

50 YEARS
MERCED COLLEGE
FOR
KIDS

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Dear Prospective Instructor,

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of College for Kids at Merced College, we invite passionate, creative educators to make this summer unforgettable! For five decades, College for Kids has sparked curiosity and inspired students in a fun, hands-on environment. This milestone year is the perfect time to share your talents and shape the next generation of learners.

Program Details:

- Dates: Six weeks (June and July), Mondays – Thursdays
- Class Length & Capacity: 1 hr 50 min, 30 students max
- Grades: Incoming 1st – 8th Graders

We seek instructors who design classes that are educationally driven, with clear learning outcomes - while being highly engaging, interactive, and fun from a child's perspective. Instructors may teach multiple classes across different weeks, grade spans, or subject areas.

Inside This Packet:

- Full schedule of weeks, time slots, grade spans, and subject areas
- Course ideas for inspiration (or you may propose your own)
- Instructor Proposal Form

To keep offerings fresh, classes may be repeated up to three times during the six-week program, with gaps between sessions.

Proposal Submission:

- *Submit Instructor Proposal Form, headshot image with white background for website bio, and resume to: communityed@mccd.edu and Daniela Mendoza*

Scheduling priority is based on proposal order; early submission increases chances of preferred slots. Late proposals considered as space allows.

Compensation:

Instructors earn 45% of total registration revenue. All enrichment classes are \$60 per student, and based on final enrollment. HR paperwork, fingerprint clearance, and TB testing (at instructor's expense) are required before teaching.

Marketing:

Merced College will promote all classes via official social media channels and website, featuring an improved registration platform. Website: <https://www.mccd.edu/schools-programs/community-education/college-for-kids/>

- Digital social media templates will be available upon request. Templates will follow Merced College branding and logo guidelines. Instructors will add their class-specific information to the provided template.
- Instructor participation is essential: Use personal and professional networks to market your class.

Instructor Support:

Our team is here to assist you every step of the way; so you have the resources and guidance needed for a successful experience. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you for considering this special anniversary year - your creativity and enthusiasm will make College for Kids a meaningful experience for all. Join us in creating a summer full of discovery, learning, and fun!

Warmly,
The Merced College for Kids Team

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College for Kids Schedule

Subject areas in the schedule are fixed.
Please choose a class idea within these areas or propose your own.

Week	Time Slot	Grades 1–4 Choice 1	Grades 1–4 Choice 2	Grades 5–8 Choice 1	Grades 5–8 Choice 2
WEEK 1	June 8–11 8:00–9:50 AM	Language Arts	Science	Math	Art/Design
	June 8–11 10:00–11:50 AM	Technology	Math	Social Studies	Language Arts
	June 8–11 1:00–2:50 PM	Art/Design	Social Studies	Science	Technology
	June 8–11 3:00–4:50 PM	Language Arts	Science	Math	Art/Design
WEEK 2	June 15–17 8:00–9:50 AM	Technology	Math	Social Studies	Language Arts
	June 15–17 10:00–11:50 AM	Art/Design	Social Studies	Science	Technology
	June 15–17 1:00–2:50 PM	Language Arts	Science	Math	Art/Design
	June 15–17 3:00–4:50 PM	Technology	Math	Social Studies	Language Arts
WEEK 3	June 22–25 8:00–9:50 AM	Art/Design	Social Studies	Science	Technology
	June 22–25 10:00–11:50 AM	Language Arts	Science	Math	Art/Design
	June 22–25 1:00–2:50 PM	Technology	Math	Social Studies	Language Arts
	June 22–25 3:00–4:50 PM	Art/Design	Social Studies	Science	Technology
WEEK 4	July 6–9 8:00–9:50 AM	Language Arts	Science	Math	Art/Design
	July 6–9 10:00–11:50 AM	Technology	Math	Social Studies	Language Arts
	July 6–9 1:00–2:50 PM	Art/Design	Social Studies	Science	Technology
	July 6–9 3:00–4:50 PM	Language Arts	Science	Math	Art/Design
WEEK 5	July 13–16 8:00–9:50 AM	Technology	Math	Social Studies	Language Arts
	July 13–16 10:00–11:50 AM	Art/Design	Social Studies	Science	Technology
	July 13–16 1:00–2:50 PM	Language Arts	Science	Math	Art/Design
	July 13–16 3:00–4:50 PM	Technology	Math	Social Studies	Language Arts
WEEK 6	July 20–23 8:00–9:50 AM	Art/Design	Social Studies	Science	Technology
	July 20–23 10:00–11:50 AM	Language Arts	Science	Math	Art/Design
	July 20–23 1:00–2:50 PM	Technology	Math	Social Studies	Language Arts
	July 20–23 3:00–4:50 PM	Art/Design	Social Studies	Science	Technology

