



metropolitan
montessori school

Before & After Fall 2011

September 12th – December 9th

Welcome to the Fall 2011 Before and After School program. We have some fun and interesting offerings for your children and we hope they will join us. The semester begins September 12th and runs until December 9th.

Limited financial assistance is available for most classes. Please put your request in writing. Fees are fully refundable until the first class, 75% refundable until the second class, and 50% refundable until the third class. There are no refunds after the third class. Classes are filled on a first-come/first-served basis and registration does not carry over from semester to semester. Classes are subject to cancellation if there are not enough registrants.

When registering, be sure to enclose payment and return the form before Friday, September 9th. As some classes fill up quickly, please return your form as soon as you are able. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Joachim at 212/579-5525 x. 102.

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September 12th to December 5th (No classes 10/10 or 10/31)

Lower Elementary Study Hall (3:15 to 4:30 p.m.): \$150 (begins 10/05; no study hall 11/28, 12/14-15)

Upper Elementary Study Hall (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.): \$300

Primary Soccer (with Adam Bluth) 4- to 6-year-olds, 2:45 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$300 for 10 sessions (starts 9/19)

Join Mr. Bluth for a soccer adventure! Players will be introduced to the fundamentals of soccer, with an emphasis on individual skill building and team play. Soccer is a great way for children to develop their gross-motor skills as it encourages them to use all parts of the body except the hands. They will learn how to open and close spaces, pass, shoot, keep goal, and control the ball. Class enrollment limited to twelve students.

Chess for Elementary Students, 3:15 to 4:30. Cost: \$330 for 11 sessions

- **Beginner Chess** (with Matthew Vescovi)
- **Intermediate Chess** (with Peter Barkman)

Mr. Vescovi and Mr. Barkman have a hands-on teaching style to promote enthusiasm for chess along with critical thinking skills and sportsmanship. Players will learn opening strategies, middle-game planning, and basic end-game theory, as well as play in tournaments. Children will be evaluated and placed in a class appropriate to their skill level.

- **Advanced Chess** (with Andre Harding)

Chess fosters creative problem solving and abstract thinking. Players work on developing opening strategies, middle game planning and end-game theory, as well tournament skills. Children will be evaluated and placed in this class according to their skill level.

Ceramics (with Ayano Ohmi) 3rd grade and up, 3:20 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$330 for 11 sessions.

This class will explore the fundamentals of ceramics. Students will experience how to create 3-D sculptures, tiles, and other functional pieces. Class enrollment is limited to six students.

tuesdays

September 13th – December 6th

Upper Elementary Study Hall (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.): \$350

Artists-in-Training (with Ayano Ohmi) All Elementary, 3:20 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$390 for 13 sessions.

This class provides advanced instruction in artistic techniques. This semester's theme is Time and Space. The goal of the class is for students to learn how to express their thoughts and feelings openly and articulately using 2-D and 3-D formats. The class experiments with a wide array of mediums such as drawing, painting, and collages. Class enrollment limited to seven students.

Lower Elementary Soccer (with Adam Bluth) Lower Elementary, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$390 for 13 sessions.

This class focuses on developing soccer skills, and practicing more advanced maneuvers and strategies. The class is structured around a progression of games in which players interact in complex ways. Class enrollment limited to ten students.

wednesdays

September 14th – December 7th (No classes 11/23)

Lower Elementary Study Hall (3:15 to 4:30 p.m.): \$225 (No Study Hall 12/14)

Upper Elementary Study Hall (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.): \$325

Wild Artist—A journey into 20th century Art history! (with Marianne Garnier)

All Elementary, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$360 for 12 sessions.

Children will explore 20th century art movements, from Cubism to Op-art; great artworks will be used to spark their imagination and to help them play with new concepts and exciting techniques. Through painting, collage, printmaking, 3-D design, and their own personal exploration, children will learn to appreciate diverse methods of expression and develop a better understanding of their visual world. Class enrollment limited to eight students.

Mandarin Chinese (with Sabrina Chen) First and second graders, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Cost: \$360 for 12 sessions.

Children gain familiarity with Chinese language and culture through a whole language approach to Mandarin. A combination of instruction, songs, games, and arts and crafts is employed. Classes are taught by an experienced teacher from the Mandarin Treehouse in Manhattan. Class enrollment limited to eight students.

thursdays

September 15th – December 8th (No classes 9/29 or 11/24)

Lower Elementary Study Hall (3:15 to 4:30 p.m.): \$225 (No Study Hall 12/15)

Upper Elementary Study Hall (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.): \$275

Primary Chess (with Fred Wilson) 4 to 6 year-olds, 8 to 9 a.m. Cost: \$330 for 12 sessions (starts 9/15)

This workshop is designed to teach Primary-aged children the basic rules, moves, and strategies of chess. Children are taught through stories and visuals that help them to understand the concepts of chess. After they are introduced to a particular strategy, children are given class time to practice. A 1992 American Chess Foundation study showed that playing chess improved reading scores because the cognition processes are similar. But besides all that, chess is fun!

Primary Art Class (with Marianne Garnier) All Primary, 2:45 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$300 for 10 sessions (starts 9/22).

Students will learn the basics of making art through line, color, geometric form, and composition. Children will use different mediums such as paint, pastels, and clay to solidify their foundation in formation of art projects. Class enrollment limited to ten students.

TADA! Musical Theater (with TADA! performers) All Elementary, 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. 11 sessions

With the guidance of two teaching artists (a music director and a director/choreographer), students learn the music, dance, and theater skills needed to become competent musical theater actors. Music is drawn from TADA!'s repertoire of more than 15 original musicals which were written expressly for performance by children.

