

MINI-COURSES

Switching Gears 2014

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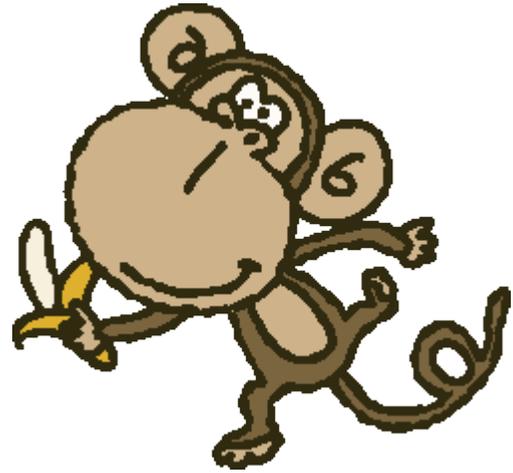
Montessori School Of Ithaca

120 E. King Rd. Ithaca, N.Y.

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June 2nd - 6th

9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.



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Scenery - Marjorie and Dawn

Our job is to create wonderful scenery for our school musical. We need creative, careful and fun-loving students to accomplish this very important job. Your names will be listed in the program on performance night.

DOUBLE SESSION

Ages: UL

Max: 16 students

Needle Felting - Linda

It's fun and easy! Learn the basic skills and discover all the creative ways to make lovely cute animals by using felting needles and wool. Together we will make bears, chicks, rabbits, etc. These furry friends make great gift ideas, too!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 12 students

The Great White Way - Ryan

Learn, sing, and even accompany tunes from the Great American Songbook. All voices and instruments welcome. We'll cover Broadway show songs from the most famous musicals in Broadway history!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 25 students

Save the Monkeys! - Marianne M

Learn to sew a handmade monkey. Our playful troop of monkeys will be stuffed and decorated with buttons and embroidery stitches! Join us and learn some basic sewing stitches and take home a playful monkey with a bright yellow banana!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 10 students

Wacky and Weird Animals! - Scott

We will explore the world of wacky and weird animals. Each participant will pick and research one or more weird animals of his or her choice developing a presentation to be given to the group at the end of the week. The activities will include making habitat dioramas and research using books and computers. Come and discover real animals that are as weird as the Pushme-pullyu and share them with your friends!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 14 students

Games for Animal Movement - Gary

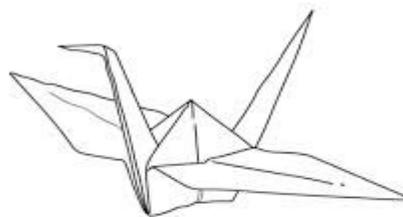
Play animal games like Fox & Hound, tail tag and other outdoor games with Gary. Come dressed to play and bring your water bottle.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 20 students

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Creature Quest! - Deb

We will look at larger-than-life mythical creatures like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster, and of course, the Giant Pink Sea Snail. You will create and name your own mythical creature. You will decide and describe where it lives and develop stories surrounding the sightings of your creature.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 12 students

Imaginary Animals - Jeff

First we will explore combining animals using collage. We will create finished projects based on these recombinant animals. This is a technique that was used by the Surrealists. Then comes the fun part. Using a technique called water based lithography we will reprint these images on printing paper and watercolor paper.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 8 students

Culinary Travels With Dr. Dolittle - Patrice

Experience the foods of Puddleby as we make some tea time pastries and then travel to the Canary Islands to enjoy some native foods. We'll try our hand at making hardtack for a long sea voyage then head off to the circus for a tasty treat. (Not vegan/gluten free.)

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 12 students

Origami Migration - Katri

Join me in creating a traveling kaleidoscope of colorful origami animals that will migrate through our school! Each day we will work together to fold a specific origami animal. Can we collectively fold 100 per day? Each group of animals will be mounted on a wall at EAC where, with the help of our community, we will be able to migrate as an interactive installation.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 10 students

Animal Care Community - Karen

Dr. Dolittle knew how to cure sick animals by communicating with them in their languages. How do veterinarians care for sick and injured animals and how do they communicate with them when they cannot speak their languages? Let's learn from veterinarians and other animal specialists, just how to care for furry, feathered and finned friends! We will leave campus some days.