Class Offering Ideas

Curriculum Area	Grade Span	Class Name	Description
Language Arts	Grades 1–4	Story Safari	Kids become story explorers, hunting for characters, settings, and exciting plot twists through fun, guided prompts. As they write and illustrate their own mini-adventures, students build creativity, confidence, and essential storytelling skills like sequencing, vocabulary, and problem-solving. Using simple, low-cost materials, they bring their stories to life and proudly share their finished work in a supportive class showcase—celebrating imagination, self-expression, and the joy of writing.
Language Arts	Grades 1–4	Comic Creators	Turn ideas into colorful comics while learning panels, speech bubbles, and pacing. As they plan, draw, and write their own comic strips, students build sequencing, visual storytelling, and creative writing skills. Through guided peer feedback, kids share laughs, exchange ideas, and strengthen their stories.
Language Arts	Grades 1–4	Poetry Playground	Kids jump into the world of words, playing with rhythm, rhyme, and silly similes through interactive poetry games. Students explore their creativity while learning important literacy skills like vocabulary, sentence flow, and sound patterns. They build confidence as they write short poems, experiment with playful language, and perform them for the class.
Language Arts	Grades 1–4	Newsroom Juniors	In Newsroom Juniors, kids become reporters, using a playful “journalist toolkit” to investigate and report on fun campus happenings while learning how real news is made. Students practice essential literacy skills by drafting headlines, captions, and photo stories, sharpening writing, observation, and critical-thinking skills along the way. Through collaboration and sharing, young journalists build confidence, creativity, and a sense of pride as their news comes to life.

Language Arts	Grades 1–4	Podcast for Kids	Learners become podcast creators as they plan and record short audio segments about topics they love, building skills in writing, speaking, and listening. They write engaging introductions, interview a friend, and learn how music and sound effects set the mood and tell a story. Through playful collaboration and sharing, students gain confidence, communication skills, and a behind-the-scenes look at how real podcasts are made.
Language Arts	Grades 1–4	Book Trailer Lab	Turn reading into movie magic by creating mini book trailers! Kids write a short script, film fun scenes, and add titles to persuade friends to read their chosen book. This builds creativity,
Language Arts	Grades 5–8	Podcast Studio	Kids become podcast stars by planning and recording their own short shows with segments, interviews, and music! They write scripts, practice speaking clearly, and edit their audio to create a polished, professional-sounding podcast. Parents will appreciate how this builds communication skills, creativity, organization, and confidence while students have fun sharing their voices.
Language Arts	Grades 5–8	Journalism Lab	Students become real reporters by investigating interesting questions, gathering quotes, and writing concise news-style articles! They create catchy headlines and photo captions while learning how to share information clearly and accurately. Parents will value how this builds research skills, critical thinking, and strong writing in a fun, real-world way.

Language Arts	Grades 5–8	Debate & Dialogue	Kids learn to share their opinions in fun, respectful debates about topics they care about! They use evidence, sentence frames, and friendly rebuttals to explain their thinking and listen to others. Parents will appreciate how this builds critical thinking, speaking skills, confidence, and respect for different viewpoints.
Language Arts	Grades 5–8	Creative Nonfiction	Students turn real-life experiences into exciting stories by using narrative writing tricks like dialogue, description, and strong openings! They draft their pieces, give friendly peer feedback, and polish their work before publishing. Parents will love that this strengthens writing craft, reflection, and communication skills while helping kids find their unique voice.
Language Arts	Grades 5–8	Book Trailer Studio	Students become filmmakers by creating persuasive book trailers that make stories look irresistible! They storyboard ideas, shoot scenes, and add titles to bring books to life on screen. Parents will appreciate how this builds reading motivation, planning skills, creativity, and digital literacy, all while kids have fun.
Language Arts	Grades 5–8	Writing for Games	In this game design class for grades 5–8, students step into the role of game creators, crafting quests, characters, and branching dialogue trees where player choices truly matter. Along the way, they sharpen creative writing, logic, and systems-thinking skills by playtesting each other's games to uncover what's clear, challenging, and fun. With imagination, collaboration, and lots of "what if?" moments, kids learn how real games are built—from idea to playable experience.