Cost of TADA (class alone: \$600)

Cost of TADA (with study hall/clubhouse before: \$825)

Robotics (with Gabriel Acosta-Cohen and Stuyvesant High School mentors)

Upper Elementary, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. 22 sessions, \$800 – two semesters

The Robotics class provided children an opportunity to develop their design and engineering skills using the Lego FLL program. Students work together to build a robot for competition at a FLL event. Registration for this class is during the summer.

fridays

September 16th – December 9th (No classes 9/30, 11/25, or 12/2)

Dazzling Discoveries (with Godwyn Morris and staff) Extended Day and First Grade; 2 to 3 p.m. Cost: \$400 for 10 sessions.

Uncover the science of wild weather, science magic, chemical reactions and simple explosions, gems and minerals, fossils, speed and impact, air pressure, and many other exciting topics with Dazzling Discoveries' hand-on science program. Through experiments, demonstrations and activities, we will explore scientific principles of the world around us. Each week children conduct tests and design and create “make and take” projects that incorporate the science theme of the day. At the end of each class, students receive a fact sheet so that they can continue their explorations at home. NEW PROJECTS EVERY TERM

Motors and Machines (with Godwyn Morris and staff) Second grade and above; 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Cost \$450 for 10 sessions.

Curious about how machines work? This course provides hands-on experiments with electrical circuits, switches, gears, motors, solar and battery energy, sound and light sensors. From making their own batteries to building a motorized vehicle, students explore electricity and circuitry, robotics, gears and levers, simple machines, motors and other related topics. Each child will build and take home his/her own mechanical and electrical creations as well as learn about the inner workings of many of the toys and tools we come in contact with every day. Some projects are complex and take several weeks to complete. NEW PROJECTS EVERY TERM

Mohr's Explorers (with Mike Mohr) 6-to 12-year-olds, 2 to 4:15 p.m. Cost: \$500 for 10 weeks.

Gear up for weekly Central Park EDventures, including elements of fort building, back-country survival and wilderness hide-and-seek – plus an original variety of awesome outdoor games and activities! This challenging outdoor program builds confidence, while encouraging teamwork, creativity and open-ended education. The possibilities? Endless. The experiences? Memorable. The FUN? Guaranteed!!!

We will be outdoors – please be prepared for all types of weather and visit www.mohrs-explorers.com for further information. Please note this is a 2- hour, 15-minute program.

everyday

Early Morning Drop Off

8 to 8:45 a.m.

2011 -2012 full year: \$1800

Fall semester: \$750

Drop in fee: \$15

Study Hall

Lower Elementary: M, W, Th, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Upper Elementary: M-Th, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Study Hall is available Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. for Lower Elementary students (starting October 5th) and Monday to Thursday, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. for Upper Elementary students (starting September 12th).

Students are supervised and helped to complete their homework assignments and class work. Please indicate on the registration form which day(s) you wish your child to be in study hall. Students may also go to study hall on a drop-in basis. Notify the office in the morning if your child needs study hall that day.

Fee: Drop-in fee: \$30; fee for the term is dependent on the day of the week, see catalog for details.

Clubhouse

M-F, 2:45 to 6 p.m.

Clubhouse members have snack, play in the playground, create art projects, read, and relax. Elementary children attend study hall first. Space is limited to ensure quality care. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Pickup is flexible.

2010 - 2011 full year: \$3300

Fall semester: \$1380

Drop in fee: \$35

enrichment programs

Intramural Sports (Upper Elementary) with Adam Bluth

Fridays 2 to 3 p.m.

Students participate in soccer, volleyball, basketball, and outdoor activities such as ultimate frisbee and tag games. Critical thinking aspects of the game and sportsmanship are emphasized. Sign-up for the school year is held in September and it is not necessary to re-enroll. There is no fee for this program, but it is not available on a “drop-in” basis.

Strings (All Elementary) with Mark Szammer

The strings program is offered at no cost to MMS students. Signup for the school year is held in September and it is not necessary to re-enroll.

Primi Violin:

Session One: Tuesday, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. OR

Session Two: Fridays, 2 – 3:00 p.m.

Primi Violin is the first level of violin training for children who have been exposed to the violin in Extended Day or have no prior experience. Primi violin students endeavor to develop a basic mastery of violin technique. (Please note there are two sections to choose from for Primi violin but children only participate in one class per week).

Secondi Violin: Thursdays, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Secondi violin is the intermediate level of violin training at MMS. It is designed for students in their second and third year of training. Having developed a sound understanding of basic violin technique, Secondi violin students seek to develop competency in music literacy. Learning to read music is at the core of the Secondi violin curriculum, and classroom composition projects play a significant role in that pursuit.

MMS Orchestra: Wednesdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

MMS orchestra is the advanced level of violin training at MMS. Designed for students of all grades who demonstrate competency in violin technique and music literacy, MMS orchestra explores the wide world of music through the violin. Repertoire is drawn from a variety of genres and regions, and classroom composition remains an important element of the curriculum. MMS Orchestra students continue to refine their technique, and learn to play music with parts.

Violins can be rented from:

Johnson Stringed Instruments (mail order), 1-800-359-9351

Strings and Other Things, 1995 Broadway, 6th floor (corner of 68th Street), 212-362-0857. The cost for renting a violin for the school year can be from \$262 - \$474 depending on the quality and size of the violin.

*PLEASE DO NOT ORDER AN INSTRUMENT UNTIL YOUR CHILD IS MEASURED FOR THE PROPER SIZE.