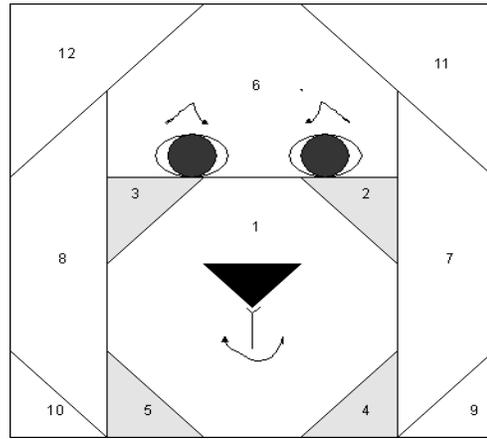
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Micro-Circus Making - Stephen

Come one, come all, to the smallest show on Earth! Inspired by Alexander Calder and, of course, our friend Doctor Dolittle, we will make tiny circuses that fit in a suitcase! Using wire and recycled materials we will create mini-environment three ring shows that can travel with you!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 10 students

Animal Talk - Marianne P.

We will be exploring how animals talk! What parts of their bodies do they use besides their mouths and throats to make their voices heard? What in the world are they saying? We humans can mimic lots of sounds. Lets see if we really can "talk with the animals!" Pick a favorite animal and learn their language so you can say, "Hello, how are you today?"

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 10 students

Quilted Animals - Becky & Jackie Booth

Learn how to take triangles, rectangles and squares and create an animal shape. You will use a quilt pattern and end up with a quilted square of an animal.

JL/UL

Max: 12 students

Animal Band - J.P.

Discover the relationship between the animal kingdom and the music world. We will sing songs about animals, learn about bands with animal names, and create our own songs in tribute to our favorite animals.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 12 students

Felting - Laura B

Explore the art of felting wool to make a gaggle of felted animals. We will use kid-friendly materials like Kool-Aid to dye some of the wool bright colors for use in our animals. Both needle and wet felting techniques will be used to create Gub-Gub the pig, Too-Too the owl or any other of Dr. Doolittle's animals completely out of colorful wool from sheep.

Ages: JL/UL

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Sock Puppets & Pals - Cindy Rice

Using a pattern and our creative minds we will transform socks into sweet animal friends. Maybe you'd like a monkey or a special frog pal!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 10 students

Softball - Ryan

Join in a week-long Softball frenzy! We'll practice batting, fielding, running, FUNdamentals, and play games every day. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen or a hat, and a glove if you have it. Let's have some fun!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 20 students

Frisbee Exploration - Gary

Practice your Frisbee technique and play all sorts of throwing games! Short pass, long pass, pivot, and fake—you're sure to love them all! Don't forget your water bottle and some sunscreen.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 20 students

Popsicles - Mia Reilly

Beyond fruit juice...striped popsicles, with fruit or shapes suspended inside! Learn the history and have fun experimenting, creating and playing with these frozen treats! All foods offered will be gluten free and vegan.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 24 students

The Power of One - Marianne M.

Ever find your friends laughing at or doubting one of your BEST ideas? You wouldn't be the first to find this happening. Explore the idea that just one person can have a huge impact in his/her community through watching and discussing 4 popular films: *Whale Rider*, *Chicken Run*, *Remember The Titans*, and *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Activities will focus on self awareness, confidence, and negotiating skills. Learn when to hold and when to fold!

Ages: JL Lions/UL

Max: 10 students

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Peter and Jane go to Spain - Angela

An American Family moves to Spain for one year. Their children will be attending a Montessori School there. Join Peter and Jane in this wonderful journey and learn Spanish with them.

Ages: JL/UL Max: 10 students

Origami - Linda

Do you love to make origami? Origami is the art of paper folding. We will learn to make geometric folds and crease patterns. We will make lotus flowers, cranes, pinwheels, etc. Creations can be used as beautiful ornaments and decorations as well.

