

Green Leaf Academy Course Descriptions 2021

Period 1

Course Name	Description
Computers: Intermediate/ Advanced Game Development with SCRATCH - Grade 4-8	Students will learn the computer program SCRATCH and create real games that use concepts such as high scores, lives, and scene creation. After working on several tutorials with the teacher, students will have the opportunity to create and share their games. This class will culminate with students demonstrating some basic fundamentals of non-graphical programming using a more traditional text editor. These skills will lead to a foundation for Python and Visual Basic, which are used by software engineers. Students will also benefit from keyboarding practice and learning keyboard shortcuts that will strengthen their general computer skills.
Science Rocks! - Grade 1-3	In this class Young Scientists will learn that hands-on science is fun! Easy hands-on science projects will be created using items easy to find in our households and at the supermarket! As Geologists we will make our own jelly bean rocks, egg geodes, and models of the Earth's layers! We will learn how to use dish soap to create a witches brew and make a tornado in a bottle! Popcorn will dance inside a glass with just a few simple ingredients, and we will see how sound waves work using colored sprinkles! Students will build a marshmallow catapult out of skewers and design their own homemade lava lamp with cooking oil and food coloring! The possibilities and fun are endless in this class. Come join us as we make Science Rock!
Book Club - Grade 4-6	Students will dive into favorite classics of children's literature. This course will offer students the opportunity to expand their comprehension skills through practicing common core reading strategies that focus on a text's key ideas and details. Students will answer questions and draw inferences, recount key events, summarize text, and demonstrate in-depth knowledge of story elements. Interactive activities such as Readers' Theatre will enhance oral fluency and comprehension. This class is a combination class that is appropriate for students in grades 4,5, 6. Some homework will be assigned. Students will be reading the following book: Book TBD
Grade 2-3 Math	Math instruction is provided through hands-on and discovery methods. This course is designed to demonstrate that math can be fun when you explore concepts with visuals and manipulative objects. Students will participate in math activities related to patterns, fractions, addition, subtraction, geometry and graphing. This course is appropriate for students entering 2nd grade, and for students needing a review of 2nd grade concepts before entering 3rd grade. Homework may be assigned on an as needed basis.
Pre-Robotics - Grades 5- 8	Pre-Robotics will introduce girls and boys to the exciting world of Robotics. No previous experience is required, so new and returning students are welcome. Students will design and build multiple configurations using pre-robotic and Robotic kits, such as the VEX Robotic Kit where students can build and remote control scarabs, spiders and other insects that come to life! This class will be a student-centered fun way to acquire the knowledge and skills that are

	needed to succeed in STEM education (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). By enrolling a child in this class, the parent gives consent for photographs to be taken of students during class to share with class participants and to promote the Green Leaf program.
Grasshoppers-Grade 1	The Grasshoppers class provides a rich academic curriculum of all core subjects: reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and the arts. Children will jump for joy as they experience a summer full of entry level first grade skills taught in an engaging manner. This class is designed for students entering the first grade and who will benefit from receiving instruction with the same teacher all four (4) periods. Students entering grade K may take this class with the approval of the Director.
Grade 1 Math: Building Confidence	Math instruction is provided through hands-on and discovery methods. This course is designed to demonstrate that math can be fun when you explore concepts with visuals and manipulative objects. Students will participate in math activities related to patterns, fractions, addition, subtraction, geometry and graphing. This course is appropriate for students entering 1st grade, and for students entering 2nd grade who would like to review 1st grade math skills. Homework may be assigned on an as needed basis.
Science in Action: Perform Amazing Experiments! - Grades 5- 8	You will make a volcano explode, make soda shoot over 20 feet high, create slimy Goo, grow crystals, and learn why baking soda and vinegar cause a chemical reaction. Have you ever wondered why some objects glow in the dark? We have a number of fun science experiments and strange edible science projects jam packed into this class. Students will learn the basic principles of science and chemistry, and will analyze reactions from our actions! This class involves many hands-on experiments. This class will teach you to love Science
Art Grades 1-4	Student artists will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of artistic materials, techniques, and genres. Through a wide variety of age-appropriate projects, student artists will learn more about the basics of art, how to use materials, principles of design, composition theory, color mixing, and how to really look at a work of art. They will use their knowledge to express themselves and to interpret the colorful world around them. Green Leaf Artists will finish the class with a portfolio that will showcase what they have learned.