Science	Grades 1–4	Nature Detectives	Junior scientists will be exploring plants, bugs, and habitats right outside the classroom. They observe, measure, and sketch their discoveries, learning important science skills like classification, data collection, and careful observation. Through sharing their findings with classmates, students build confidence, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.
Science	Grades 1–4	Garden Lab	Kids become plant scientists by planting seeds and testing how light and water affect growth! They chart results, observe changes, and create helpful plant-care tips based on what they discover. Parents will love that this hands-on activity builds science skills, responsibility, and curiosity about the natural world.
Science	Grades 1–4	Kitchen Chemistry	Explore exciting fizzy and foamy reactions using safe, everyday kitchen ingredients. Students make predictions, mix materials, and observe colorful changes while learning how chemical reactions work. This hands-on activity turns science into a fun, bubbly adventure full of curiosity and discovery!
Science	Grades 1–4	Weather Wizards	Kids explore weather science by making mini cloud jars and colorful wind spinners! They track local weather, observe changes, and compare patterns like real meteorologists. The activity builds observation skills, data tracking, and a strong foundation in earth science through hands-on fun.

Science	Grades 1–4	Water Wonders	Kids dive into water science by testing buoyancy and building simple filters to clean water! Working in teams, they design and test boats, then share what worked and why. The project builds problem-solving, teamwork, and engineering thinking through hands-on experiments and discovery.
Science	Grades 1–4	Rock & Fossil Hunt	Kids become junior geologists by investigating rocks with streak tests and magnifiers and creating their own "fossils"! They explore textures, colors, and patterns while learning how rocks form and change. Each student takes home a geology mini-kit to continue experimenting and discovering at home.
Science	Grades 1–4	Inventor's Lab	Students transform recycled materials into creative, working science models while thinking like real engineers and inventors. They design, build, test, and improve their ideas, learning how problem-solving and innovation work in the real world. With imagination, teamwork, and hands-on discovery, learners experience the excitement of inventing something brand new!
Science	Grades 1–4	Eco Heroes	Kids take action for the environment by planning simple, kid-sized projects to reduce, reuse, and recycle. They design colorful posters and create pledge cards to share their ideas with others. The activity encourages creativity, teamwork, and hands-on learning about sustainability and caring for the planet.

Science	Grades 5–8	Eco Engineering	Kids become inventors by building devices like mini compost bins, water-saving spouts, or recycling sorters. They test each design, make improvements, and compare which one works best. The activity sparks creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on engineering with real-world environmental impact.
Science	Grades 5–8	Physics Playground	Kids explore motion, energy, and forces by building and testing things like ramps, catapults, or balloon-powered cars. They measure speed, distance, or height and record their results in graphs. The activity teaches hands-on physics, problem-solving, and critical thinking through fun experiments.
Science	Grades 5–8	Weather Lab	Kids explore weather by modeling cold and warm fronts, building anemometers, and tracking local wind, temperature, and precipitation. They use their data to make forecasts and explain why the weather changes. The activity teaches hands-on science, observation skills, and critical thinking while making meteorology fun and interactive.
Science	Grades 5–8	Water Science	Kids explore density, buoyancy, and filtration by testing objects in water, making layered liquids, and building simple water filters with sand, gravel, and cloth. Teams experiment, observe results, and improve their designs. The activity teaches hands-on science, problem-solving, and teamwork through creative, real-world experiments.
Science	Grades 5–8	Plant Power	Kids investigate plant growth by testing how different amounts of light, soil types, or water affect seeds like beans or sunflowers. They measure height, count leaves, and chart their results to compare patterns. The activity teaches observation, data analysis, and the basics of plant science through hands-on experiments.