Ages: JL/UL Max: 10 students

Words in your Body - Sarah Jefferis

Words in your Body, Words in your Skin -- Act out and recite animal poems. From lightning bugs to tigers, we will learn to use words that make us wiggle and crawl and leap for prey, food, and fun.

Ages: JL/UL Max: 20 students

3 on 3 Basketball - Scott & Stephen

If you like to play basketball this course is for you! Our time together will focus on the FUNdamentals of playing basketball. We will work on passing, dribbling and shooting skills as well as other basics of the game. We will end the week with a friendly tournament playing with teams of three players. The emphasis is on fun, friendly playing together and enjoying the great game of basketball!

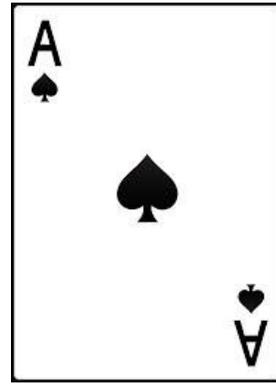
Ages: JL/UL Max: 24 students

More Imaginary Animals - Jeff

We will explore making 3D versions of imaginary animals. Starting with collage we will explore using cardboard, newspaper, and glue to create a 3D and textural creation.

Ages: JL/UL Max: 10 students

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Ukrainian Eggs - Laura B

Experiment with the art of resist dying to create at least one Ukrainian egg. Use traditional tools to apply wax in a design to the surface of an egg and then dye the egg vibrant colors. Eggs can be made into ornaments or mobiles and kept forever.

Ages: JL Lions/UL Max: 8 students

ROCK ON! - Karen

Come create an EACMSI Rock Garden. We will visit local rock gardens, go rock hunting, paint rocks and design and establish a rock garden on our campus. Come prepared with walking shoes as we will be outside. EAC Rocks!

Ages: JL/UL Max: 10 students

Card Games - Becky

Children will learn card games and have a chance to play each other. On the last day of class children are invited to bring in their own favorite games.

Ages: JL/UL Max: 12 students

Paper Flowers - Deb

We will use paper to create beautiful flowers and small animals. Explore a variety of folding and cutting techniques to create a floral bouquet.

Ages: JL/UL Max: 8 students

T-shirt Bonanza! - Patrice

Tired of your t-shirts and want to make something new? Bring in five t-shirts you don't mind dying, painting, stenciling or batiking and we'll make them fun!

Ages: JL/UL Max: 12 students

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Double Sessions

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Hiking - Becky & Jackie Booth

We will hike the beautiful trails around Ithaca. These trails can be challenging, and require good shoes and drinking water. We will only cancel our hike if there is torrential rain that does not look like it will stop. It is advisable to have an extra set of clothes at school. Bug spray and sunscreen are recommended.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 12 students

Racquetball - Aziz Kommel

Learn to play racquetball at the YMCA. You will learn racquetball skills and employ those skills in a game. Come for fun and the joy of learning something new. A tournament completes the week.

Ages: 8 and older

Max: 10 students



Kayaking - Becky Robinson & Zoe Hare

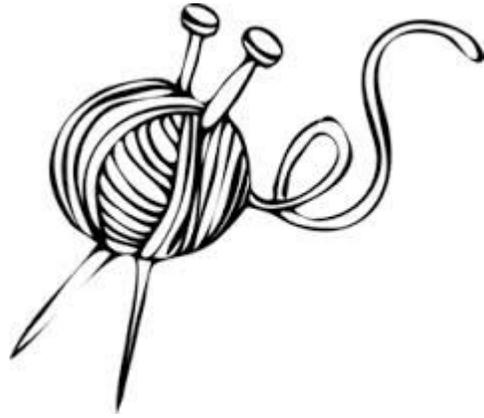
Learn to paddle a kayak. Boating safety will be emphasized. By week's end you will be able to control a kayak and explore the calm waters in the Cayuga Inlet. A type II or III life jacket will be worn at all times. Becky not only enjoys kayaking, she is a rowing coach at Ithaca College and has an extensive background in boating safety. Zoe loves helping with this course and does it year after year!