Period 2

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<p>Science Rocks! - Grades 2-4</p>	<p>In this class Young Scientists will learn that hands-on science is fun! Easy hands-on science projects will be created using items easy to find in our households and at the supermarket! As Geologists we will make our own jelly bean rocks, egg geodes, and models of the Earth's layers! We will learn how to use dish soap to create a witches brew and make a tornado in a bottle! Popcorn will dance inside a glass with just a few simple ingredients, and we will see how sound waves work using colored sprinkles! Students will build a marshmallow catapult out of skewers and design their own homemade lava lamp with cooking oil and food coloring! The possibilities and fun are endless in this class. Come join us as we make Science Rock!</p>
<p>Book Worms - Grades 1-2</p>	<p>Young readers will receive instruction in phonics, phonemic awareness, oral fluency, and comprehension strategies. They will participate in interactive discussion groups using texts from world-class children's literature. The focus of this class will be on the application of effective reading strategies as part of comprehension instruction, as well as enrichment, enjoyment, and appreciation for high quality literature. Students will participate in a variety of creative projects to enhance their comprehension skills and deepen the understanding of that week's text. Students will leave this class armed with more effective reading strategies. This class is appropriate for students entering grade 1 or students needing a review before moving onto grade 2. Homework may be assigned on an as needed basis. Students will be reading the following book: to be determined</p>
<p>Math: - Grades 3-4</p>	<p>Common Core Standards have set new heights for student learning! The standards now require that students are able to solve math problems in a variety of ways, using illustrations, writing math equations, and verbal explanations. Not only will students need to develop better conceptual understanding of math, but they must also be able to apply these skills to real life situations. This class focuses on problem solving skills and will assist students in the application of the academic language needed to thoroughly explain their thinking. Students will learn the tools they need to be more successful on the annual standardized Smarter Balanced Test Consortium (SBAC) assessment and will be more confident in explaining their solutions! Topics will include decimals, fractions, rounding, geometry, multiplication, and division. This class is appropriate for students entering 3rd grade and students needing a review of 3rd grade concepts before entering grade 4. Some homework is assigned as a requirement of this class.</p>
<p>Pre-Robotics - Grades 5- 8</p>	<p>Pre-Robotics will introduce girls and boys to the exciting world of Robotics. No previous experience is required, so new and returning students are welcome. Students will design and build multiple configurations using pre-robotic and Robotic kits, such as the VEX Robotic Kit where students can build and remote control scarabs, spiders and other insects that come to life! This class will be a student-centered fun way to acquire the knowledge and skills that are needed to succeed in STEM education (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). By enrolling a child in this class, the parent gives consent for photographs to be taken of students during class to share with class participants and to promote the Green Leaf program.</p>
<p>Grasshoppers - Grade 1</p>	<p>The Grasshoppers class provides a rich academic curriculum of all core subjects: reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and the arts. Children will jump for joy as they</p>

