

**EMC<sup>3</sup> Program Descriptions**  
**Spring, 2015**  
**Grade 3**

Please select your four top choices, numbering 1 through 4. February 25, 2015

\_\_\_\_\_ **Keeping a Nature Journal:** Practice really, really observing! Rain or shine we will go outside. We will walk and look at nature up close. We will draw and write our observations in a nature journal. We will research what we find and learn how to follow keys for identification. Multigrade. Teachers: Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Baldwin

\_\_\_\_\_ **Readers Theater:** Join other students to bring words to life through this class. Combine acting with reading with expression to present a story in a whole new way. Teachers: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Holland. Room 133. **Open to grade 3.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Braingle:** Do you love brain teasers? Do you enjoy finding solutions to riddles, logical problems, optical illusions and math puzzles, including Greg Tang puzzles? Increase your creativity, critical thinking skills and boost learning power, while putting your brain to the ultimate challenge! You will get the chance to create and break secret codes and become fascinated with solving mysteries. Every week you will be presented with a new complex challenge. Get ready to improve your memory and attention as you give your brain a hearty workout with Braingle! (Brain/Tangle) Teacher: Ms. Unangst. **Open to grade 3 only.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **JLG Club:** Love to read, but tired of being *told* what to read? This is the EMC for you! Come spend some time relaxing and reading books that you *feel like* reading! There'll be novels, picture books, graphic novels and more! Did you know that every month our school gets in boxes of *new* books from the Junior Library Guild? And you can be the first to read and enjoy them! You can read with friends or read alone! *In here, you get to choose!* You'll also get to write reviews for the JLG website OR record a video review for the JLG website! Teachers: Ms. Kelliher and Mrs. Chapman **Open to all grades.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Smash Book:** Are you a collector of memories? Do you hang onto ticket stubs, awards, brochures from experiences you've had? Do you have precious photographs that represent special people, events and memories? Then, SMASH these memories into a book! In this course, students will document their personal history by creating a scrapbook journal of all they have done, and by daring to dream of what they have yet to do. Smash Book will provide you the time, space and materials to use a collection of scrapbooking and journaling techniques to document your most precious memories and dreams! Teachers: Mrs. Corkhum and Ms. Henry. **Open to all grades.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Check Mate!** Chess for anyone and everyone! Join the Chess Club whether you are an expert or beginner chess player. You will learn the different pieces of the game, strategies to increase your level of play, and challenge others players in our club. (Chess is also great to increase your focus, patience, and planning ... but all we care about is that it's FUN!) Feel free to bring your own chess set to EMC<sup>3</sup>. Teacher: Mr. Pestone and Ms. Bradford **Open to all grades**

\_\_\_\_\_ **LEGO Mania:** Are you a student who LOVES building and creating objects with LEGOS? Do you like to work cooperatively with a partner and share new building ideas with your classmates? If so, then this is the EMC class for you! In LEGO Mania, we will spend time designing and building new projects each week. We will play LEGO games, learn LEGO building techniques, and MORE! This is a purely “hands on” class – no pencil and paper required! Teacher: Ms. Jordan. **Grade 3 only**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Animal Adventures!:** Do you love everything about animals? Do you want to know more about different species? Would you like to express your knowledge about animals through reading, writing, and math projects? If so, ANIMAL ADVENTURES is right for you! Teacher: Mrs. Massari **Grade 3 only**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kindness Squad:** Are you passionate about making a difference? Do you enjoy projects that focus on making others feel good? Are you wondering how you can be an EVEN BETTER member of the Deer Hill community? If you answered yes to these questions then the Kindness Squad is for YOU. Come and join this exciting group where students will learn about acts of kindness from around the world and the importance of being kind all while developing their own kindness project to be implemented at Deer Hill. This group is mainly for 3rd and 4th graders however in the spirit of kindness we would happily accept 5th graders too! Teacher: Mrs. Costa

\_\_\_\_\_ **Word Wizards:** Do you like playing with words? Join us for a variety of fun games and activities with words and word parts. Play Bananagrams, Chicktionary, create a comic strip with your original Greek or Latin super hero, have fun with idioms and homophones and much more. There is something for everyone. All grades welcome! Teachers: Mrs. MacDonald, , Ms. Young