

Descriptions of SSDS Enrichment Activities August-December 2011

Below is a description of each of the enrichment activities to be offered in Fall 2011. Please note variable start dates and number of sessions dependant on the school calendar and vendor availability. Sign up for all activities will be VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE. Please complete the attached form and write your check payable to SSDS. **NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND AN ACTIVITY UNLESS PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN FULL BY THE FIRST CLASS DATE.** Your check will not be cashed if the class does not make the minimum number of participants. Please note, for parents with childcare flex plans, if you sign your child up for these activities, you may be able to be reimbursed from your flex spending plan if your child's enrollment is to enable you to be at work during the enrichment activity.

HOMEWORK CLUB (Sign up by the relevant week day – you can sign up for any day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and/or Friday)

Take the pain out of parent managed homework!! Back by popular demand – the SSDS homework club welcomes students in grades 1-8. Students will work on their homework under the supervision of Ms. Waxman (2nd grade teacher). Ms. Waxman will be there to help, support and encourage the students, and will be happy to communicate with teachers and parents to make this successful for everyone! Please note that sign up for homework helper is by semester. There is a four student minimum per day.

CHESS (MONDAYS)

The director of the National Champion En-Passant Chess Club, Mr. Gabriel Boyd, and his staff are excited to continue teaching chess at SSDS. The En-Passant Chess Club has chess programs at many schools in the area, including MICDS, Community, and Chesterfield Day. Additionally, Mr. Boyd is the Vice President of the Gateway Chess League. The basics of the game will be taught to the students that are not familiar with the game, as well as more advanced ideas and concepts for those students that already have chess experience. Mr. Boyd has led five teams to State Championship titles and several teams to National Chess awards. Students in the chess classes will have an opportunity to participate and represent Solomon Schechter Day School in many more chess activities locally, and across the country.

JUMP ROPE CLUB (MONDAYS)

Do you like to jump rope? Do you like music? Do you like to challenge yourself? Come and learn new individual skills, partner skills, and team routines. Create your own routine. Come have a blast with Mrs. Boggs.

SPORTS (TUESDAYS)

Paul Zarky's Get High on Sports brings his popular Sports Class to SSDS. The goal of the course is to educate and improve skill levels while bolstering confidence! (Please contact Paul if you have any questions regarding the class for your future All-Star.) The class will stress the **fun** in **fundamentals**!!!!!!

MATH ENRICHMENT: EQUATIONS AND MORE

This is a class for students in grades 2 -5 who enjoy math and are good at math. The class is taught by Sheila Glazer, certified Teacher of Gifted. Most of the sessions will be devoted to learning and playing Equations* (a mathematical thinking and strategy game), but there will be a few special sessions for math tricks, "choice" strategy games, and other critical thinking activities. If you would like more information about the content of this enrichment class, and/or whether or not it will be appropriate for your child, please do not hesitate to call or email Mrs. Sheila Glazer at 636-227-4825 or saglazer@att.net.

**DISAPPEARING INK AND MORE AMAZING MAGIC BY ABRACADABRA
(THURSDAYS)**

Mind read the color someone is thinking of! Make your own business card magically appear in a spectator's hand! Squirt ink on someone, then make it disappear! These are just a few of the tricks you'll learn in Abra-Kid-Abra's new magic class! You'll get your own magic box and new tricks to put in it each week! The tricks will also develop your reading and writing skills, in conjunction with MAP and ISAT standards. So not only will you build presentation skills and confidence, but communication arts skills as well! Class culminates with the kids putting on a family show. Sign up quickly, before the limited space disappears!

FENCING (THURSDAYS)

Engarde! This class offers students an excellent introduction to the Olympic sport of fencing. Often called "physical chess," fencing is a safe and fun activity that hones both the body and the mind. Students will learn basic fencing skills, strategy, footwork and techniques. Training will include stretching, drills, supervised fencing bouts, games and other fun activities. The fencers' academy uses the electronic scoring equipment during the classes starting from the third class. All equipment is provided to students free of charge.

ART WITH MR. ED FARBER (FRIDAYS)

This activity primarily instructs children in grades K-5 in basic drawing concepts with a special emphasis on creativity. The course will cover basic shapes, primary and secondary colors, color blending, perspective, size and depth perception, and will use various media including markers, crayons, pastels, colored pencils, water-based paints, and more! The emphasis will be fun while learning! Given the mixed ages, the class is structured so that the younger children learn the basics and the older children embellish the basics. There will also be sessions where the children will work with air-dry clay sculpture, and craft projects. The art classroom is a non-competitive environment that allows children to focus and enjoy art. This class reaches the artistic child as well as the child who never thought they could draw or create works of art, inspiring confidence while establishing a skill set.