

materials and a planned environment of play experience, story time, music and rhythms. **Birth certificate is required if registering for the first time.** Class size is limited.

SAMPLER-CRAFTS & FUN: INTRO TO CULTURAL ARTS - \$70.00 - Grade K-1 - 10:15-11:45

"Sampler" is a class designed to introduce the young child to each of the areas of the Cultural Arts Program. This course is especially good for the child who likes to make crafts as well as art projects. Occasionally, a little music and movement will be included to give the children an opportunity to stretch and move in the gym or playground area. We will usually read a story during the lesson for added fun!

DRAWING AND SKETCHING - \$70.00 - Grades 3-8 - 9:00-10:00

An *intense* course designed to teach the beginner various ADVANCED drawing techniques. Students will get a taste of topics such as quick "thumb nail" sketching, contour drawing, blind contour, still life, self-portrait, figure drawing, shading, animal drawing, and cartooning-all based on the composition of that particular class (skill and ages of students). Exercises designed to train the beginner to use full powers of observation and to use "both sides of their brain" while drawing will be incorporated each week. All drawings are done in pencil. Materials are supplied at class.

GROUP PIANO - \$60.00 - Grades 3-12 - 10:00-11:00 or 11:00-12:00

This course will introduce basic theory to enable students to play simple tunes with chord harmonization. Students must have a piano for daily practice. Each class will be limited to six students.

GIRL TALK...It's a Girl Thing - \$50.00 - Grades 6-12 - 9:30-11:30

This pilot program is geared toward special needs young teen girls and is designed to help develop self-esteem, self-confidence and self-respect. There will be the opportunity to learn the importance of self-care and appearance; for example, hair, nail and skin care. This course will also expose/promote the social skills necessary to foster and maintain friendships in and out of the school setting. This program will be led by a member of the Howitt teaching staff and assisted by adult and peer volunteers.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) - \$50 - Grades K-3 - 9:00-10:00

During the sessions students will begin to explore sign language through hands on practice interwoven with some arts and crafts. Students will learn the letters of the alphabet in order to spell their names and simple sight words. Students will also learn word signs for animals, colors, and objects. Throughout the course students will learn to sign a simple story which will be presented during a culminating activity to which family and friends will be invited. Students will also leave with a small booklet of sign language worksheets that will help them to practice and develop their budding skills at home.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) - \$50 - Grades 4-8 - 10:15-11:15

During the sessions students will begin to explore hands on practice of sign language with the goal of beginning conversational skills. Students will be exposed to general history of American Sign Language. Students will be challenged to not only learn their alphabet but also general signs that can be used in a simple conversational exchange. Throughout the course students will learn the signs to a song/story which will be presented during a culminating activity to which family and friends will be invited. Students will also leave with a small booklet of sign language worksheets to help them to further practice and develop their beginning sign skills.

RUBBER STAMP ART - \$70.00 - Grades 3-12 - Advanced - 10:05-11:00; Beg/Int - 11:05-12:00

Enter the magical world of rubber stamping. Make one-of-a-kind cards, simple wrapping paper, cards or decorations for every holiday, inexpensive gifts such as book marks and stationery, etc. Almost anyone can produce beautiful work...and you do not have to be an artist to do so. Learn embossing, masking, sponging, enhancing, 3-D, layering, brayering, ink pad differences, simple color, fabric stamping and more! This class is designed to encourage having FUN while learning many new and interesting techniques. **Wear dark, old clothing or bring a smock.**