

King LEARNS Program Descriptions

Winter 2019 (January 7 – March 29)

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

HOMEWORK CENTER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 3:15-5:45 & Wednesday 2:30-5:45

Located in the King Library, students are able to have a quiet, focused place to work on their assignments or get lost in a book! Computers are available for educational programs everyday except Friday.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL) TUTORIAL

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 3:15-4:30 & Wednesday 2:30-4:00

This tutoring is designed with students who speak a language other than English as their first language, but is not strictly for these students. Students are able to receive help with homework in the student's first language from Ms. Hamai, Ms. Rathwell, and UC Berkeley tutors.

BRIDGING BERKELEY: MATH TUTORING

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 3:15-5:30

Bridging Berkeley is a math mentoring program that matches UC Berkeley Work Study students and volunteers with Berkeley middle schoolers. Bridging Berkeley mentors work one-on-one with students to explore math concepts and inspire youth to pursue their college dreams!

FIRECRACKER MATH

Friday 3:15-4:30

Spice up your math skills by joining Firecracker Math! Work through problems together, play games, do puzzles, even break out the chess board and magically improve your math techniques!

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

ART & SCULPTURE (max 25 students)

Tuesday 3:15-5:45

Build basic drawing skills and turn those 2-dimensional creations into 3D objects! Use a variety of materials, explore Art History, and develop different perspectives during your art journey.

BABYSITTING BASICS

Wednesday 2:30-4pm (Session A: 1/9-2/13 Session B: 2/20-3/27)

Learn the fundamentals of Babysitting every Wednesday with former King parent, Pia Navales. Create your own Babysitting kit, role-play common scenarios, get First-Aid certified, and set yourself up to run your own babysitting business! Classes will be offered in 6-week sessions, maximum of 10 students per session.

B.E.A.M.: BERKELEY ENGINEERS AND MENTORS

Tuesday 3:15-4:15 (Feb 19-April 30)

Spend your afternoon doing cool science experiments with mentors from UC Berkeley! Focus on a variety of interesting topics and deepen your understanding of the scientific method. Class topics are TBD!

CODING CLUB

Thursday 3:15-4:30 (Session A: 1/10-2/14, Session B: 2/21-3/28)

Create customized arcade games, trivia challenges, web apps, and more; all while learning the basics of coding! This is a self-paced, year-long program that allows students to jump into one of three coding environments, based on their experience level. These environments include:

- Scratch: A “drag-and-drop” style coding environment for beginners to create interactive scenes and basic games.
- WoofJS: A hybrid of “drag and drop” and fully typed-out code, acting as a kind of “stepping stone” from Scratch to JavaScript.
- JavaScript: Advanced students can use this complete coding language to create complex games and web apps.

Throughout the course, students can choose from many self-guided projects and our instructors are available to guide them and provide one-on-one assistance on whatever project they are building.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY **Digital Camera or SmartPhone Required** (max 15 students)

Tuesday 3:15-5:30

Learn basic and advanced digital photography skills from seasoned professional photographer and former King parent, Pia Navales. In this class, students will learn how to: compose and edit their digital images taken from their own smartphone cameras; help put their subjects at ease in front of a camera to look their natural best; photograph an event in a photojournalistic style; photograph portraits; photograph food and still life, as well as landscapes and architecture; work with natural light to get the most aesthetically pleasing images; photograph school events at King; and much, much more!

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

EDIBLE SCHOOL YARD: GARDEN EXPLORATION (max 10 students per session)

Thursday 3:15-4:15 (Session A: 1/10-2/14; Session B: 2/21-3/28)

Come enjoy the Edible School Yard garden! Learn the inner-workings of making a successful garden, including preparing the soil, planting seeds, composting, and nurturing relationships with farm animals and insects

EDIBLE SCHOOL YARD: KITCHEN (max 12 students per session)

Tuesday 3:15-4:15 (Session A: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22; Session B: 1/29, 2/5, 2/12)

This class will be all about making things up as we go. We'll experiment with all kinds of improvisation - we may make poetry, music, drawings, paintings, dances, ceramics, or sculptures. And, of course, every class will involve food. Come with an open-mind and a willingness to try new things.