	<p>experience a summer full of entry level first grade skills taught in an engaging manner. This class is designed for students entering the first grade and who will benefit from receiving instruction with the same teacher all four (4) periods. Students entering grade K may take this class with the approval of the Director.</p>
<p>Young Writers are Real Authors - Grades 1-3</p>	<p>In this class students are encouraged to learn to write by using their imagination. They will create a series of short stories just as published authors do. Each week a new piece of literature is introduced. Students will read stories, and then create their own story utilizing the writing process. The students will read/share their own creations and discuss what they have written--since now they are the authors!</p>
<p>Strategic Reading: - Grades 5-8</p>	<p>Middle school teachers have increased their use of expository texts within the curriculum due to the mandates of the Common Core Standards (60% expository/informational: 40% narrative/story). In addition, middle and high school teachers routinely assign students to read lengthy content materials independently, to take notes, and to prepare for a test on facts from within the textbook.</p> <p>In this class, you will learn to be more independent and effective in applying reading strategies to content materials so that you can be more successful. We will address how to locate and restate the key ideas of a passage or lecture, then how to recast these ideas as notes in a format that will help you study for the test more effectively--both independently and with a study partner. We will examine key root words and terms within the academic vocabularies of math, social studies, and science and learn to solve word analogies. We will analyze the types of comprehension questions that are most challenging for you and learn how to respond more effectively to these questions.</p>
<p>Science in Action: Perform Amazing Experiments! - Grades 4- 6</p>	<p>Do you love Science? Have you ever wanted to make your very own Volcano? Well, in this class you will make a volcano explode, make soda shoot over 20 feet high, create slimy Goo, grow crystals, and learn why baking soda and vinegar cause a chemical reaction. Students will learn the basic principles of science and chemistry, and will analyze reactions from our actions! This class involves many hands-on experiments. This class will teach you to love Science.</p>
<p>Art Grades 1-4</p>	<p>Student artists will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of artistic materials, techniques, and genres. Through a wide variety of age-appropriate projects, student artists will learn more about the basics of art, how to use materials, principles of design, composition theory, color mixing, and how to really look at a work of art. They will use their knowledge to express themselves and to interpret the colorful world around them. Green Leaf Artists will finish the class with a portfolio that will showcase what they have learned.</p>

Period 3

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Computers: An Intro to SCRATCH Programming Language: Create Animations & Games - Grades 3-5	Students will learn the fundamentals of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Learn to Code programming language called SCRATCH. Students will create their own characters and scenes using the real computer code embedded within the SCRATCH programming language. Students are expected to have some previous computer use and will enjoy the daily keyboarding warm-ups before we SCRATCH!
Science Rocks - Grades 1-3	In this class Young Scientists will learn that hands-on science is fun! Easy hands-on science projects will be created using items easy to find in our households and at the supermarket! As Geologists we will make our own jelly bean rocks, egg geodes, and models of the Earth's layers! We will learn how to use dish soap to create a witches brew and make a tornado in a bottle! Popcorn will dance inside a glass with just a few simple ingredients, and we will see how sound waves work using colored sprinkles! Students will build a marshmallow catapult out of skewers and design their own homemade lava lamp with cooking oil and food coloring! The possibilities and fun are endless in this class. Come join us as we make Science Rock!
Book Worms - Grades 2-3	Young readers will receive instruction in phonics, phonemic awareness, oral fluency, and comprehension strategies. They will participate in interactive discussion groups using texts from world-class children's literature. The focus of this class will be on the application of effective reading strategies as part of comprehension instruction, as well as enrichment, enjoyment, and appreciation for high quality literature. Students will participate in a variety of creative projects to enhance their comprehension skills and deepen the understanding of that week's text. Students will leave this class armed with more effective reading strategies. This class is appropriate for students entering grade 2 or students needing a review before moving onto grade 3. Homework may be assigned on an as needed basis. Students will be reading the following: to be determined
Math Grades 4-5	This class will explore key mathematical concepts that form the basis of a solid mathematical foundation. Some concepts that will be included are fractions, decimals, percentage, rounding, geometric shapes, perimeter, circumference and more. This course is appropriate for students entering the 4 and 5th grade. Some homework is assigned as a requirement of this class.
Pre-Robotics - Grades 2- 4	Pre-Robotics will introduce girls and boys to the exciting world of Robotics. No previous experience is required, so new and returning students are welcome. Students will design and build multiple configurations using pre-robotic and Robotic kits, such as the VEX Robotic Kit where students can build and remote control scarabs, spiders and other insects that come to life! This class will be a student-centered fun way to acquire the knowledge and skills that are needed to succeed in STEM education (science, technology, engineering and