Science	Grades 5–8	Biodesign Basics	Kids explore bio-inspired engineering by designing solutions like sticky “gecko tape,” water-collecting “cactus cups,” or seed-dispersing pods. They sketch ideas, build prototypes, and test how well they work. The activity teaches creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on science using nature as inspiration.
Science	Grades 5–8	Space Challenges	Kids launch paper rockets and create crater models with flour or sand to explore space science. They test different rocket shapes, angles, and materials, then observe how craters form from impacts. The activity connects hands-on experiments to real missions like moon landings and Mars rovers, teaching physics, engineering, and planetary science.
Technology	Grades 1–4	Digital Art Studio	Kids create digital posters and stickers using free tools to design things like event flyers, comic panels, or emoji packs. They experiment with colors, fonts, and layouts to make their work eye-catching and fun. The activity teaches digital art, design principles, and creativity through hands-on projects.
Technology	Grades 1–4	Stop-Motion Movies	Kids bring toys or paper cutouts to life by creating stop-motion animations of adventures like superhero missions or animal journeys. Teams plan scenes, move characters frame by frame, and add sound effects or voices. The activity teaches storytelling, planning, and digital creativity through hands-on filmmaking.
Technology	Grades 1–4	Photo Fun Basics	Kids improve their photography by practicing composition tricks like framing, leading lines, and rule of thirds with subjects like pets, nature, or toys. They edit photos using kid-friendly apps to adjust color, brightness, and add fun effects. The activity teaches observation, creativity, and digital editing while creating shareable photo galleries.
Technology	Grades 1–4	Typing & Shortcuts Quest	Kids improve keyboarding and shortcut skills by playing mini-games like typing races, word challenges, and shortcut quests. They complete missions, beat high scores, and earn badges for speed and accuracy. The activity builds typing fluency, computer skills, and quick thinking in a fun, game-based way.
Technology	Grades 1–4	Maker Circuits	Kids explore electronics by creating simple circuits with copper tape, LEDs, and batteries. They design glowing projects like greeting cards, bookmarks, or paper robots. The activity teaches basic circuitry, problem-solving, and hands-on engineering through fun, creative projects.
Technology	Grades 5–8	Digital Filmmaking	Digital Filmmaking introduces students to the exciting process of creating their own short films from start to finish. Kids learn how to plan scenes, shoot video, and edit with titles and soundtracks while developing creativity, collaboration, and storytelling skills. Through hands-on projects, students revise their work and build confidence using real-world digital tools in a fun, engaging environment.

Technology	Grades 5–8	Graphic Design Studio	Graphic Design Studio is a hands-on course that introduces kids to the fundamentals of visual design in a fun and approachable way. Students create posters, logos, and social media-style graphics while learning how color, layout, and typography work together to communicate ideas. By the end of the course, kids build creative confidence, practical design skills, and a collection of projects they’re proud to share.
Technology	Grades 5–8	Photography Lab	Photography Lab introduces students to the art and technique of taking great photos using composition and visual storytelling. Kids learn how to frame shots, work with lighting, and edit their images while exploring classic composition rules in a hands-on way. Through team projects, students curate photo galleries.
Technology	Grades 5–8	Wearable Tech	Wearable Tech introduces students in grades 5–8 to the exciting world of designing and building technology you can wear. Kids create wristbands and badges using LEDs and paper circuits while learning basic electronics, problem-solving, and design thinking. Along the way, students test their designs for durability and functionality, building creativity, confidence, and real-world engineering skills.