Ages: UL

Max: 6 students

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Knitting I - Katri

Learn the basics of knitting...casting on, garter stitch, and changing yarn color. Create a fun project of your choice: fingerless gloves or a striped ball!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 6 students

Soccer - J.P. & Carolyn Booth

Enhance your skills and knowledge of the sport with J.P. and Carolyn through stretching, ball exercises, and scrimmage games. Learn the importance of team work and communication while having fun playing soccer! Bring your water bottle as well as shin guards and cleats if you have them!

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 16 students

Got Cupcake? - Mia Reilly

Join me for a week of a cupcake a day! Big ones, small ones, red ones, blue ones - our imaginations are the only limit to what we will create! (Not vegan/gluten free.)

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 10 students

Ancient Alphabets - Alli

Students will take the first step towards learning two ancient languages -- ancient Greek and Sanskrit -- by studying their respective alphabets. We will practice recognizing, reading, and writing letters, then words and phrases. We'll discuss some basic features of each of the two cultures, and students will choose a famous phrase or motto to analyze, write out, and keep.

Ages: UL

Max: 8 students

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EAC Carwash - Liz

You all learned about being "Goodness Guerillas" in Extended Day and it is time to get to work. Let's surprise several EAC teachers by cleaning their car inside and out. We will be using super duper shop vacuums, squeegees, sponges, buckets, polishing cloths, and a hose! Join us if you're willing to work, have fun, get wet, and make some lucky teachers very happy.

Ages: EXT/JL

Max: 16 students

Cooking Desserts - Patrice

Join us as we learn how to make some delicious treats! Chocolate Mousse, Strawberry Shortcake, Chocolate Lava Cakes, Berry Pavlova and Home Made Ice Cream are some of our ideas! Learn some good kitchen practices and head home with some recipes you can teach your parents.

All ages

Max: 18 students

Tennis - Gary & Jeff

Come play tennis in a fun learning environment. Participants will practice and review their skills through drills and games on tennis courts located at Ithaca College. Racquets and balls will be provided, but you may bring your own. Water, sunglasses, hat, and sunscreen are required.

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Artist Trading Cards— Laura B.

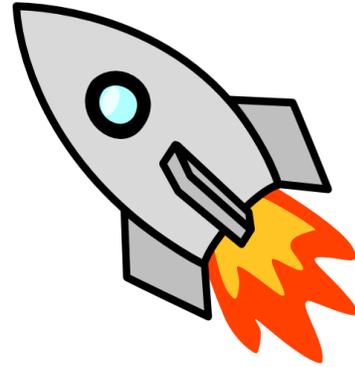
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International Dances —Linda

Get ready to move, dance, and sweat! Learn and explore different styles of international, folk, circle, and line dances. We'll travel around the world, through Israel, South Africa, Russia, Mexico, and many more places. Join me in the fun, and create your very own folk dance.

All ages

Max: 16 students

Chasing Dreams & Memories - Sarah Jefferis

Breathe life into old memories on the page. Make them come alive. Change the outcome. Chase down the patterns in your dreams. Inquire about the images that come alive when you sleep. Write out the stories of all the selves you have.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 12 students

Yummy Vegan/Gluten Free Treats—Amie Hamlin

Join me and learn to make a variety of vegan and gluten free goodies. We'll make smoothies, chia pudding, cookies and other yummy treats.

All ages

Max: 10 students

Toy Rockets — Matthias Liepe

We will build our own toy rockets and launch pads. We will launch our rockets outside and find out how high they can fly. You will learn what rockets are used for, how they look on the inside, and what makes them go.

Ages: UL

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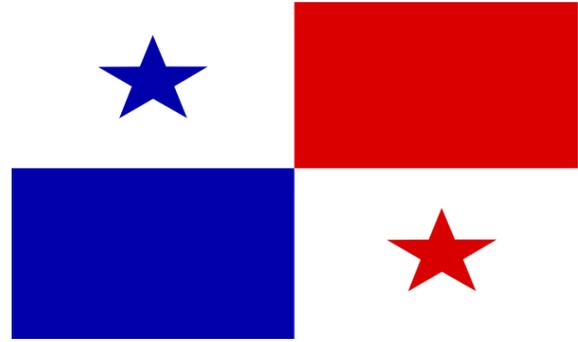
Water, Worms, Woods = WOW! - Cindy Rice

Life surrounds us in the most un-suspecting places. We will take a look in the pond and see if we can find invertebrates, go to the woods and discover the FBI, and look underground to discover if worms see. Please bring shoes that can get wet.

