

Redding School of the Arts
 2nd Trimester Elective Schedule, Selection, and Policy
Grades 3 and 4

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 on the back of this form to help with your child's selection. Please keep in mind that many elective programs require a monetary commitment by parents, 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 at a Glance
 2nd Trimester**

Monday, Tuesday,	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
General Art (\$15.00 materials fee)	General Art (\$15.00 materials fee)
Jazz Dance & Creative Movement (\$15.00 materials fee) (Dance Attire Required)	Jazz Dance & Creative Movement (\$15.00 materials fee) (Dance Attire Required)
Tumbling	P.E.
Street Jazz/Hip Hop (Dance Attire Required)	Puppets (\$15.00 materials fee)
Instructor approval required Intermediate/Advanced Fiddle	Beginning Fiddle
Drama	Vocal Adventures
Ceramics (\$35.00 materials fee)	Study Skills Administration Approval Required

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 2008-2009

Grades 3 – 4

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.

Ceramics: Explore the three basic hand building techniques in pinch, coil and slab. Experience different clay; glaze your finished pieces. There is a \$25.00 materials fee for this class.

General Art: Students will participate in the art lessons which may include watercolor, drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, and other media. Students may participate in field trips, gallery visitations, outdoor art exercises, and introduction to three dimensional art (sculpture), exploring and applying the use of the elements to art through studies of American Artists' techniques, styles and themes. There is a \$15.00 materials fee for this class.

Beginning Fiddle: Students will work on the correct hold of a violin and bow with good posture, understanding use of bow to create rhythm, and fingering to create different pitches. Students will learn tune versions, and an introduction to fiddle improvisation. This class does not include music reading. Students must have their own violin and are expected to practice at home.

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 materials fee for this class.

Puppets: A puppet is something that seems to be alive when you move it with your hand. Explore the art of puppet making and puppetry techniques. Use a wide variety of materials to create characters. Work together with your classmates to bring life to your creations.

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! This class promotes healthy lifestyle; eating and physical activity.

Primary Drama: Students will develop skills in drama by using their body, voice and imagination to create characters, animals, and objects that they have observed.

Intermediate/Advanced Fiddle (instructor approval required): Continue working on correct hold of violin and bow with good posture, understanding use of bow to create rhythm, and fingering to create different pitches. Students will learn advanced tune versions, and an introduction to fiddle improvisation. This class does not include music reading. Prerequisite: Students must have their own violin and have permission by the instructor to transfer into this class. Students are expected to practice at home.

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 to intermediate levels.

Vocal Adventures: Let's sing! Let's sing loud — let's sing soft — let's let it all out together in one glorious musical sound! We'll teach you how to be the best singer you can be. This choral class of classic kids songs (and some not so classic!) will make you want to dance and move your feet to the beat! We'll learn high notes and we'll learn low notes and of course, all of the in-between notes, too. You'll be amazed at what you can do!

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.

**2nd Trimester Elective Course Selection Sheet
Grades 3 & 4**

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.

Elective are assigned from upper to lower grades by the date elective form is received beginning November 21st.

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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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