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2018-2019 A.R.T.S. Program Overview

The **Downstairs A.R.T.S. program** consists of classes that take place in three different classrooms in either the morning or afternoon. These classes are physical fitness (1/2 hr.), creative movement (1/2 hr.), and art/music/Montessori (1 hr.). The only difference between the Monday/Wednesday program and the Tuesday/Thursday program is possibly the change in a few of the staff members. This program services children who are 22 months of age as of September 1st to age five. You can enroll for the following:

Mornings 8:45 – 11:00 AM

Monday and Wednesday

Tuesday and Thursday

Monday through Thursday

Afternoons 12:30 – 2:45 PM

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

Friday morning “Story Explorers”, building early literacy skills through books, art and small group activities, for 2½ (by September 1st) to 3½ year olds.

Children who are 3½ years old by September 1st may add the **Montessori/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Day**, which is held on Fridays. The upstairs space is set up with special activity areas that include Montessori practical life and sensorial work, pre-academic work, science, puzzle solving and construction materials. Enrollment on Fridays allows children 3½ and older the option to attend school for three or five days a week.

Add-on Classes 11:15 AM – 12 PM, for ages 3½ -6

Mondays: the year will be divided between *Making Friends with 100* and *Building Words with Friends*

Tuesdays: the curriculum will alternate every other week between *Peacemakers* and *Music*

The **Upstairs A.R.T.S. program** only meets in the mornings for those children who are 3.75 years of age (date of birth 12/1/2014 or before) to age 6. Four and five year olds who need an afternoon program may join the Downstairs A.R.T.S. program. They would be part of the oldest Downstairs group. Each day involves different activities. Children who enroll for the Monday/Wednesday program focus on art, creative movement, literature and physical fitness. The Tuesday/Thursday program is performance oriented. These days include art classes that create sets, props and possibly costumes as well as classes in dance, music and cultural awareness. At the end of each unit or theme, there is a performance which parents are invited to attend. Friday is **Montessori/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) day**. The upstairs space is set up with special activity areas that include Montessori practical life and sensorial work, pre-academic work, science, puzzle solving and construction materials. If your child is eligible for the Upstairs program, you can enroll for the following:

Upstairs A.R.T.S. Mornings 8:45-11:00 AM

Monday and Wednesday – art, creative movement, physical fitness, literature

OR

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Tuesday and Thursday – dance, cultural awareness, music, production shop

OR

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Monday through Thursday

Monday through Friday

Upstairs A.R.T.S. Afternoons 12:30-2:45 PM – 4 and 5 year olds who wish to attend in the afternoons may join the Downstairs program. They would be part of the oldest group.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday