

Medea Creek Middle School

Electives (Incoming 6th Graders)

2022-23

-In 6th grade, students take a year of humanities (language arts/social studies), math, science and physical education. Additionally, students automatically will be enrolled in TWO exploratory classes (one per semester) or may select ONE year long class.

-Please review all information on this document before completing your Google Form.

-Placement in electives is dependent upon staffing, student interest, and availability of classes. Sixth graders do not select semester long courses and are not guaranteed year long courses.

-Requests for year long electives will be accepted through March 11, 2022.

Year-long Classes: If a student selects a year long elective, they will only be enrolled in one elective for the year and will remain in this elective for the full school year.

-Beginning Band: 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; limited number of school instruments may be available; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

-String Orchestra: This is a musical ensemble open to all playing levels of students on violin, viola, cello or string bass; limited number of school instruments may be available. Emphasize teaching basic string instrumental skills and music reading; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester. Please indicate if you have any experience.

-Advanced String Orchestra: This is a musical ensemble open to advanced level students on violin, viola, cello or string bass; limited number of school instruments may be available. Recommended minimum of 2 years experience; mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester. Please indicate your years of experience.

-Choir: A year-long performance class that helps students strengthen their singing skills in an ensemble setting. No experience necessary, just bring your desire to sing Pop, Broadway and Choral pieces. Students will NOT be required to sing by themselves. Mandatory minimum of one evening performance per semester.

-ASB 6: This is for students interested in developing leadership skills through planning school wide and spirit events, DJ Fridays, fundraisers and school dances. Students interested in this elective need to complete an application. Students will be programmed upon acceptance.

Semester Classes: Students will be enrolled randomly in TWO classes if they have not selected a year-long elective.

-Rockets! Rockets! Rockets! : A history of rockets and how they work through hand-on activities, learning, building and launching rockets.

-Intro to Spanish: This course is a hands-on introduction to the study of Spanish-influenced culture. Students are involved in learning the language, arts, culture and heritage of Spanish-speaking countries. Lessons are project-based.

-Tech Investigations: Students will use a variety of computer programs and physical simulators in a 21st century environment. Some of the projects are: graphic design, publishing, animation, designing 3-D computer models, computer programming, podcasting, video production, making stop motion videos, and building models using legos, k-nex, erector sets, and other building materials.

-Computer Applications: Students will further their computer literacy using iMacs. They will advance their skills in keyboarding, navigating the Internet, computer programming and using Google Apps for word processing, creating spreadsheets, making digital presentations and generating forms.

-Environmental Explorers: Students explore environmental topics such as food, energy, biodiversity, and conservation through a wide range of activities, teamwork and projects, including hands-on lab investigations, plus helping the school to be greener!

-Music Appreciation: Students will get a “crash course” in all things music...or as much as one can fit in a semester! Students will be introduced to music reading, improvisation and composition. Students will experience rhythm through hand drums and various percussion instruments, and will learn the basics of playing a digital keyboard. Study will include various elements of music such as: sound, pitch dynamics, voices, instruments, rhythm, melody, harmony, and musical form. The course will culminate with projects in BandLab, a Digital Audio Workstation (or DAW). No previous musical study required.

-Art 6: Beginning painting and drawing. Students are introduced to a variety of materials and art styles. Students develop a visual portfolio of artwork.