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<p>Grasshoppers - Kindergarten - Grade 1</p>	<p>The Grasshoppers class provides a rich academic curriculum of all core subjects: reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and the arts. Children will jump for joy as they experience a summer full of entry level first grade skills taught in an engaging manner. This class is designed for students entering the first grade and who will benefit from receiving instruction with the same teacher all four (4) periods. Students entering grade K may take this class with the approval of the Director.</p>
<p>Cooking Up Healthy - Grades 1-3</p>	<p>Join us for a fun and exciting adventure into the world of cooking and learning about healthy eating. Students in this class will make a variety of healthy snacks. We will be introduced to the vocabulary of cooking while using safe kitchen strategies. Students will have the opportunity to practice math skills while measuring and learning more about fractional parts. We will improve reading comprehension skills during recipe decoding. Note: This class is <u>not</u> appropriate for students with dietary restrictions, as we will eat what we cook.</p>
<p>Strategic Writing: Expository Writing Skills I - Grades 6-8</p>	<p>Middle school students have many homework and in-class writing assignments that require a quick start and a well organized product whether the assignment is an essay, a short explanatory paragraph, or a poem. Because of the changes in curriculum due to the Common Core Standards and the state writing assessment in grade 7, being able to write effectively in varying genres is critical. In this class you will learn strategies for quickly organizing your ideas and getting them down on paper in a cohesive manner. We will use a variety of prewriting strategies as we write each day; then learn more about editing and genre as we select pieces to finalize for our Writer's Notebook. As we examine exemplars, you will learn more about the ways published authors make their point, select perfect words to bring meaning to the reader, craft an effective sentence, and select a format/genre that enhances meaning..</p>
<p>Science in Action: Perform Amazing Experiments! - Grades 3-5</p>	<p>Do you love Science? Have you ever wanted to make your very own Volcano? Well, in this class you will make a volcano explode, make soda shoot over 20 feet high, create slimy Goo, grow crystals, and learn why baking soda and vinegar cause a chemical reaction. Students will learn the basic principles of science and chemistry, and will analyze reactions from our actions! This class involves many hands-on experiments. This class will teach you to love Science.</p>
<p>Art Grades 5-8</p>	<p>Student artists will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of artistic materials, techniques, and genres. Through a wide variety of age-appropriate projects, student artists will learn more about the basics of art, how to use materials, principles of design, composition theory, color mixing, and how to really look at a work of art. They will use their knowledge to express themselves and to interpret the colorful world around them. Green Leaf Artists will finish the class with a portfolio that will showcase what they have learned.</p>

<p>Musical Instruments & Singing Grades 1-8</p>	<p>Music plays an important role in the daily lives of human beings. Nearly every elevator and every restaurant pipes in music that someone else has selected. Nearly everyone has a car radio, a tv, or a computer that plays music. Sometimes we ignore this background music, but sometimes it strikes a chord in us and we pay more attention. We even make our own playlists for our devices so that we can hear our favorite songs over and over. Students in this class will listen to a wide variety of age-appropriate lyrics/music from a variety of genres as a way to examine and learn more about their personal musical favorites. They will explore musical instruments and generate music using instruments and their own voices. We will replicate songs and sounds, learning more about how to sing, how to read music, and how to listen to music.</p>
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Period 4

