

Pleasantdale Elementary School  
Activities Handbook  
2017-18

# Sports

## Cheerleading

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

Grade Level 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dates: February through March

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

Teacher: Mrs. Halusek



## Clubs and Activities

### Math Club

Description: During After-School Math Club students take part in lessons and games that reteach and boost student math knowledge.

Grade Level: 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time: 3:20-4:20

Teachers:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mrs. Dittrich/Mrs. Rockiki

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mr. Brade

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mrs. Borse

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mr. Braband



### Band and Orchestra

Description: Band is open to students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to get their start in playing a wind or percussion instrument.

Orchestra is open to students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to get their start in playing a string instrument.

Grade Level: 4<sup>th</sup>

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

Mr. Woltman and Mrs. Burke

## **Battle of the Books**

Description: The Battle of the Books program is designed to promote a love of reading.

Grade Level: 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Wednesdays, three 8-week sessions November-May

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

Teacher: Staff from Chess Scholars



## **Coding Club**

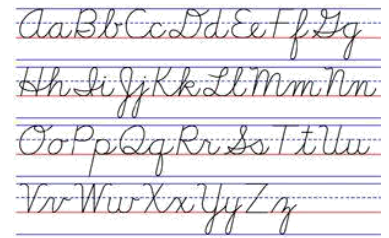
Description: Designing programs using the app Tickle. Students will be using the devices Sphero and Ollie.

Grade Level: 2<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dates: Thursdays, November and ending in April

Times: 3:20-4:20PM

Teachers: Mrs. Marrari and Mrs Lisowski



## **Cursive Club**

Description: Introduce and practice cursive alphabet  
 Grade Level: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
 Dates: Mondays  
 Time: During recess and lunch 12:15 – 12:55 P.M.  
 Teacher: Mrs. Borse

## **Geography Club**

Description: Students 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: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 8:25 a.m. prior to the field trip.

Dates: trip.

Teachers: Mrs. Windisch and Mrs. McFadden



## **Homework/Study Club**

Description: An activity to promote an opportunity for all 3 and 4 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Dates: October through May on Mondays & Wednesdays  
 Time: 3:20-4:20 P.M.  
 Teachers: Ms. Biagini/Mrs. Tindall



## **Yoga Club**

Description: Girl Power Yoga is a after-school program where elementary-age girls develop confidence as they practice yoga, engage in story-time and play games. Fee applies to this activity.

Grade Level: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Time: Wednesdays, April and ending in May  
 Teacher: 3:20 – 4:15 p.m.  
 Staff from Mission Propelle



## **Noon Study**

Description: Noon Study is an option for students who need additional time to complete assessments, classwork and/or homework.  
Grade Level: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Dates: Tuesdays/Thursdays during lunch recess  
Teachers: Ms. Biagini

## **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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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



## **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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Dates: Throughout 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: K-4<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Dates: One day per week running for approximately 14 weeks  
Time: Recess and Lunch  
Teachers: Mrs. Spetter, Mrs. Halusek, Mrs. Borse and Mrs. Mattice



## **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: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades

Dates: Wednesdays

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

Teacher: Mrs. McPherson



## **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 Levels: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dates: Throughout the school year

Teachers: Miss Macek and Mrs. Griffin

## **STEM Club**

Description: Answer complex questions, investigate global issues, and develop solutions for challenges and real-world problems while applying the rigor of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics content.

Grade Level: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dates: Tuesdays/Thursdays

Time: During recess/lunch

Teacher: Mrs. Bedell

