

Neenah Middle School Summer School Course Offerings 2025

For direct questions about summer school for incoming 5th-8th graders, please contact our coordinators:

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> <u>June Term:</u> June 9-26, 2025 Monday - Thursday

<u>July Term:</u> July 14-31, 2025 Monday - Thursday

Neenah Middle School offers summer school courses to give students the opportunity to expand their learning throughout the summer. We aim to provide a learning environment that fosters the growth of healthy peer relationships, academic growth and a positive mindset.

Providing two Terms this summer school session allows you the opportunity to add more variety to your students summer schedule. Please note that courses that run in both June and July are duplicate courses. We encourage you to sign up for different courses each Term.

Daily attendance, a positive attitude, and consistent effort are expected.

Registration for BOTH Terms will open <u>February 24th, 2025 at 7:00 AM</u>
 The deadline for registration is March 24, 2025

2025 Neenah Middle School - Summer School Course Offerings June Term

5th/6th Gr. Math Enrichment w/ Ms. Bohm

Schedule: 8:00 - 9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5 & 6

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: This course will focus on preparing students for 5th and 6th grade math! Students will especially focus on the following topics: place value, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing whole numbers, fractions, decimals, rounding numbers, conversion between fractions to decimals (and vice versa), and long division. We'll make sure to include a few fun math games to enhance current skills and build the new skills we're learning!

5th/6th Gr. Reading Enrichment w/ Ms. Brenner

- Schedule: 8:00 9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
 - 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5 & 6
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: This course is focused on enhancing reading skills during the summer break, focusing on strengthening foundational reading abilities like phonics, fluency, comprehension strategies, and vocabulary development, often incorporating engaging activities and diverse texts to keep students motivated and actively engaged with reading.

7th/8th Gr. Math Enrichment w/ Ms. Dahn

Schedule: 8:00 - 9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 7 & 8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: The Math Enrichment course for 7th and 8th graders is a dynamic summer school program designed to deepen students' mathematical understanding and foster a love for learning. This course will cover a variety of math topics, engage students in real-world problem-solving, and enhance critical thinking skills through interactive activities, games, and collaborative projects.

7th/8th Gr. Math Enrichment w/ Mr. Olson

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 7 & 8

Location: Neenah Middle School

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All About the Outdoors w/ Ms. Schuh

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

- Open to: Grades 5 & 6
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Are you excited to spend your summer exploring the great outdoors? Join us for a class where you'll learn essential survival skills, including shelter-building. We'll embark on nature walks to discover decomposers and dive into journaling in the peaceful outdoors. You'll also be able to observe and identify local wildlife by tracking animals and birdwatching. We'll explore the interconnectedness of nature by studying food webs and even play the fun and educational predator-prey game. Get ready for an adventurous, hands-on experience this summer!

Around the World w/ Ms. Patri & Ms. VerVoort

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Grab your passport as we explore and celebrate the diverse cultures of the world! From the Americas to Africa, Europe and Asia to Australia, come join us on a "traveling" adventure! Activities will include lessons, songs, foods, crafts, and games from around the globe.

Block-Based Coding & Robotics w/ Micro: Bit & Finch w/ Mr. Krueger

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 6-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Dive into the exciting world of coding and robotics using the BBC micro:bit and Birdbrain Finch! In this hands-on class, you'll use your student Chromebook and our hardware to learn block-based coding, bringing digital creations to life through interactive projects and fun challenges. Whether you're making LEDs flash, sensors react, or robots move, you'll explore the power of code in a creative and engaging way. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity and get ready to code, create, and innovate! Intermediate and advanced coders are also welcome to take on independent, self-driven coding projects using the same hardware.

Bounce Back - Resiliency Skills w/ Ms. Lasee

Schedule:	8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26			
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Open to:	Grades 5-8			
Location:	Neenah Middle School			
Description:	Teaches resiliency skills, learn about feelings, coping strategies, problem solving, empathy, positive self-talk, etc. Students will also create their own "calm down kits" that they can take home.			

Canva Creators: Design, Innovate & Express w/ Ms. Koehler

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Unlock your creativity and learn the art of graphic design with Canva Creators: Design, Innovate, and Express! In this course, students will explore the powerful design tools of Canva to create stunning visuals for school projects, social media, and personal expression. From learning the basics of layout and typography to mastering advanced features like animation and collaboration, this hands-on course is perfect for anyone looking to bring their creative ideas to life. Whether you're a beginner or have some design experience, you'll leave with a strong portfolio of designs and the skills to tackle any project that comes your way. Join us to create eye-catching posters, presentations, social media graphics, and more—all while having fun and expressing your unique style!

