

Redding School of the Arts II  
 2011-2012 Elective Schedule, Selection, and Policy  
**Grades 3 through 5**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Trimester**

The elective program is an enrichment opportunity for children who are successful in the regular academic program. Its purpose is to allow students to experience and explore different aspects of Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) and/or focus on a particular interest. The second through fourth grade students are required to take at least one art elective class during the school year. To enrich the thematic units, art will be included during the academic day by the homeroom teacher for first through fourth grade students.

Course descriptions are on the back of this form and on our website ([www.rsarts.org](http://www.rsarts.org)) to help with your child's selection. Please keep in mind that many elective programs require a monetary commitment by parents, as well as specific dance clothing, shoes, instruments and / or instrumental books. Classes are offered on the basis of the enrollment of 15 or more students. Some electives will require teacher approval before enrolling.

**Student Expectations**

To maximize learning within the elective program, the following expectations must be met.

1. Maintain a passing grade in all classes.
2. Maintain school wide citizenship standards.
3. Material fee classes must be paid before the end of that trimester. Alternate arrangements may be made at the discretion of the administration.
4. No changes in the elective schedule during the first week of the new trimester. Students will not be allowed changes after the second week of the trimester.
5. Active participation in afterschool and/or evening performances expected (may affect final grade).

**Please number the elective class in the order of your choice (1, 2, 3, 4) in the column to the left of the desired class.  
 Please number each column separately!**

**Electives are processed oldest to youngest in date received order.**

#	Monday / Tuesday	#	Wednesday / Thursday / Friday
	<b>Caldecott Art (\$20.00 materials fee)</b>		<b>Caldecott Art (\$25.00 materials fee)</b>
	<b>Mosaics (\$30.00 materials fee)</b>		<b>Mosaics (\$35.00 materials fee)</b>
	<b>PE</b>		<b>PE</b>
	<b>Strings / Fiddle 2 (Instructor Approval Only)</b>		<b>Strings / Fiddle 1</b>
	<b>Harp</b>		<b>Spanish, Cooking &amp; Nutrition</b>
	<b>Contemporary Dance</b>		<b>Contemporary Dance</b>
	<b>Drama 2 (Instructor Approval Only)</b>		<b>Drama 1</b>
	<b>Study Skills (Administrator Approval Only)</b>		<b>Ready, Set, Sing</b>
	<b>Tumbling</b>		<b>Tumbling</b>

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Next year's Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the above & return it to your child's teacher by Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Elective Classes**  
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**Caldecott Art:** The Art of Children's Literature: Discover the art in Caldecott Award winning children's picture books. Learn about the artists who create these books and the techniques they use. Try your hand at making art that shares themes or techniques with these extraordinary artists.

**Mosaics:** If you like to putting puzzles together, this may be just the class for you! We will use a variety of materials to create historically theme-related projects using organic materials found in nature, paper, glass, clay, and tiles. We will continue to build art vocabulary to discuss student and historical art work. There is a \$25.00 materials fee for this class.

**Strings / Fiddle I:** This class will include instruction in the fundamentals of string technique for beginning level students. We will have fun exploring music styles and selections while building technical skills, memorization skills, musicianship and an introduction to musical notation. Students will need to purchase a "Suzuki" volume one book for violin with C.D. and "All for Strings" book one for violin by Anderson and Frost. These books are available at Mike's Music or the Brass Reed in Redding. Some violins are available for student use through R.S.A.

**Strings / Fiddle II: (instructor approval required):** This exciting class will be a continuation of building technical skills while exploring different genres of music including fiddling. The students are given the opportunity to experiment with different instruments including, viola, cello and bass. Depending on skill level and experience, the students will need to purchase a "Suzuki" violin book volume one with C.D. or bring the level they are currently at to class. For an introduction to music reading we will use "All for Strings" book one for violin. I will provide all fiddle material. Some instruments are available through R.S.A. for student use. The books are sold at Mike's Music and The Brass Reed in Redding.

**Harp:** This class will include instruction in the fundamentals of Harp technique for beginning level students. We will have fun exploring music styles and selections while building technical and memorization skills, musicianship and an introduction to musical notation.

**Contemporary Dance:** An exciting class that combines ballet, lyrical, jazz and modern dance with movements that are outside the realm of classical dance technique.

**Physical Education:** Students will participate in aerobic activities to strengthen their cardiovascular system. Games will be introduced and skills taught to enable students to be a successful participant. This class is held primarily outside so please dress according to weather! This class promotes healthy lifestyle; eating and physical activity.

**Drama 1:** Students will develop skills in drama by using their body, voice and imagination to create characters, animals, and objects that they have observed.

**Drama 2: (INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED)** Students will learn beginning to intermediate theatre techniques and vocabulary. An excellent class for those wanting to enhance their skills on stage as they learn to evaluate characters and scripts, create a character by study, imagination and technique, learn about blocking and stage techniques, vocal techniques, working together as a team and performing with and for their peers. Parent participation is expected for the spring performance through involvement in the Theatre Booster Club. There is a \$25 materials fee.

**Tumbling:** Students will experience various types of floor movement including but not limited to tumbling. Class will consist of stretching/conditioning as well as basic dance steps (with correct terminology) and combinations put to music. The tumbling will consist of forward rolls, handstand roll downs, backward rolls, cartwheels, back bends, and any other skills that the instructor feels the student is ready to attempt. This class is designed for beginning to intermediate levels.

**READY, SET, SING! Vocal Adventures 1A–** Frogs, Dogs, Trains and Planes are just some of the ridiculously fun things we'll be singing about in this choir class. Songs like "The Bull Frog", "Flix Are For Kids", "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "Casey Jones" are just a few of the tunes we'll sing together. We'll also learn how to sing better, louder, stronger and longer. If singing is your thing, then this class is a must for you!

**Spanish, Nutrition, and Cooking:** This class will focus on cooking, nutrition, and basic Spanish vocabulary, with a day a week for each subject. The cooking portion of this course will be the second stage in learning to cook and prepare meals. The Spanish portion will be learning basic Spanish vocabulary through games and interaction. The nutrition will focus on getting children to understand the importance of healthy food in their lives. There is a \$25.00 fee for this class.

