

Redding School of the Arts
 2nd Trimester Elective Schedule, Selection, and Policy
Grade 2

The elective program is an enrichment opportunity for children who are successful in the regular academic program, including home study/independent study students. Its purpose is to allow students to experience and explore different aspects of Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) and/or focus on a particular interest. The second through fourth grade students are required to take at least one art elective class during the school year. To enrich the thematic units, art will be included during the academic day by the homeroom teacher for first through fourth grade students.

Course descriptions are included to help with your child’s selection. Please keep in mind that many elective programs require a monetary commitment (materials fee), or specific dance clothing and shoes. Classes are offered on the basis of the enrollment of 15 or more students.

Student Expectations

To maximize learning within the elective program, the following expectations must be met.

1. Maintain a passing grade in all classes.
2. Maintain school wide citizenship standards.
3. Material fee classes must be paid before the end of that trimester. Alternate arrangements may be made at the discretion of the administration.
4. No changes in the elective schedule during the first week of the new trimester. Students will not be allowed changes after the second week of the trimester.

2008-2009 Electives 2nd Trimester

| 2 nd Trimester | |
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| Monday, Tuesday | Wednesday, Thursday, Friday |
| General Art (\$15.00 material fee) | Caldecott Art (\$15.00 materials fee) |
| Jazz Dance & Creative Movement (\$15.00 material fee) (dance attire & costume fee) | Jazz Dance & Creative Movement (\$15.00 material fee) (dance attire & costume fee) |
| Puppets (\$15.00 material fee) | Tumbling |
| P.E. | PE |
| Street Jazz/Hip Hop | Drama |

We are sending out this elective selection sheet as we have had a few changes in our elective program for the 2nd Trimester. Please fill out the attached and return it to your child’s teacher by Friday, November 21st.

Elective Classes Syllabus 2nd Trimester 2008-2009

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General Art:

Create your own art projects to explore principals of art; color, line shape, texture, form, value and space. Work in a variety of mediums such as pencil, pastels, watercolors, crayons and more. There is a \$15.00 materials fee for this class.

Caldecott Art:

The Art of Children's Literature: Discover the art in Caldecott Award winning children's picture books. Learn about the artists who create these books and the techniques they use. Try your hand at making art that shares themes or techniques with these extraordinary artists.

Jazz Dance & Creative Movement:

This class is designed to give students technical training in Jazz dance. The class will focus on technique, philosophy, and terminology as related to jazz and contemporary dance styles. Creative movement techniques and games will be used to encourage artistic creativity and self expression. Students will be given performance opportunities through school assemblies and concerts. Students are required to wear full length solid black jazz pants, solid black leotard and hair up (girls), solid black T-shirts (boys), and black jazz shoes or black ballet shoes. There is a \$15.00 material fee for this class.

Tumbling:

Students will experience various types of floor movement including but not limited to tumbling. Class will consist of stretching/conditioning as well as basic dance steps (with correct terminology) and combinations put to music. The tumbling will consist of forward rolls, handstand roll downs, backward rolls, cartwheels, back bends, and any other skills that the instructor feels the student is ready to attempt. This class is designed for beginning and intermediate levels.

Physical Education:

Students will participate in aerobic activities to strengthen their cardiovascular system. Games will be introduced and skills taught to enable students to be a successful participant. This class is held primarily outside so please dress according to weather!

Games:

This class will include a variety of educational games. Some outside games will be included and will focus on sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership skills. Students will be evaluated on your knowledge of each game, participation, and the creation of a successful game.

Hip Hop/Jazz:

In this class students will gain an understanding and appreciation of the improvisational nature of this dance form while learning basic movements and terminology. This class will break down steps and technique and teach students to bring style and personality to the movement.

Drama:

This introductory class provides a safe environment for students to explore various aspects of performing arts and working from the imaginary.

2nd Trimester Elective Course Selection Sheet Grade 2

Name: _____ Teacher _____

Instructions: Please number the elective class in the order of your choice 1 - 4 for each section, Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday/Friday. Number columns are located at the left of the schedule. Please fill out your child's selection for the first and second trimesters.

All elective choices will be processed from the grades oldest to youngest. Choices received on or before **November 21st**, will be processed first, then each day following.

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I agree to follow the student expectations that are listed on the front page

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

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