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Recycle the Planet Sculpture - Marianne P.

Using recycled materials, we will work together to create a large original sculpture. You'll be able to create your own small sculpture, too. Along the way we'll explore other famous modern artists. Wear clothes to get messy and bring a gallon sized baggie with cast-offs from your spring cleaning. Pom-poms, pencils and small toys welcome.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 12 students

Let's All Go To Panama - Kathrin

Explore art and culture from Panama and learn about the indigenous Kuna people, who have been maintaining their culture and language for centuries. The Kuna women dress in colorful clothes called "mola". Explore geometric shapes and create your own mola with paper, glue and scissors. At the end of the week we will share artwork and a tasty treat.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 10 students

Team Building - Michael Bianconi

We will learn the value of working as a team while practicing cooperation and communication skills. Each day will start with warm up and stretches to get your blood flowing and your mind focused. You will do team building exercises that present mental and physical challenges followed by an informative and thought provoking debrief session. You will learn specific skills and play fun and safe sports as a group.

Ages: UL

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Mosaic Madness - Marjorie

Make a small mosaic composition using leftover materials like pebbles and glass. You will learn to design the piece and glue everything together using the same deep blue grout that is on our donor wall.

Ages: UL

Max: 12 students

Knitting II - Katri

This class is for children with previous knitting experience (knowledge of casting on, knit and purl stitches and more). A variety of techniques and stitch patterns will be presented. Children may choose from a selection of independent projects.

Ages: JL/UL

Max: 8

Exploring Phi - Chris Glaubitz

What do the rings of Saturn and a pineapple have in common? Phi! What can your pinkie tell you about the Parthenon? Phi! It's a letter, a number, a relationship that can be found in nature and in the creations of humans over the ages. Come explore Phi as we derive it, discover it, use it and eat it.

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Latin and Romance Languages - Alli

Examine how one language, Latin, became several other modern languages including Spanish, French, and Italian. We'll also look at the geography and culture of countries that came about as a result of the Fall of the Roman empire.

Ages: UL

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Ages: UL

Max: 10 students

The Naturalist Notebook - Sarah Jefferis

Fill your notebook with sketches and words from the natural world as we take guided walks around the school. Watch ants. Feel the wind. Listen to the birds. At the end we will write letters of gratitude to mother earth.

Ages: UL

Max: 15 students

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Ages: JL/UL

Max: 10 students

Fairy Houses - Donyan

Create a fairy house using natural materials, recycled materials or anything you want to bring from home. This is your chance to create a small dwelling for your sneaky garden fairies or gnomes. We will have an opportunity to share our fairy houses with primary students on the last day of this mini-course. A fun time of pure imagination will surely be had by all!

All ages

Max: 10 students

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Secret Languages - Kathrin

Codes have been used throughout history by spies, governments or the military to keep information secret. Learn about codes and cyphers, invisible ink and how to encode and decode messages. And while we're at it, how about inventing your own coding system?

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Ages: JL/UL Max: 8 students

Dynamo Dynamics - Cindy Rice

Learning about leadership, cooperation, and communication is made fun when you play. Find your inner leader as we use a variety of games and challenges to form a great group dynamic.

Ages: UL Max: 12 students

Pond Study -Jenni Cunningham-Ryan

Are you a nature lover? If so, then join me at the pond for a week of fun! We will make observations of flora and fauna, write and draw in our science journals, and learn about the pond community. Plan on getting a little wet and dirty as we collect samples of pond life to study! Appropriate shoes and clothing required. Please bring a notepad, writing utensils, colored pencils, and good cheer!

Ages: JL/UL Max: 10 students

Seashores & Oceans - Scott

If you think that you will be visiting the seashore this summer, this course is for you! We will investigate the vertebrates and invertebrates that inhabit the seashore as well as journey out into the ocean realm.

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