Creative Makerspace w/ Ms. McCauley

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Are you creative? Do you like to solve problems and express your ideas? Join us this summer for an engaging and dynamic class that blends creativity with critical thinking. In this class, students will explore innovative approaches to problem-solving through hands-on activities, collaborative building and art projects, group games, and imaginative writing exercises.

Dance Club w/ Ms. Justmann

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: This course will teach you the basics of dance. After reviewing the basics of dance we move into learning skills, as well as skill combos. We then move into learning a routine, and we were able to dance and have a showcase last year for family and friends to join to perform for them!! Students will also learn team building activities, interactive games, crafts, as well as how to tutorial dance buns! The club will be a great way to learn, but also make new friends along the way!

Disney Guru w/ Ms. Justmann

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
 - 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-8

- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description:
 - Do you love all things disney?? Well so do I-as a disney adult I have been to disney over 20 times! Learning all the in's and out's of Walt Disney World will leave you feeling like a master of all things disney! We will do Disney-crafts, watch/discuss movies, short clips, fun facts, books, VR park tours, hidden mickey scavenger hunt, and plan an "itinerary" for an example trip to disney! Join for a magical adventure filled with lots of fun, laughs, and creativity!

French & Language Culture w/ Ms. VerVoort

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-7

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Students will learn basic vocabulary and explore the culture of French-speaking countries around the world. Activities include playing pétanque (an outdoor lawn-bowling game), crêpes (making and eating them!), music, art, and language games. Vive le français!

Game Development Using Scratch w/ Ms. Lim

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
 - 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Get ready for an unforgettable summer! Our Game Development Program for grades 5-8 is here, and it's perfect for all skill levels! Whether you're a beginner or a Scratch master, you'll dive into the world of coding to create amazing games like mazes, racing challenges, space battleships, and collector games. Learn about animations, sprites, and essential coding structures like sequences, conditions, loops, and broadcasts. Create solo-player or multiplayer games that you and your friends can enjoy together!

What kind of game will you create? Let your imagination run wild! 🤔 🎉

Handwriting Heros w/ Ms. Wacaser

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: This beginner-level cursive handwriting course is designed for students who are new to cursive writing. The course will begin going over the basics of handwriting, and then we will begin the foundational skills of cursive.

Harry Potter Appreciation w/ Ms. Sollitto & Ms. Patri

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Get your friends together and grab your wands before heading to Hogwarts

in this class.

All muggles have been accepted into Hogwarts and should report to the great hall for sorting. In this section of the class, after being sorted into houses, students will participate in Harry Potter activities such as care of magical creatures, herbology, transfiguration, defense against the dark arts with hands-on activities. These will culminate into larger games such as the Tri-Wizard tournament and Horcrux Hunt. Daily lessons and behavior all go towards cup points where at the end of the summer we'll have a winning house get the house cup.

Harry Potter Games w/ Ms. Sollitto

Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Wanting to watch Harry Potter movies, play Quidditch, and participate in other outdoor games? This new section of the Harry Potter course has been added to allow more time for students to be active (or watch the movies when bad weather arises). Come show off your quidditch skills or your board game tricks in this exhilarating extension of the Harry Potter courses. *Students should be signed up for Harry Potter 1 if they want to join the games portion of the class.

Hiking 101 w/ Ms. Anderson

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: A summer school course focused on teaching children about hiking and ensuring they know how to do it safely. This course would explore different state parks and popular hiking destinations, emphasizing the importance of plants and animals identification. Additionally, we could incorporate walks outside on school property to keep students active and engaged. I believe this course could be a wonderful opportunity to connect students with nature while promoting physical activity.

Inner Peace Painting w/ Ms. Miller

Schedule:	8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26		
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Open to:	Grades 5-8		
Location:	Neenah Middle School		

Description: This class will focus on acrylic paintings on canvas. We will be completing each painting as a class in a calm and quiet environment. If your student loves to paint and take their time paying close attention to detail then this class will be a great opportunity to fill up some of that extra summer time!

Intro to American Sign Language w/ Ms. Burroughs

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
 - 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 6-8

- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Learn basic signs and start understanding the grammatical structure of ASL. Students will learn a minimum of 100 signs to start communicating in ASL and the grammatical structure of ASL. Students will have the chance to practice both expressive and receptive ASL skills in this class. Classes are capped at 20 students per class, due to the attention the instructor needs to give to support the complexity of proper movement, placement, and expression of signs needed for accurate communication.