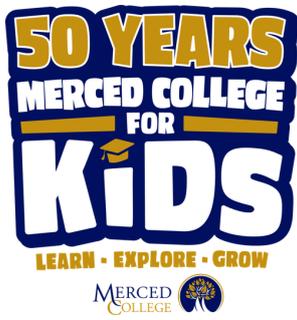
Technology	Grades 5–8	Web Design Basics	Web Design Basics teaches students how to create their own websites from the ground up using layout, links, and design principles. Kids focus on making their sites clear, user-friendly, and accessible while learning the fundamentals of web structure and visual organization. Through hands-on projects, students develop digital creativity, problem-solving skills, and a portfolio of functional websites they can share.
Technology	Grades 5–8	AR/VR Storyboards	AR/VR Storyboards introduces students to the world of immersive storytelling by designing virtual and augmented reality experiences. Kids plan interactive scenes, prototype ideas on paper, and bring their concepts to life through presentations. Along the way, they develop creativity, problem-solving, and storytelling skills while exploring how AR and VR can engage audiences in new ways.
Math	Grades 1–4	Math Games Galore	Math Games Galore introduces students to fast-paced, fun math games that strengthen number sense and strategic thinking. Kids play interactive games and explain their moves using proper math vocabulary, reinforcing skills as they compete and collaborate. Through hands-on play, students build confidence, problem-solving abilities, and a love for numbers.
Math	Grades 1–4	Puzzle Masters Jr.	Puzzle Masters Jr. challenges kids to solve tangrams, logic puzzles, and brain-teasing riddles in a collaborative environment. Students compare solutions, discuss strategies, and celebrate clever thinking together. This course develops critical thinking, spatial reasoning, and teamwork skills while making problem-solving fun.
Math	Grades 1–4	Math Art Lab	Math Art Lab combines creativity and geometry as students design colorful artwork using shapes, symmetry, and patterns. Learners measure, plan, and execute their designs while exploring math concepts in a hands-on, artistic way. Through these projects, kids strengthen spatial reasoning, precision, and artistic expression.
Math	Grades 1–4	Measure Mania	Measure Mania turns the classroom into a hands-on lab where kids race to measure length, time, and capacity. Students record their results, graph data, and spot trends, making math active and visual. Through playful experiments, kids build measurement skills, data analysis abilities, and teamwork confidence.
Math	Grades 1–4	Math in Motion	Math in Motion gets kids moving with fun challenges that combine counting, timing, and problem-solving. Students calculate totals, averages, and other math concepts as they see numbers come to life through physical activity. This course strengthens arithmetic skills, reasoning, and an energetic love of math.
Math	Grades 1–4	Budget Builder Jr.	Budget Builder Jr. lets kids plan a party while learning how to make smart spending choices. Students select items, stay under budget, and compare options while explaining trade-offs in their decisions. Along the way, they develop practical money skills, critical thinking, and planning abilities.
Math	Grades 1–4	Patterns & Puzzles	Patterns and Puzzles invites students to explore patterns using beads, tiles, and drawings. Learners predict, extend, and create designs while discovering the logic behind sequences and repetition. This hands-on approach builds pattern recognition, reasoning, and creativity.
Math	Grades 1–4	Maps & Coordinates	Maps and Coordinates turns math into a treasure hunt, with students using grids and coordinates to plot clues and find the 'X'. Kids practice spatial reasoning, graphing, and problem-solving in an interactive, playful setting. Through teamwork and exploration, they gain confidence navigating maps and understanding coordinates.
Math	Grades 5–8	Math in Sports	Math in Sports lets students explore math through real sports activities, measuring speed, angles, and accuracy to model strategies. Kids compare stats across drills to see math in action and understand patterns in performance. Through hands-on play, they develop problem-solving skills, analytical thinking, and a deeper connection between math and the world around them.
Math	Grades 5–8	Strategy & Probability	Strategy and Probability introduces students to the math of chance using dice, cards, and games. Kids simulate outcomes, analyze results, and discuss fairness and probability in a hands-on way. Through playful experimentation, they develop critical thinking, reasoning skills, and a deeper understanding of how chance affects decisions.
Math	Grades 5–8	Budget Builder	Budget Builder lets students plan events while making smart spending decisions under constraints. Kids calculate totals, track savings, and justify their choices with clear reasoning. Through hands-on projects, they build practical money skills and problem-solving abilities.
Math	Grades 5–8	Escape Room Math	Escape Room Math turns problem-solving into an adventure as students tackle multi-step puzzles to unlock codes and prizes. Collaboration and teamwork make math exciting and engaging. Through these challenges, kids strengthen critical thinking, logic, and perseverance.
Math	Grades 5–8	Measurement Masters	Measurement Masters helps students master units, conversions, and measurement concepts through timed, hands-on challenges. Learners reflect on mistakes and refine their techniques for accuracy.
Math	Grades 5–8	Algebra Adventures	Kids will use patterns and simple equations to solve real-world problems in fun, hands-on ways. They'll work in teams to build, test, and improve their own rules, just like real problem-solving detectives. Fast-paced challenges and games make math exciting, creative, and easy to love!

Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Art Adventures	Dive into a world of color, creativity, and imagination in Art Adventures! Kids will explore painting, collage, and mixed-media projects inspired by the styles of famous and kid artists alike. Each young artist will showcase their favorite creation in a fun mini gallery, celebrating their unique creativity and confidence.
Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Mini Makers	Turn recyclables and found objects into tiny sculptures full of personality! Kids explore balance, texture, and form while letting their imaginations run wild. Each creation becomes a mini masterpiece to share and celebrate.
Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Poster Power	Design bold, eye-catching posters that get noticed! Kids play with color, contrast, and catchy messages to promote a cause or event they care about. They'll see their ideas come to life in a mini showcase of their work.
Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Wearable Art	Create fun badges, bracelets, and paper hats that show off your personal style! Kids experiment with patterns, colors, and text to design unique wearable pieces. They'll explore how to combine creativity with fashion in hands-on projects. At the end of class, everyone struts their creations in a playful fashion walk. It's a fun way to celebrate imagination, design,
Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Clay Creatures	Shape imaginative creatures and the worlds they live in! Kids use clay to explore form, texture, and storytelling, bringing their creations to life. They'll label features and invent stories, adding personality to every piece. Each creature finds a home in a shared gallery, inspiring classmates and sparking ideas.
Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Photo Stories	Tell your story through a sequence of photos and captions! Kids learn to combine images, organize ideas, and edit visuals to make a clear narrative. They'll explore creative storytelling while developing photography skills. Finished stories are shared in a fun presentation for classmates to enjoy. This class empowers students to capture memories and express themselves visually.

Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Cartoon Lab	Bring characters to life with funny faces, gestures, and playful expressions! Kids design original characters and create short comic strips full of humor and imagination. They'll explore storytelling, timing, and exaggeration in their drawings. Each student shares their mini comic in a friendly, supportive gallery. This class encourages creativity, laughter, and confidence in visual storytelling.
Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Stamp & Print Studio	Make your own stamps and explore the world of printmaking! Kids learn to carve, cut, and design stamps to create repeating patterns and textures. They'll experiment with color, placement, and layering to bring their prints to life. Finished works are displayed in a colorful mini-gallery for all to enjoy.
Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Collage City	Build a bustling city with roads, parks, landmarks, and imaginative details! Kids plan layouts, design buildings, and think about how spaces connect. They'll learn about creativity, composition, and teamwork while building their urban masterpieces. Completed cities are shared with the class, showcasing each student's unique vision.
Art/Design	Grades 1–4	Shadow Art	Use light, shadow, and silhouette to create dramatic, magical scenes! Kids experiment with shapes, angles, and photography to capture creative effects. They'll explore storytelling and composition in a completely hands-on way. Finished works are displayed in a mini gallery, highlighting the power of light and perspective. Students discover the magic of shadows while developing artistic confidence.
Art/Design	Grades 5–8	Illustration Lab	Bring characters and settings to life with line, color, and texture! Kids explore illustration techniques to create stories and build worlds of their own imagination. They'll develop mini portfolios showing characters, landscapes, and ideas. Work is shared with the class, celebrating creativity and artistic growth. This class combines skill-building with personal expression in a fun, supportive environment.
Art/Design	Grades 5–8	Printmaking	Explore the art of printmaking by carving or cutting simple stamps to create repeating patterns and designs! Kids experiment with contrast, repetition, and layering to see how prints come to life. They'll discover how to plan and execute designs while learning hands-on artistic techniques. Finished works are displayed together, forming a colorful gallery of student creations.
Art/Design	Grades 5–8	Street Art Posters	Design bold, inspiring posters influenced by the energy of street art! Kids learn about typography, contrast, and expressive design while creating positive messages. They'll explore how art can communicate ideas and make a statement in the world. Finished posters are displayed for classmates, showcasing each student's creativity.

