

Creative Core & Curriculum 2025–2026

Bringing Character, Curiosity, and Community to Life!

Each month, our afterschool program embraces a new theme that builds social-emotional skills, encourages creativity, and celebrates student voice. Here's what your child will be exploring this school year:

AUGUST

Get to Know You & Site Expectations

We kick off the year building connections through team games, icebreakers, and fun activities that help children learn routines and create a positive, respectful site culture together.

SEPTEMBER

The Invisible Backpack (*New Theme*)

Students explore the emotions we all carry and the importance of empathy, kindness, and awareness. Through stories and crafts, they'll personalize their own “invisible backpack” as a way to share and understand feelings.

OCTOBER

The Energy Bus

All aboard the positivity train! This month focuses on spreading encouragement, respect, and leadership. Students create “positive energy” posters and learn how to bring good vibes wherever they go.

NOVEMBER

The Hard Hat

Gratitude and teamwork take center stage as kids dive into the story of being a great teammate. They'll create personal gratitude journals and explore how to support and celebrate one another.

DECEMBER

Holiday Fun (*Site-Planned*)

Each site gets to showcase its own creativity with holiday-themed activities and celebrations. From festive crafts to winter treats, it's a joyful time for community-building and seasonal cheer.

JANUARY

One Word

Instead of resolutions, each student chooses one powerful word to guide their year. They'll design their own "One Word" boards and share goals with peers in a supportive and inspiring way.

FEBRUARY

Reflections of Me (*New Theme*)

This month is all about identity, uniqueness, and self-love. Through creative mirror crafts and "I Am" poetry, students will reflect on what makes them special and celebrate who they are.

MARCH

The Curious Why

We spark curiosity and celebrate questions! Kids create "Curiosity Jars," write down wonderings, and explore activities that encourage critical thinking, exploration, and discovery.

APRIL

The Magical YET

We focus on perseverance and a growth mindset. Through inspirational displays and planting activities, children learn that even if they can't do something **yet**, they're always growing.

MAY

End-of-Year Fun!

We wrap up the year with reflection, celebration, and play! Students receive special recognition and enjoy classic outdoor fun to celebrate all they've learned and achieved.

Want to Learn More?

Check in with your site leader to hear how your child's group is engaging with each month's theme!