Intro to Rocks & Crystals w/ Ms. Anderson

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
 - 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: A summer school course focused on teaching children to identify different rocks and crystals. This hands-on approach would not only enhance their understanding of geology but also spark their interest in the natural world. Additionally, I suggest incorporating an experiment where students can grow their own rock candy crystals. This engaging activity will provide a fun and practical application along with maybe taking walks outside to see if we can find and identify different types of rocks.

Jackbox Games w/ Mr. Krueger

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 6-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Get ready for 90 minutes of fun, creativity, and friendly competition with Jackbox Games! In this class, you'll play a variety of hilarious and interactive party games that test your wit, drawing skills, and quick thinking. From trivia battles to creative storytelling, every game is a chance to outsmart, outdraw, or out-joke your classmates. Student Chromebooks & a sense of humor are

the only things needed! Games with Family-Friendly settings will be the only games played, ensuring a fun and appropriate experience for all students.

Leadership Lab w/ Ms. Koehler

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: This exciting and interactive course is designed to help students develop essential leadership skills in a fun, collaborative environment. Through engaging games, group challenges, and reflective journaling, students will gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to be an effective leader. Each day focuses on a different aspect of leadership, from communication to decision-making, time management, and beyond. Whether you're looking to become a better leader at school, in sports, or in your community, this course will equip you with the tools to lead with confidence and creativity. Learning Outcomes: Understand key leadership principles. Develop effective communication skills. Collaborate effectively in teams. Enhance decision-making and problem-solving abilities.Master time management and responsibility. Foster creativity and innovation. Set and achieve goals. Build public speaking confidence. Lead by example. Apply leadership skills in real-world scenarios.

Level Up: A Journey Through Video Game History w/ Mr. Laste & Mr. Zuleger

Schedule:	8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
	9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: "Level Up: A Journey Through Video Game History" In this engaging summer school class, students will explore the evolution of video games, from classic retro titles to modern masterpieces, while getting hands-on experience playing some of the most iconic games from each era!

Literacy Corner w/ Ms. Buechel

Schedule:	8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
	9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
	11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
Open to:	Grades 5-8
Location:	Neenah Middle School
Description:	

Students would have the freedom to read or write independently, in partners,

and in small groups in this class. This would be best fit for those who enjoy having a quiet, cozy place to sit and read/write.

Mathematical Art w/ Ms. Dahn

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
 - 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Mathematical Art is an innovative summer school course designed to inspire students to explore the fascinating connections between mathematics and visual creativity. This course will engage students in hands-on projects that incorporate mathematical concepts such as symmetry, geometric shapes, patterns, and fractals, allowing them to express their understanding of math through artistic creation.

Meteorology w/ Ms. Brenner

- Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: This class will provide a foundational understanding of the atmospheric processes that create weather, covering topics like atmospheric pressure, temperature, humidity, wind patterns, cloud formation, precipitation types, weather systems (including fronts and storms), and basic weather forecasting. Students will keep a daily weather log and learn to interpret weather maps, weather symbols, and basic forecasting techniques to analyze current and upcoming weather conditions. This course will offer students the chance to gain insight into the science behind everyday weather phenomena.

<u>Music Mania w/ Ms. Patri</u>

Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-8

- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Do you enjoy singing around the house? Do you love musicals or belting your favorite tunes in the ears of those around you? If so, come join this class! We will be watching and learning songs from a variety of musicals, singing karaoke to your favorite songs, and learning some new moves through Just Dance. Come sing your heart out this summer!

Neenah Boys Summer Running Program w/Mr. Morgen

- <u>Please note an exception for this course: it will run June and July including</u> <u>Fridays and will start a week earlier than other courses in July.</u>
- Schedule: 7:30-9:00, M-F, June 9-13, 16-20, 23-27
- Open to: Grades 6-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: The Neenah Summer Running Program is an exciting opportunity for boys, grades six through twelve, to have fun, build lifelong friendships, while also enhancing their strength, endurance, speed, and overall fitness.

Nurture Yourself: Personal Care Essentials w/ Ms. Wacaser

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: This course introduces middle school students to the fundamentals of cosmetology, including hair, skin, and nail care. Through hands-on activities, students will learn essential beauty techniques, hygiene practices, and the art of self-expression through beauty. Another important part of the course is the art of self-love, boosting confidence within yourself, and practicing mindfulness activities.