EMBROIDERY & FELTING (max 14 students)

Thursday 3:15-5:30

What better way to spend an afternoon than learning to create embroidered masterpieces! We'll learn a variety of embroidery techniques including chain stitch and cross stitch. We will also needle felt flat pieces and soft sculptures.

FASHION CLUB (max 15 students)

Thursday 3:15-4:30

Fashion Club is designed to empower kids through the world of fashion and design. Throughout the course, students will learn the basics of garment construction, using a sewing machine, sketching and pattern making. Students will be required to make at least one garment to be modeled during student produced fashion show!

FILM CLUB

Friday 3:15-5

While it is impossible to learn everything about a specific culture by watching one film, Film Club is designed to peak the interest of students as they are exposed to films highlighting aspects of various cultures. If you have suggestions for films, Ms. Nikki would love to hear them! On the last Friday of each month we will join the Read to Reel movie showing in the auditorium -- Discussion and snacks will accompany each viewing!

GREEN TEAM

Wednesday 2:30-4

Do you like to get your hands dirty and build with mud and straw? Want to help King go green? Students in this new class offering will have the fantastic opportunity to work on cool projects like building a cob bench and painting recycling bins, that will make a lasting impact on our campus. You will learn both new skills like natural building and making solar ovens AND help make our campus, community and planet healthier and more eco-friendly.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

KNITTING (max 12 students)

Wednesday 2:30-5:30

Come learn the basics of knitting while you make an ipod/cell phone case or a cute stuffed bunny. As you learn more knitting skills you can move on to hats, wrist cuffs, fingerless gloves and more! We'll go over casting on, different stitch patterns decreasing, knitting in the round, and reading patterns. Learn at your own pace and knit the things that you'd like to wear!

MENTOR MONDAYS

Monday 3:15-4:30

This is a great opportunity for our 8th-graders to give back to the King community, and a chance for 6th-graders to get a boost with their academic and social skills. 8th Grade Volunteer Mentors will be matched with a 6th Grade Mentee to help with homework & organization, and also have opportunities to have some fun! 8th Graders interested in becoming a Mentor will fill out an application, and will log their Mentor hours each week. 6th Graders in need of a Mentor will also fill out a short application to find the best match. Mentors will meet with their Mentees on Mondays from 3:15-4:30, and can schedule other times to connect as well!

ROLE-PLAYING GAMES (R.P.G.)

Monday 3:15-5:45 & Wednesday 2:30-5:45

What better way to make friends than by working together to escape a trap-filled dungeon or to foil the evil wizard's plan to destroy your kingdom? Do you want to be a crafty ninja, a raging barbarian, a gun-toting sharpshooter, or a powerful sorcerer with the power to alter reality? Pathfinder Roleplaying Game and Dungeons & Dragons let you create your OWN mythical hero in a perilous world fraught with monsters and magic. Roll dice; describe your actions; go on adventures to earn experience points (XP) that make your hero more and more powerful! Ambitious students can take turns being "game masters," running the game and crafting the worlds, stories, devious traps, and villains the heroes encounter. You'll be having too much fun to realize you're learning creativity, leadership, teamwork, mathematics, and problem-solving. Also do creative writing about your adventures to earn extra XP. Join "The Guild" today!

SEWING (max 6 students)

Tuesday 3:15-5:30

Learn how to sew with a sewing machine as you make a tote bag and your choice of a skirt or pillowcase. We will go over how to thread and use a sewing machine, how to choose and cut out fabric, various seam finishes and hemming. This class includes a field trip to a fabric store during the fourth week of class.

TEEN SCREEN (max 18 students)

Monday 3:15-5:45

Join Ms. Zemach each Monday to explore screenwriting and film production! Students will focus on writing a cinematic screenplay, and filming individual films and web series. This class is limited to 18 students who will commit to attending Teen Screen each week.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

THE MUSIC CONNECTION

Wednesday 2:30-3:30 (2/20-5/1)

Join one of our tutors from UC Berkeley's The Music Connection to receive extra support with your musical practice! Woodwinds, brass, orchestra strings are welcome -- contact Froggie if there is another type of instrument you would like extra attention with.

