

Medea Creek Exploratory Course Descriptions 2010-2011 (6th Grade)

Semester Classes

6th grade students automatically will be enrolled, by the computer, in TWO of the following:

Drama 6 - Have fun practicing the basics of acting with your classmates. Learn ways to use your body, facial expression and voice to become different characters. Make your own mask and be part of a masked drama. Enjoy performing pantomimes, poetry, comic and serious skits, speeches, monologues, and scenes.

Exploring Your World: China - This course is a hands-on introduction to the study of Chinese culture. Students are involved in learning the language, arts and heritage of China. Lessons are project-based.

Art 6 – Students will be introduced to the elements and principles of design through art experiences using a variety of media and techniques. Each student will create a personal portfolio of work. Additional fee and/or supplies may be required.

Tech Investigations- Students will explore several of the following: circuitry using pneumatics and electricity, digital video and audio production, flight simulation, 3D modeling and animation, graphic design and data acquisition.

Music Appreciation—This course introduces music reading, classroom instruments, improvisation and composition. They learn about musical theater, experiencing various works. Study includes various elements of music such as: sound, pitch dynamics, voices, instruments, rhythm, melody, harmony, and musical form. It will involve different periods, styles, artists, and composers. No previous musical study required.

OR 6th grade students may SELECT a YEARLONG Beginning Band Class or apply for ASB (see below):

Beginning Band 6 – This is a class for students who are interested in learning to play a musical instrument. Students may select from flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba or percussion. NO previous experience is necessary to enroll. There are a limited number of school instruments available. A minimum of two evening performances required.

Chorus- A multi-grade level vocal music performance class. No experience required: Just bring your desire to sing Pop, Broadway and Choral pieces. Minimum of one evening performance per semester required

Additional Course Offering:

ASB 6 – This class is for students who are interested in developing leadership skills through the planning of school wide events, various spirit events, DJ Friday's, fundraisers and school dances. Students interested in this class should see their fifth grade teacher for an application. *Students will be programmed into this class if selected. Your 5th grade teacher has information about this class.*

Additional Information: During the month of August, registration forms will be on our website; they will need to be filled out and returned to school during your scheduled registration time in August. The exact dates for each grade level to pick up their schedules will be included in the packet. Schedule pick-up/registration dates will also be posted on our marquee and website (www.oakparkusd.org/mcms).