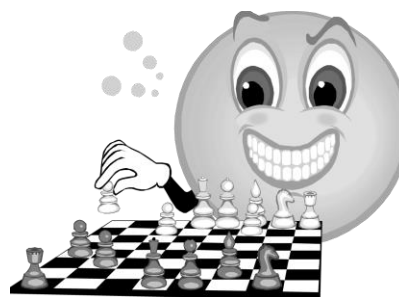




Pleasantdale Elementary School

Activities Handbook

2015-2016



Sports and Intramurals

Cheerleading

Description: This activity will promote physical fitness and school spirit through the introduction and practice of basic cheerleading skills.

Grade Level: 2nd

Dates: January through March

Time: 11:45-12:25 (during lunch/recess)

Teacher: Ms. Halusek



Intramurals

Description: Students will participate in fun team games indoors or outdoors as weather permits.

Grade Level: 3rd & 4th

Dates: October through May

Time: 8:00 – 8:55 a.m.

Teacher: Miss Macek



Clubs and Activities

Math Lab

Description: Math Lab is a class for students who would like or need some extra instruction in math. The program is designed to be individualized and fun. Often, curricular concepts are taught in slightly different ways.

Grade Level: 1st through 4th

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time: 3:20 - 4:20 p.m.

Teachers:

1st grade: Ms. Chorney / Mrs. Sarwark

2nd grade: Mr. Brade

3rd grade: Mrs. Borse

4th grade: Mrs. Rosland



Art Club

Description: Students will discuss, view and create many different styles of art in addition to what is done in class.

Grade Level: 3rd and 4th Grade

Dates: 3rd – Thursday, 4th - Fridays, October through May

Time: 8:15 - 8:55 a.m.

Teacher: Mrs. Vervack



Band and Orchestra

Description: Band is open to students in 4th grade who would like to get their start in playing a wind or percussion instrument.
Orchestra is open to students in 4th grade would like to get their start in playing a string instrument.
The Band & Orchestra perform concerts in February and May.

Grade Level: 4th Grade

Dates/Time: Small group practice:
• Band – M - F at 8:15 a.m.
• Orchestra – T & W at 8:15 a.m.
Full Band practice starting in January - Thursdays from 3:20 – 4:20
Full Orchestra practice starting in January – Mondays from 3:20 – 4:20

Teachers: Mr. Woltman and Mrs. Burke



Battle of the Books

Description: The Battle of the Books' program is designed to promote a love of reading among our students. It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. It is a fun, academic-based competition that has been very successful in school districts throughout the country in encouraging students to read. Students will be given permission slips to join and will be put on teams for competitions.

Grade Level: 4th Grade

Dates: Books will be distributed after winter break. The final battle will be in May.

Time: During recess on certain days

Teacher: Mrs. Crist and Mrs. DuVall



Book Club

Description: Students will meet once a month during lunch/recess. Teachers and students will discuss the book chosen by the teachers. Teachers will prepare discussion questions and activities for the book. Throughout the year the students will be exposed to fiction and nonfiction books as well as varying genres within the fiction and nonfiction books.

Grade Level: 3rd Grade

Dates: Once a month, October through May

Time: During lunch/recess

Teacher: Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Macek

Chess Club

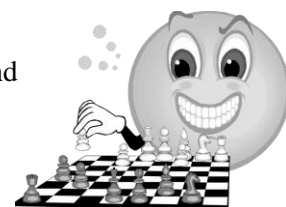
Description: Fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time for both beginners and experienced chess players. Chess competition and prizes are planned towards the end of the session. Fee applies to this activity.

Grade Level: K- 4

Dates: Wednesday's, two 10-week sessions beginning in October and ending in March

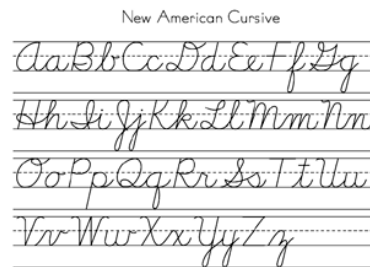
Time: 3:20-4:20 P.M.

Teacher: Staff from Chess Scholars



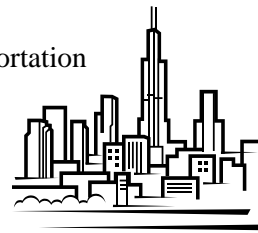
Cursive Club

Description: Introduce and practice cursive alphabet.
Grade Level: 3rd Grade
Dates: Mondays (October 5, 19, 26 & November 2, 9, 16)
Time: During recess and lunch 12:15 – 12:55 P.M.
Teacher: Mrs. Borse