Online - ALEKS w/ Ms. Retzlaff

- <u>Please note an exception for this course: it will run June and July as a 6</u> week course instead of the separate two, three week courses.
- Schedule: M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, 23-26
- Open to: Grades 6-8
- Location: Online
- Description: This is for students who want to keep the skills they have as well as accelerate their mathematical learning. Students will work with the program ALEKS. There will be time for the student, if needed, to meet with the teacher.

Online - Intro to Math w/ Ms. Retzlaff

Schedule: M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-7

Location: Online

Description:

The virtual course will provide valuable skills practice to independent grade-level

workers. Skills to be covered are based on previous and upcoming curricula targets using Google Slides as the primary platform. There will be time for the student, if needed, to meet with the teacher.

Scrapbooking/Crafting 101 w/ Ms. Hietpas

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School

Join me for a variety of crafts. We will be dabbling in various crafts, including Description: yarn arts, paper crafts, slime, and much more.

Spanish w/ Ms. Hietpas

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Students will learn some basic Spanish, learn a little culture, make some crafts and eat a little food.

Star Wars Appreciation w/ Ms. Sollitto

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Students will explore a far away galaxy from a long time ago in this immersive summer school course. As an appreciation course, we will appreciate all things Star Wars. While the emphasis will be on the movies, there will be an incorporation of recent TV shows, novels, and comics. Students should expect to create, build, eat, play and watch all things STAR WARS in the course of each week. Highlights include: making death star pinatas, creating Chewbaca treats, building lego droids, and playing through a STAR WARS breakout game. The end of each day will be spent watching the movie. A knowledge of STAR WARS is not required but an interest for STAR WARS is appreciated.

STEM Explorers w/ Ms. Koehler

- Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School

Description:

Dive into the exciting world of science and engineering with STEM Explorers.

This hands-on program will spark curiosity and creativity as students explore key concepts in biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Through engaging experiments and fun challenges, students will: Observe cells under a microscope and extract DNA from strawberries. Observe cells under a microscope and extract DNA from strawberries. Simulate food chains and test bird beak adaptations. Get messy with oobleck, uncover the mysteries of chemical and physical changes, and experience chemical reactions. Investigate Newton's Laws by building balloon-powered cars and testing forces. Take on engineering challenges like the egg drop, boat buoyancy, and marshmallow towers. Each day combines learning and play, encouraging teamwork, problem-solving, and exploration of the world around us. This program is perfect for budding scientists and engineers who want to create, experiment, and have fun!

Strength & Conditioning w/ Mr. Eastman (Multiple Staff Members)

- Please note an exception for this course: it will run June and July as a 6 week course instead of the separate two, three week courses.
- Schedule:
 Grade 6: 10:30-11:50, M,T & TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

 Grade 7: 9:00-10:20, M,T & TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

 Grade 8: 7:30-8:50, M,T & TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

 Turf Toughness (Grades 6-8): 8:00-9:20, W, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 6-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: The program will focus on age-appropriate training designed to enhance: Technique: Building proper technique and functional movement is our main focus to keep participants safe. Strength: Building muscle endurance and functional strength. Agility: Improving speed, coordination, and reaction time. Flexibility: Promoting injury prevention through stretching and mobility exercises.

This & That w/ Ms. Hietpas & Ms. VerVoort

- Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School

Dabble with a little of this and a little of that in this hands-on summer course! Description: Themes include science, arts & crafts, games & puzzles, and cooking.

Uke Can Do It w/ Ms. Karollson

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Have uke ever wanted to learn the ukulele? Well now uke can do it! Learn the basic strumming patterns and basic chords. (Ukuleles will be provided, or feel free to bring your own!) Have fun singing and playing along. There will be plenty of music finger breaks throughout the course while learning music fundamentals. Learning is fun on the ukulele! Be the star, singing songs around the campfire throughout the summer. Uke can do it!

Unleash Your Inner Artist w/ Ms. Skeens

Schedule:	8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
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Open to: Grades 6-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Join us for a fun-filled crafting adventure designed for 6th-8th graders! Explore a variety of creative techniques, from whimsical mask-making to colorful friendship bracelets and exciting clay creations. Discover your artistic talents and have a blast making unique and personalized keepsakes. Let your imagination run wild!

Come and see what other fun it brings!

This description is concise and highlights the key features of the class:

- * Target audience: 6th-8th graders
- * Variety of crafts: Masks, friendship bracelets, clay work, and more!
- * Focus on creativity and fun: Unleash your inner artist, explore your talents.
- * Personalized keepsakes: Students will create unique items to keep.
- * Intriguing call to action: "Come and see what other fun it brings!"