Art/Design	Grades 5–8	Clay Studio	Model forms and functional objects while learning the basics of working with clay! Kids explore shaping, smoothing, and personalizing each piece with hands-on guidance. They'll experiment with design, form, and texture to create both imaginative and functional works. Completed pieces are shared in a class gallery, celebrating student craftsmanship.
Art/Design	Grades 5–8	Photography Stories	Combine images and captions to tell exciting visual stories! Kids learn to sequence, edit, and craft narratives using photography. They'll explore storytelling, composition, and creativity in a hands-on way. Finished projects are shared with the class, highlighting each student's unique perspective.
Art/Design	Grades 5–8	Graphic Design	Design logos, layouts, and visual projects inspired by real-world challenges! Kids practice planning, revising, and critiquing their work to make polished designs. They'll explore how color, type, and composition communicate ideas effectively.

Art/Design	Grades 5-8	Film Lab	Storyboard, shoot, and edit your very own short films! Kids work in teams, explore roles like director, camera operator, and editor, and bring stories to life on screen. They'll learn collaboration, planning, and storytelling in a fun, hands-on environment. Finished films are presented in a mini-class premiere, celebrating creativity and teamwork.
Art/Design	Grades 5-8	Fashion Upcycle	Transform old materials into stylish, wearable art while learning about sustainability! Kids explore patterns, colors, and design techniques to make unique clothing, accessories, or hats. They'll experiment with creativity, resourcefulness, and self-expression. Finished pieces are showcased in a fun fashion walk for the class.
Art/Design	Grades 5-8	Stop-Motion Studio	Bring your drawings and clay creations to life through animation! Kids plan timing, movement, and sound to create their very own short videos. They'll experiment with storytelling, pacing, and visual effects in a hands-on, creative way. Finished animations are shared with the class in a fun mini screening.
Social Studies	Grades 1-4	World Explorers	Travel the world through games, crafts, and cultural discoveries! Kids play map games, explore global traditions, and learn about different places in a fun, hands-on way. They'll create a personal travel journal filled with drawings, notes, and creative reflections. Each activity encourages curiosity and respect for cultures around the world.
Social Studies	Grades 1-4	Travel Adventures	This class builds global awareness through play and creativity. Pack your imagination and get ready to explore! Kids visit different 'destinations' through interactive stations featuring music, food labels, flags, and activities. They'll learn about countries and cultures while stamping their own passports along the way.
Social Studies	Grades 1-4	Time Travelers Jr.	Step into the past and explore history hands-on! Kids solve puzzles from different eras and build mini exhibits inspired by what they learn. They'll think critically, ask questions, and uncover clues from long ago. At the end, students become museum curators for a day and share their discoveries.
Social Studies	Grades 1-4	Community Helpers	Learn about the people who help our community every day! Kids explore local services and discover how helpers keep us safe and supported. Through role-play and creative activities, they practice empathy and teamwork. Students design thank-you posters to show appreciation for community helpers.
Social Studies	Grades 1-4	Culture Crafts	Create meaningful art inspired by patterns, symbols, and traditions from around the world! Kids explore cultural designs while learning about similarities and differences respectfully. Each project encourages creativity and thoughtful reflection. Students share their work and talk about what they learned.
Social Studies	Grades 1-4	Festival Day	Work together to plan a classroom festival from start to finish! Kids design booths, create signs, and prepare performances for a shared celebration. They practice collaboration by delegating roles and making group decisions. Creativity and teamwork shine as the festival comes to life.
Social Studies	Grades 1-4	Heroes & Heroines	Discover inspiring role models who show perseverance and kindness! Kids research kid-friendly heroes and heroines from history and today. They create and present mini biographies that highlight positive character traits. Sharing stories helps students learn from real-life examples.
Social Studies	Grades 5-8	Time Travelers Quest	Embark on a puzzle-filled journey through time! Teams solve clues from different eras and uncover historical mysteries together. Kids collaborate, decode information, and build mini exhibits based on their findings. Each group shares what they discovered with the class.
Social Studies	Grades 5-8	Civics in Action	Learn how communities make decisions and create change! Kids design community projects, discuss ideas, and practice respectful decision-making. They create proposals, vote on plans, and reflect on outcomes. This hands-on approach makes civics meaningful and accessible.
Social Studies	Grades 5-8	Entrepreneur Fair	Become a business owner for the day! Kids build mini businesses complete with logos, pricing, and creative pitches. They practice problem-solving, communication, and basic math skills. Students run mock booths and share their ideas with classmates. This class introduces entrepreneurship in a fun, imaginative way.
Social Studies	Grades 5-8	Museum Curator	Step into the role of a museum curator! Kids select artifacts, write labels, and create stories to explain their importance. They design gallery layouts and think about how information is shared with visitors. Each student presents their exhibit to the class. This course builds research, writing, and presentation skills through creative play.
Social Studies	Grades 5-8	Festival of Cultures	Celebrate cultures from around the world through a collaborative festival! Kids plan crafts, design signs, and prepare performances together. They assign roles and work as a team to bring the festival to life. Each activity highlights creativity and cultural appreciation.
Social Studies	Grades 5-8	Story of Food	Follow the journey of food from farm to table! Kids learn where food comes from and discuss needs versus wants. They explore healthy choices and propose simple swaps through creative activities. Sharing ideas helps build awareness and confidence.
Social Studies	Grades 5-8	Travel Journal	Explore exciting destinations through research and creativity! Kids learn about places around the world and create illustrated travel journals. They practice organizing information, drawing, and writing reflections. Each student shares highlights from their journey with the class.



