selected by the program director to use school-owned instruments. It may be necessary to purchase some materials for uniformity of dress for performance purposes.
- **BEGINNING CHOIR I:** Choral Music I provides students with basic training in vocal production, general musicianship, and choral performance. Music fundamentals are taught to enable the student to recognize and apply musical signs, symbols, and terms. Sight-singing skills are taught using Curwen hand signs. Various performance opportunities are available throughout the year. It may be necessary to purchase some materials for uniformity of dress for performance purposes.
- **ORCHESTRA I:** Beginning string orchestra provides students with basic training in the proper care and handling of stringed instruments, as well as the fundamentals of tone production. Music fundamentals are taught to enable students to recognize and apply musical symbols and terms. Attitudes of cooperation and self-discipline are stressed. Winter and/or spring concerts constitute this orchestra's performance requirements. Students may be required to purchase or rent the appropriate instrument, as well as purchase some instructional materials. (Instruments may be obtained through a rental/purchase agreement.) Some instruments such as cellos, basses, and harps are provided for classroom use. An annual \$80 fee is charged to students selected by the program director to use school-owned instruments. It may be necessary to purchase some materials for uniformity of dress for performance Purposes.
- **THEATRE I:** Students are introduced to a variety of performance opportunities and a basic understanding of the theatre. Students learn theatre preparation techniques, discover ways to communicate nonverbally, and enhance control of their voice and body. Students study a range of theatrical content and have opportunities to perform in class and in stage productions.
- **MARIACHI I:** This course allows students the opportunity to learn Mariachi technique, style, and interpretation primarily on the guitar, vihuela, guitarrón, violin, and trumpet. Students will perform traditional, progressive, and contemporary music. Participants are involved in many performances and competitions throughout the year. Students will attend ensemble rehearsals and performances outside of the school day. Fundraising and fees may be required for uniforms and activities.

OTHER ELECTIVE OPTIONS

- **ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING I:** Robotics & Engineering I offers students the opportunity to study concepts in a problem-based, hands-on environment, utilizing the Engineering Design Process. Unit studies may include the following concepts: computational thinking, machines, force and motion, basic circuitry, electricity, energy transformations, and rocketry.
- **AVID 6:** The sixth-grade AVID Elective course is an introduction to the AVID philosophy. Students will develop awareness of the values accompanying academic goals and success. The course will focus on building self-confidence and communication skills. Students will be exposed to reading strategies that will assist in vocabulary building and understanding a variety of texts, and will also focus on prewriting techniques, summary writing and structural components of note-taking. The students will increase college and career awareness through guest speaker presentations, field trip opportunities, and research.