WRITER'S ARISE!

Friday 3:15-5:45

Join our creative writing program that includes all formats: stories, novels, poetry, songs, plays or screenplays. We will do writing in-class and provide space for students to share their work aloud if they choose to do so. We begin each class with the "flow writing" method which helps with writing of all kinds and helps develop each student's unique, individual voice.

RECREATION

BASKETBALL CONDITIONING

Tuesday & Thursday 3:15-4:30

Longtime King coach, Coach Doc, will be leading a year-round opportunity for basketball conditioning. Run skill drills, play scrimmages against each other, and have fun!

****Must have Athletic Forms on file****

CHEER & DANCE

Tuesday & Thursday 3:15-4:30

Join our Cheer & Dance team led by Coach Sharde-- Learn fun routines, perform at school events and sports games at King, and build a great group of friends through amazing teamwork!

****Must have Athletic Forms on file****

COBRA CREW!

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 4:30-5:45, Wednesday 4pm-5:45

After a long day at school, what better way to unwind than spending time on the Blacktop with your friends? Play pickup basketball, enjoy the sunshine, and embrace being outside! Starts at Snack Time everyday.

RECREATION

GAME ROOM

MTTHF 3:15-5:45 & Wednesday 2:30-5:45

Located in S1, the Game Room is a space for playing pool, ping pong, foosball, board games, making friendship bracelets, or just socializing on our comfy couches.

****STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE GAME ROOM FOR ONE BLOCK PER DAY****

HIP HOP DANCE

Wednesday 2:30-4

Join us for a Hip Hop dance class taught with an African American vibe! This class is open to students of all levels and abilities. Taught by Amanda Warhuus, an African American woman who grew up in the Berkeley Schools, her dance class is all about embracing culture through choreography and urban song choices. Her class is all about building positive energy and creating a safe space that is accessible to anyone, Amanda challenges people to try their best by having fun with who they are. There are usually at least one or two challenging components to the choreography, encouraging students to push themselves and feel confident without becoming overwhelmed. Everyone is welcome to join Amanda and feel proud and accomplished in their dancing!

MARTIAL ARTS

Friday 3:15-4:30

Join experienced martial arts instructor, Mark Sensei, for Kickboxing and Self-defense training every Friday! This is a highly interactive class relying heavily on partner-work and pad-work. Learn the techniques of karate & kickboxing, how to safely use the equipment, and gain experience in other styles of martial arts. All levels of experience are welcome, there is a place for everyone!

SOCCER CLUB

Friday 3:15-4:30

Calling all soccer fans! Join the Soccer Club on Fridays to learn the fundamentals of the game, build your skills, and fall in love with soccer. Led by experienced soccer player and instructor, Nitzan Yerovam, you're guaranteed to have a great time every Friday!

****Must have Athletic Forms on file****

RECREATION

TENNIS

Beginning: Monday 3:15-4:15

Intermediate: Wednesday 2:30-3:30

Learn the fundamentals of tennis w/ Coach Carlton! Play against evenly matched opponents, develop your tennis skills, & have fun enjoying the fresh air!

****Must have Athletic Forms on file****

TEAM SPORTS

Various times throughout the week

LEARNS offers 11 seasonal sports after school! Tryout and practice days will be announced close to each season. If you have a late practice, please stay on campus and sign-into a LEARNS program until your practice begins. Always remember to sign-out at S1 when your practice is finished.

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FALL: Cross-Country, Girls Volleyball, Flag Football, Soccer, Girls Basketball

WINTER: Boys Basketball, Boys Volleyball, XC Winter Conditioning

SPRING: Track & Field, Baseball, Softball, Ultimate Frisbee

YOGA

Monday 3:15-4:30

Malachi Leopold is an experienced Yoga instructor and community leader. He will lead students on a journey to improve their strength, flexibility, mindfulness, while reducing stress and other harmful ailments plaguing our students. Participating in Malachi's Yoga class will help our students feel better connected to their own bodies and to their communities.