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Street Address City, State, Zip Code	
Instructor Biography & Qualifications <i>Briefly tell us about your professional experience and a little about yourself (2-3 sentences for our website)</i>	



Before submitting your proposal, please review the College for Kids Schedule and the Class Offering Ideas provided above. These ideas are meant to inspire you, not limit you. All classes must be educational, but also highly engaging, interactive, and fun. We want students to learn while having an unforgettable experience! Feel free to bring your own creative ideas to the table.

COURSE PROPOSAL(S)

Preferred Week(s), Time(s) & Subject(s)	
Preferred Class Title #1	
Class Description (You may use one of our curated descriptions or customize it to align with your instructional goals and course content.)	

Preferred Week(s), Time(s) & Subject(s)	
Preferred Class Title #2	
Class Description (You may use one of our curated descriptions or customize it to align with your instructional goals and course content.)	

Preferred Week(s), Time(s) & Subject(s)	
Preferred Class Title #3	
Class Description (You may use one of our curated descriptions or customize it to align with your instructional goals and course content.)	

Preferred Week(s), Time(s) & Subject(s)	
Preferred Class Title #4	
Class Description (You may use one of our curated descriptions or customize it to align with your instructional goals and course content.)	

Preferred Week(s), Time(s) & Subject(s)	
Preferred Class Title #5	
Class Description (You may use one of our curated descriptions or customize it to align with your instructional goals and course content.)	

Preferred Week(s), Time(s) & Subject(s)	
Preferred Class Title #6	
<p>Class Description (You may use one of our curated descriptions or customize it to align with your instructional goals and course content.)</p>	

If you are interested in teaching more classes, please attach a completed copy of this section as a separate file.

<h3>Class Objectives & Expected Learning Outcomes</h3> <p>Please describe what students will learn and be able to do by the end of the four day class. Please be specific.</p>

<h3>Class Outline</h3> <p>Please provide a planned outline for each day of your class, including the activities, discussion topics, methods of instruction, and any projects you anticipate.</p>	
Day 1	
Day 2	
Day 3	
Day 4	

Additional Class Needs

List of Materials Needed

Please be specific with links & quantities per student or class. Keep requests reasonable and cost-effective, avoid items that are extravagant or difficult to obtain. Note optional items.

To ensure we are able to print any materials or paperwork needed for your class, we kindly ask that all print requests be submitted to communityed@mccd.edu by **May 15**. Materials received after this date may not allow sufficient time for printing, and instructors may be responsible for arranging their own printed materials. Thank you.

Instructor Reflection: Getting to Know You

1. *Can you share a personal experience, either as a student or educator, that shaped the way you teach or work with children?*

2. *As we celebrate 50 years of College for Kids, what kind of impact do you hope your class will have on the next generation of learners?*