



After School Clubs 2011-2012

After School Clubs are a great way for children to spend their time after school engaging in fun and meaningful activities. After School Clubs take place from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and exist to further support and encourage the development of socialization, interests and extending the daily experience. The clubs support developmentally and age appropriate engagements and experiences in support of the IB PYP program offered at Magic Years. Below is a description of the programs offered.

Art & Drama

In Art and Drama, the children will relate to stories and drama through fun and meaningful engagements such as games, artwork, play, etc. The children will be using art materials such as paint, clay, markers, crayons, scissors, cornstarch, collage and construction materials to create things as expressions of their individual ideas and feelings.

Art & Storytelling

Art and Storytelling are integral to all cultures. They are a powerful mode of communication through which children can explore and construct a sense of self and an understanding of the world around them within a safe space. We combine these two creative expressions with the goal of developing the imagination, critical thinking and social interaction of the whole child. The process of making, appreciating and listening is a joyful journey and encourages children to continue creating throughout their lives.

Book Club

Book Club is an ideal opportunity for children to share their enthusiasm for reading books. Each week, a specific book is chosen for the children. A variety of reading strategies are used to enrich the approach to literacy. The children learn the skills of prediction, visualization, questioning and relating stories to real-life experiences, as well as other books that have been read. The children also integrate the reading with music, art, drama and sharing tasty treats.

Ballet

Ballet allows children to develop their coordination skills, self-expression, flexibility, balance and movement with body control. The children also experience a range of gross and fine motor movements. In addition, the children enhance their listening and observation skills.

Fun in the Kitchen

Who doesn't love being a little helper in the kitchen? Through this activity, children will be learning about responsibility, proportion, taking turns, safety, and discipline. They will also be given opportunities to explore all senses, learn about nutrition, independence, cooperation, how to follow steps, and tuning their fine motor skills; the whole while having fun preparing various food items for them to indulge in. By the end of this activity, these mini master chefs will have their own recipe book and be ready to take over any kitchen!

Gym

In Gym class, the children express themselves through physical movements and learn a variety of fundamental movement skills, such as leaping, balancing, rolling, throwing and catching. Children will experience a wide range of gross and fine motor movements and develop balance, rhythm, self-esteem and confidence.

Little Gardeners

Planting something and watching it grow and transform into a beautiful scene is rewarding. This is especially true for children. Gardening is an important and effective tool for teaching children how to care for a living thing. The little people are most impressed when, after a little care and maintenance, the seeds or bulbs they planted sprout into beautiful flowers. Through gardening, all aspects of children's educational, social and physical development are enhanced. The children will not only about the importance of gardening but also the importance of recycling and taking care of the Earth.

Mandarin

In Mandarin class, learning a new language reinforces the international-mindedness of children. The children have fun with Mandarin through enjoyable songs, art, games and other exciting projects appropriate to their age level. The children learn new words and new phrases in every class.

Outdoor Sports

In Outdoor Sports, children develop an appreciation for playing sports and staying fit. Outdoor Sports allows children to develop physical skills, get exercise, learn to play as a member of a team, learn to play fair, and improve self-esteem. Children will also understand the importance of playing sports with the right attitude. Some of the sports included in the program are soccer, kick ball, and t-ball.

Science Club

In the Science Club children will be actively involved in experimenting and inquiring about the world around them. Focusing on critical thinking skills and their natural curiosity, the children will explore how and why things behave the way they do. Through authentic experimentation and experiential learning, children will develop and refine their thinking and research skills.

Swimming

The swimming program will focus on developing confidence in the water as well as basic swimming skills through play and specially designed activities.

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do is a fun and challenging program for all children. The children learn obedience, discipline and responsibility. The children develop their coordination skills and strengthen their physical movements by practicing punching, kicking and stances.

Thai

Children will learn Thai through fun activities, games, stories and songs. The children will learn to recognize the Thai alphabets, sounds and Thai numbers. The children will have the opportunity to practice dot writing of the Thai alphabets and single words. The children will also communicate with short conversations and questions about themes such as school and the people in school, living things, food and toys.