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<p>Computers: Computers and Keyboards - Grades 1-4</p>	<p>Computers and Keyboards is a remarkable class that familiarizes students with the computer keyboard while introducing different key computer concepts each week. We will make slide shows, learn word processing fundamentals necessary to create documents, and create amazing illustrations using the mouse and keyboard. Students will learn the home row of the keyboard through daily practice and begin the process of becoming novice typers.</p>
<p>Science Rocks - Grades 2-4</p>	<p>In this class Young Scientists will learn that hands-on science is fun! Easy hands-on science projects will be created using items easy to find in our households and at the supermarket! As Geologists we will make our own jelly bean rocks, egg geodes, and models of the Earth's layers! We will learn how to use dish soap to create a witches brew and make a tornado in a bottle! Popcorn will dance inside a glass with just a few simple ingredients, and we will see how sound waves work using colored sprinkles! Students will build a marshmallow catapult out of skewers and design their own homemade lava lamp with cooking oil and food coloring! The possibilities and fun are endless in this class. Come join us as we make Science Rock!</p>
<p>Book Club - Grades 3-4</p>	<p>Students will dive into favorite classics of children's literature. This course will offer students the opportunity to expand their comprehension skills through practicing common core reading strategies that focus on a text's key ideas and details. Students will answer questions and draw inferences, recount key events, summarize text, and demonstrate in-depth knowledge of story elements. Interactive activities such as Readers' Theater will enhance oral fluency and comprehension. This class is a multi-level class that is appropriate for students in grades 3, and 4. Homework may be assigned on an as needed basis. Students will be reading the following book: Book TBD</p>
<p>Math/ Pre-Algebra Grades 6-8</p>	<p>Would you like to get a head start in this vital and exciting subject? Are you interested in strengthening the skills you already have in this area of math? The main purpose of this class is to develop key concepts that will eventually lead to success in algebra. Concepts covered include evaluating and simplifying numerical and variable expressions, integer</p>

	<p>exploration, algebraic properties, and algebraic equations utilizing whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. We will solve linear equations involving both positive/negative integers and graphing. Join in, and discover how exciting and interesting algebraic topics can be. This multilevel course is appropriate for students in the 6th and 7th grade. Some homework is assigned as a requirement of this class.</p>
<p>Chess - Grades 4-8</p>	<p>If you enjoy games of strategy and intellectual challenge, or if you just want to learn chess or improve your game, this class is for you! Kings, Queens, and Knights! Black, White! Strategy and logic! Playing chess develops mind power that helps you predict your opponent's moves. Beginners and experienced players are welcome to compete in our annual chess tournament. Students with parental permission may bring their own chess board to class; however, the student is solely responsible for the board. By enrolling a child in this class, the parent gives consent for photographs to be taken of students during class to share with class participants and to use to promote the Green Leaf program</p>
<p>Grasshoppers - Grade 1</p>	<p>The Grasshoppers class provides a rich academic curriculum of all core subjects: reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and the arts. Children will jump for joy as they experience a summer full of entry level first grade skills taught in an engaging manner. This class is designed for students entering the first grade and who will benefit from receiving instruction with the same teacher all four (4) periods. Students entering grade K may take this class with the approval of the Director.</p>
<p>Ocean Discoveries: Wonders of the Sea! - Grade 1-3</p>	<p>Ocean Discoveries is for our youngest Green Leaf Junior Scientists. Students in this class will take an amazing voyage into the depths, beauty, and mysteries of the ocean. They will discover the wonders of the sea as they engage in fun edible food activities, art projects, experiments, and literature. Young scientists will capture what they learn through art and writing activities.</p>
<p>Magical Word of Writing Grades 4-6</p>	<p>Writing is all around us! Everything starts with effective writing whether the final product is a newscast, a sports report, a play, a speech, a television ad, or a graphic novel. This class will introduce students to the magic of real world writing. We will examine exemplars from other authors and learn more about ways to select wording and to arrange sentences to have the desired effect on the reader/viewer. We will use a variety of strategies to organize ideas and present them to our classmates. Through Writers' Workshop and the steps of the Writing Process, we will conceptualize, generate, and refine products that are fiction (poems, short stories, cartoons, etc.) and non-fiction texts (news reports, interviews, etc.). Writing assignments and genres addressed are aligned with California and Common Core Standards. Some homework will be assigned.</p>
<p>Science in Action: Perform Amazing Experiments! - Grade 5-8</p>	<p>Do you love Science? Have you ever wanted to make your very own Volcano? Well, in this class you will make a volcano explode, make soda shoot over 20 feet high, create slimy Goo, grow crystals, and learn why baking soda and vinegar cause a chemical reaction. Students will learn the basic principles of science and chemistry, and will analyze reactions from our actions! This class involves many hands-on experiments. This class will teach you to love Science.</p>

