

A Friend From Outer Space!

Ms. MacKenzie

Alien Philosophy! We will read and discuss The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint Exupéry, a fable about a French Pilot who crashes in the Sahara Desert and meets a little boy from another planet. As the pilot tries to fix his plane before he runs out of water and time, the Little Prince tells his story, where he came from, why he came to Earth, and what he has learned along the way. Students will get to add to the story with encounters that such a traveler might have in our own time, along with new illustrations and ideas. We may compare this story with other writers' visions of extra terrestrial encounters and philosophies.

While this book was written in French, we will use an English translation, so students do not have to take French to enjoy this seminar.

All Good News

Mr. Bates

The "All Good News" seminar will create 3-4 video web casts that will only report on news we really want to hear. Students will research school, local and world news that will then be turned into a 30 minute news broadcast through video. I am in need of actors, actresses, directors, and of course some savvy computer skilled students. The mission of this seminar is to gather and disseminate positive news stories that put a smile on everyone's face.

Arguing for America: Truth v. Lies

Mr. Martin

Who is right? ...Republicans or Democrats? ...CNBC or Fox? ...Palin or Obama? ...YOU or ME?

Do you like to argue? Then this seminar is for you. We're going to argue about American history and politics. Using both the current presidential election and Howard Zinn's A Young People's History of the United States, we're going to debate topics from both the "left" and "right" points of view. We will learn how to argue effectively through the art of debate: how to form and prepare for a debate, how to rebut an argument, how to win a debate.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu 101

Mr. Williams

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu was created by Helio Gracie at the beginning of the twentieth century as a form of martial arts that centers on ground skills, leverage, and patience. The goal in BJJ is to control one's opponent on the ground using a series of holds and locks. It is the ultimate physical chess match, favoring the opponent who is calm and calculated.

During this seminar students will learn the basics of no-gi Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. No-gi simply refers to the fact that we will be learning without the traditional Jiu-Jitsu uniform, known as a gi. **This seminar is only open to boys. Participants must have clean gym shorts without pockets, a mouth guard, and protective cup. Participants should expect to exercise each seminar.** We will use Royler Gracie's Brazilian Jiu Jitsu: Submission Grappling.

CCLCS and the Silver Skates

Ms. Kast

What better way to beat the winter blues than to embrace a wonderful winter sport! This seminar is going to be reading Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates on Tuesdays (perhaps while drinking hot cocoa), and will be heading to the ice rink on Thursdays to skate ourselves! It does not matter if you are a human Zamboni (can't skate at all), can only skate forwards, or are a competitive skater or hockey player- this seminar can be for you. Rental skates are available. In order to purchase ice time, there will be a \$25 fee attached to this seminar. Scholarships are available to families who may need it.

Challenging the Mind

Ms. Wilkinson

Here's a challenge! Now, how are you going to solve it? You may need to design and construct something, or maybe you need to get your acting hat on and perform a wild skit, or perhaps you are just going to have to solve it in another creative way. This seminar is all about challenging your mind and creative problem solving. Most challenges will be tackled in small groups, and there is definitely a little competition involved. You need to be willing to think outside of the box, be active, and work with others to solve and accomplish some bizarre challenges.

Fun with Fractals!!!!

Ms. Novak

If you like art, nature, science, history, ham radio, and/or math, you will love this seminar! What is a fractal? In this seminar, we will be finding out. Fractals are geometric patterns that can be used to describe what we see in nature. We will be doing many different types of activities in this seminar which will include art, science, nature, computer, and mathematical activities. We will read some from Benoit Mandelbrot's books Fractals: Form, Chance, and Dimension, and The Fractal Geometry of Nature, and watch Nova's Fractals, Hunting the Hidden Dimension. Students will be given the opportunity to design and create their own visual piece to demonstrate an aspect of fractals that appeals to them.

Hunger Games

Ms. Woods

"May the odds be ever in your favor!" Come and join this seminar and we'll read and discuss the wildly popular The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins. We will not only read the book (or books), but we will also create our own challenges, build a board game, try our hand at archery (like Katniss!), and then go see the movie when it comes out.

Kids Can Write For Kids, Right?

Mr. Stewart

Over the course of this seminar, students will take a closer look at children's literature, with a focus on picture books for younger kids. We will spend time reading representative works from several genres, hold 'book club' style discussions, and then create our own works, inspired by the originals. A few areas of concentration will be: alphabet books, counting books, wordless picture books, historical fiction, and books about Cape Cod. We will look at different techniques for illustrating as well, and will have some freedom to explore. Students will be provided with a selection of blank books to choose from.

Mock Trial

Mrs. Donnan

Students in Mock Trial Seminar learn the procedures, relevant case law and stipulated facts of a case prepared by the Massachusetts Bar Association. Working with Attorney Ben Zehnder and alum Molly Pechukas-Simonian, students will be given a real case, become lawyers and witnesses and prepare to bring the case to court. They will argue the case in local courtrooms with live judges, and face teams from other schools. It is an incredible opportunity to work with teammates to pull the facts in evidence together and create a working defense or prosecution!

Music Man/ School Musical

Ms. Allie

This year our school musical is The Music Man!! We have pre-auditioned this show, so you will already know if you are in it. Even if you have already been given a role in the musical, please make sure you fill out this form with your other choices. Looking forward to a great performance!

Preschool Book Buddies

Ms. Harden

During the "Preschool Book Buddies" seminar we will work with the Family School and read to children between the ages of three and five years. Each seminar student will be matched with two "book buddies" to read to each week. We will visit the Library on Tuesdays to take out books that coincide with their "buddies" interests and subjects that are being covered by their teachers. The Family School looks forward to our visit each week, and it is sure to be a good time for all!

Shells as Art - Beach Combing and Art

Mr. Trull

We will use various realms of literature as we explore both the coastal environment and the great writers who have described it. Among these Henry Beston's Outermost House and Rachel Carson's The Edge of the Sea. We will collect shells and create shell designs and sculptures. This seminar will be a great seashore adventure, exploring the coastlines of Cape Cod and collecting organic gifts that have washed ashore.

Songs That Make You Want to Read

Mrs. Hemeon-McMahon

Do you have a favorite song? It may be based on a book, a poem, a play, or some other work of literature. Come join us and find out! The idea for this seminar comes from the CD series "Songs Inspired by Literature," which was recorded by many popular musicians who formed a partnership called "Artists for Literacy." The first part of the seminar will involve exploring some of the songs written specifically for those CDs; we will listen to them and then read excerpts from the books that inspired them. The second part will have students researching his or her own favorite songs to see if any were based on literature, and finally the third part of the seminar will involve the students trying their hand at writing lyrics for a song inspired by a favorite book. So, if you love music and books, don't miss this opportunity to celebrate both in "Songs That Make You Want to Read!"

Stock Market Game

Mr. Scichilone

This year in the Stock Market Seminar, students will be working together in groups of two with a virtual \$100,000 in "seed money" to invest. Using the Stock Market Game website and the Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens, teams will learn basic research skills, creating portfolios where they can trade or buy stocks. This is a fun way for students to learn math skills (charts, money, percents and ratios), improve their financial literacy, sharpen their research skills, keep up with current events and use teamwork to see who can invest the best! The game will rank teams not only against each other but against other teams nationally.

The Chronicles of Narnia

Ms. O'Leary

In this seminar students will read and listen to several books in the Chronicles of Narnia series, starting with Book 1 (The Magician's Son). After reading several chapters at a time, students will discuss, analyze, and evaluate the development of the various plots, settings, characters, and themes. Throughout the Seminar, students will create character representations, flags, and a larger than life map of the many worlds within the Chronicles. Finally, students will read about C.S. Lewis and his own background as a writer.

The Giving Experiment

Ms. Patterson

Have you ever noticed how the simplest acts of kindness can produce a great feeling within? Do you think that if you challenged yourself to a seven week-long 'giving' experiment, you could shift the energy around you? Why not give it a try? Using the book 29 Gifts as our guide, we will read real-life "giving stories," will practice creating positive intentions and will keep a journal of our own gift giving moments. Gift giving in this experiment is meant to be simple; it can be anything from spare change, saving a piece of cake for your brother, a compliment, a note to a friend. We will also practice **yoga + meditation** to develop more self-awareness and a compassionate connection to others and to the world around us. Become part of a fun, heart-opening movement. GIVE A LITTLE EACH DAY. MAKE A BIG IMPACT.

Tim Burton's "Nightmare Before Christmas"

Ms. Greenwood

Students will learn about Tim Burton's unique style of storytelling using concepts and images in creative ways. They will learn about Burton's amazing creative process as they read The Nightmare Before Christmas. They will also create drawings and sculptures inspired by Burton's favorite concept of the child within us who loves to be scared and finds wonder at the same time. After creating unique characters with watercolor, markers and modeling clay, they will use Stop-Motion Animation to create a short, collaborative animated production. Students will be evaluated by their creative efforts and participation.

What We Learn from Wolves

Ms. Graham-Pye

Wolf Empire, a beautiful photographic record of the life of a pack of wolves, will serve as the anchor for this seminar. We'll explore wolves' roles in myth, legend, and literature; learn about wolves' recovery from near extinction and current threats to their survival. This seminar combines reading, art, writing and music. Our own Mr. Trull will be a guest teacher during some of our time together and we'll take a field trip to meet the wolves of Wolf Hollow. Most of all, we'll see what we can learn from wolves and our own lives interacting with the "human pack."

Writing Chinese Characters

Mr. Tichnor

Students in this seminar will learn about Chinese language, arts and culture. The main focus will be on the artisrty of writing Chinese characters- an ancient craft that goes back centuries!

Also, we will read from the book Chengli and the Silk Road Caravan, which is set in China in 630 B.C.E. It is about a thirteen year old boy who is traveling on the Silk Road in search of his father. Along the way he meets and loses friends, faces down bandits and desert winds, and saves a princess - everything you could ask for in a thirteen year old's adventure.

This seminar will be directed by Mr. Richard Tichnor, father of CCLCS 6th grader Logan.

Yearbook

Ms. Quenneville

Come join us to commemorate what is sure to be an incredible year. Yearbook staffers will capture all of the fun and excitement that is CCLCS through digital photography, interviews, and creative ingenuity. If you enjoy taking pictures, asking questions, and scrapbooking this is the seminar for you.