Geography Club

Description: Students that will be focusing on navigating Chicago using public transportation – learning to read maps, train schedules and bus schedules. Parents of children that participate in Geography Club will be asked to chaperone their child on field trips into the city on a Saturday. This day is geared to letting the children practice navigational skills and safety practices they have learned in the club.
Grade Level: 4th
Dates: Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. prior to the field trip.
Teachers: Mrs. Windisch and Ms. McFadden



Homework/Study Club

Description: An activity to promote an opportunity for all 3rd and 4th grade students to work on their homework or to study in a quiet environment. It will support students in the completion of their homework. Teachers also help to identify students who may need additional support and organize permission slips. They keep communication open to ensure that we are meeting the students' homework and study needs.
Grade Level: 3rd and 4th
Dates: October through May on Monday & Wednesday
Time: 3:20-4:20 P.M.
Teachers: Ms. Biagini/Mrs. Tindall



Lego Club

Description: Students will experience hands-on engineering fundamentals as they build motorized models using LEGO bricks. Curriculum introduces children to engineering, architecture and scientific principles while important skills such as sequencing, following step-by-step directions and special /relational thinking are developed. Fee applies to this activity.
Grade Level: 1st – 2nd
Dates: Mondays- 3:20 – 4:15 p.m.
Teacher: Bricks 4 Kidz staff



Lunch Bunch Book Club

Description: The Lunch Bunch Book Club will meet once a month to eat lunch and to discuss books in the library. It is open to all 4th graders. Students will have 2 titles to choose from every month. They can sign up for a title once or twice throughout the year OR participate every month. This was designed for students to simply have fun reading and to have even more fun sharing what students read with others.

Grade Level: 4th grade

Dates: Group A – Thursday's (except 10/28) (10/28, 11/12, 12/10, 1/21, 2/18, 3/10, 4/21)
Group B – Thursday's (10/22, 11/19, 12/17, 1/28, 2/25, 3/17, 4/28)

Time: 12:25-12:55

Teacher: Mrs. Smith

Noon Study

Description: Noon Study is an option for students instead of going outside for lunch recess. Students can read or study independently. Noon Study is held in our library on a daily basis.

Grade Level: 1st – 4th

Dates: Every day during lunch recess

Teachers: Pleasantdale staff

Open Library

Description: Students will be able to check out two additional books from the library to take home with them. In addition to checking out books, we will have story time, activity sheets, board games, themed movies, etc., depending on the month.

Grade Level: Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd

Dates: Mondays in November through May
Once a month for each grade level

Time: 3:20 - 4:20 p.m.

Teachers: Mrs. Tindall and Ms. Keller



Pen Pal Club

Description: Pen Pal Club is for fourth grade students interested in using their Spanish to get to know a student from an Colegio Colombo Hebreo, a private elementary school in Bogotá, Colombia. Students will learn about a new culture and some new words as they send and receive letters from their Colombian pen pals. Students will also have a real-world opportunity to speak Spanish when they Skype with their pen pals at the end of the year.

Grade Level: 4th Grade

Dates: January 8th through May 20th

Time: Friday's during recess (12:15 – 12:35)

Teachers: Mrs. McPherson



Post Office

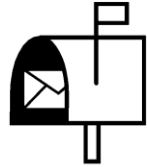
Description: Every classroom and office in the school has a postal address. Students write letters and place them in letter deposit boxes. Third grade students collect, sort and deliver the letters to each classroom.

Grade Level: 3rd Grade

Dates: Through the year

Time: Recess

Teachers: Mrs. Griffin and Miss Macek



Rainbows

Description: A peer support group for grieving students. Students talk, share experiences and learn coping skills from one another when divorce or death touches their young lives.

Grade Level: 1st through 4th

Dates: One day per week running for approximately 14 weeks

Time: Recess and Lunch

Teacher: Mrs. Spetter and other trained facilitators



Spanish Club

Description: Spanish club offers enrichment to new and struggling Spanish students. It is a small group setting where students get more individualized attention from the teacher and where they can engage in communicative practice with their peers.

Grade Level: 3rd and 4th

Dates: Thursdays

Time: 8:15 - 8:55 a.m.

Teacher: Mrs. McPherson



Spelling Bee

Description: Students will train and compete in a spelling competition.

Grade Level: 1st through 4th

Dates: Spring

Teacher: Mrs. Vidakovich and Mrs. Borse



Student Council

Description: Students will work with each other to create activities and ideas to promote school spirit through the Pleasantdale community throughout the school year.

Grade Level: 4th

Dates: Throughout the school year

Teachers: Miss Macek and Mrs. Griffin

Yearbook/Camera Club

Description: Students will be able to create and design the Pleasantdale 2014-2015 yearbook. Students will learn how to use a camera, insert pictures, format, add captions, and work cooperatively. This will allow students to have ownership and pride of their yearbook.

Grade Level: 4th

Dates: October through January on Thursdays during recess/lunch. After January, weekly after school.

Teachers: Mr. Emso and Mr. Woltman