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Musical Instruments & Singing Grades 1-8	Music plays an important role in the daily lives of human beings. Nearly every elevator and every restaurant pipes in music that someone else has selected. Nearly everyone has a car radio, a tv, or a computer that plays music. Sometimes we ignore this background music, but sometimes it strikes a chord in us and we pay more attention. We even make our own playlists for our devices so that we can hear our favorite songs over and over. Students in this class will listen to a wide variety of age-appropriate lyrics/music from a variety of genres as a way to examine and learn more about their personal musical favorites. They will explore musical instruments and generate music using instruments and their own voices. We will replicate songs and sounds, learning more about how to sing, how to read music, and how to listen to music.

Afternoon Block A

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Math Skills Booster- Grades K-8	Students who select this module will develop additional strategies for success in mathematics. We will conduct informal assessments to determine needs. Parents will be asked to submit current math papers and to complete a questionnaire that asks for areas of difficulty students are experiencing in school. Students will be paired with a small group needing similar types of skill development. We will work to develop more effective strategies for solving word problems, will increase math vocabulary, and will build additional skills by engaging with a variety of math concepts and materials. We will have some fun with creative problem solving and will work on solutions for non-routine problems. Since instruction will be more individualized, there is an extra charge for the Skills Center modules.
Reading/ Writing Skills Booster- Grades K-8	Students who select this module want to reinforce reading and writing skills and continue to develop effective strategies over the summer. We will conduct informal assessments to determine needs. Parents will be asked to submit current school writing samples and to complete a questionnaire that asks for areas of difficulty students are experiencing in school. Students will be paired with a small group needing similar types of skill development. We will work to further develop comprehension, vocabulary, and spelling. We will study how poems and short informational texts are written, then create our own. We will build reading fluency and test our writing skills through active participation in plays and partner dialogues. Since instruction will be more individualized, there is an extra charge for the Skills Center modules.

Social Club - Grades K-8	Be flexible, and you can work on a different project each day that you are part of this Club! Options include working in the computer lab on a variety of projects or use computer applications designed to enhance your knowledge of math facts and reading skills. You can gather a partner or two to play a board game like Checkers, Scrabble, or Backgammon. You can challenge yourself to solve a logic puzzle, put together a giant jigsaw puzzle, or sew/glue/construct a craft project. Or-- you can sit in a comfy chair and relax with your favorite book. We have instructors to assist with all of these engaging options, but the choice is yours.
Sports and Games Club - Grades K-8	Students who select this module are interested in learning more about the world of sports and games, including how to be an effective competitor both on and off the field. We will play a variety of games as a means of developing additional skills for competition. Sometimes, we will challenge ourselves individually by improving conditioning and practicing separate skills needed to participate in a variety of sports. We will alternate outdoor physical activity with indoor board and partner games as a means of staying cool on a hot day. (Note: On extra hot days, games may include getting wet.)
Music Club - Grades K-8	Music plays an important role in the daily lives of human beings. Nearly every elevator and every restaurant pipes in music that someone else has selected. Nearly everyone has a car radio, a tv, or a computer that plays music. Sometimes we ignore this background music, but sometimes it strikes a chord in us and we pay more attention. We even make our own playlists for our devices so that we can hear our favorite songs over and over. Students in this class will listen to a wide variety of age-appropriate lyrics/music from a variety of genres as a way to examine and learn more about their personal musical favorites. They will explore musical instruments and generate music using instruments and their own voices. We will replicate songs and sounds, learning more about how to sing, how to read music, and how to listen to music.

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