VEX I w/ Ms. Retzlaff & Ms. Wheeler

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26
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Location: Neenah Middle School

In this course, students will use technical reading skills to build a vex robot Description: and then program it to complete desired tasks.

VEX II w/ Ms. Retzlaff & Ms. Wheeler

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, June 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26

Open to: Grades 6-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: This is the advanced building and programming course using VEX Robotics. Students will design and build complex designs and program their bots using various sensors to complete obstacles. The student should have previously taken VEX I.

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Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

- Open to: Grades 7 & 8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: The Math Enrichment course for 7th and 8th graders is a dynamic summer school program designed to deepen students' mathematical understanding and foster a love for learning. This course will cover a variety of math topics, engage students in real-world problem-solving, and enhance critical thinking skills through interactive activities, games, and collaborative projects.

All About the Outdoors w/ Ms. Schuh

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
 - 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 5 & 6

- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Are you excited to spend your summer exploring the great outdoors? Join us for a class where you'll learn essential survival skills, including shelter-building. We'll embark on nature walks to discover decomposers and dive into journaling in the peaceful outdoors. You'll also be able to observe and identify local wildlife by tracking animals and birdwatching. We'll explore the interconnectedness of nature by studying food webs and even play the fun and educational predator-prey game. Get ready for an adventurous, hands-on experience this summer!

Around the World w/ Ms. Patri & Ms. VerVoort

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Grab your passport as we explore and celebrate the diverse cultures of the world! From the Americas to Africa, Europe and Asia to Australia, come join us on a "traveling" adventure! Activities will include lessons, songs, foods, crafts, and games from around the globe.

Canva Creators: Design, Innovate & Express w/ Ms. Koehler

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Unlock your creativity and learn the art of graphic design with Canva Creators: Design, Innovate, and Express! In this course, students will explore the powerful design tools of Canva to create stunning visuals for school projects, social media, and personal expression. From learning the basics of layout and typography to mastering advanced features like animation and collaboration, this hands-on course is perfect for anyone looking to bring their creative ideas to life. Whether you're a beginner or have some design experience, you'll leave with a strong portfolio of designs and the skills to tackle any project that comes your way. Join us to create eye-catching posters, presentations, social media graphics, and more—all while having fun and expressing your unique style!

French & Language Culture w/ Ms. VerVoort

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-7
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Students will learn basic vocabulary and explore the culture of French-speaking countries around the world. Activities include playing pétanque (an outdoor lawn-bowling game), crêpes (making and eating them!), music, art, and language games. Vive le français!

Handwriting Heros w/ Ms. Wacaser

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: This beginner-level cursive handwriting course is designed for students who are new to cursive writing. The course will begin going over the basics of handwriting, and then we will begin the foundational skills of cursive.

Harry Potter Appreciation w/ Ms. Sollitto & Ms. Patri

- Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Get your friends together and grab your wands before heading to Hogwarts in this class.

All muggles have been accepted into Hogwarts and should report to the great hall for sorting. In this section of the class, after being sorted into houses, students will participate in Harry Potter activities such as care of magical creatures, herbology, transfiguration, defense against the dark arts with hands-on activities. These will culminate into larger games such as the Tri-Wizard tournament and Horcrux Hunt. Daily lessons and behavior all go towards cup points where at the end of the summer we'll have a winning house get the house cup.

Harry Potter Games w/ Ms. Sollitto

- Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Wanting to watch Harry Potter movies, play Quidditch, and participate in other outdoor games? This new section of the Harry Potter course has been added to allow more time for students to be active (or watch the movies when bad weather arises). Come show off your quidditch skills or your board game tricks in this exhilarating extension of the Harry Potter courses. *Students should be signed up for Harry Potter 1 if they want to join the games portion of the class.

Hiking 101 w/ Ms. Anderson

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School

Description:

A summer school course focused on teaching children about hiking and ensuring they know how to do it safely. This course would explore different state parks and popular hiking destinations, emphasizing the importance of plants and animals identification. Additionally, we could incorporate walks outside on school property to keep students active and engaged. I believe this course could be a wonderful opportunity to connect students with nature while promoting physical activity.

Intro to American Sign Language w/ Ms. Burroughs

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 6-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Learn basic signs and start understanding the grammatical structure of ASL. Students will learn a minimum of 100 signs to start communicating in ASL and the grammatical structure of ASL. Students will have the chance to practice both expressive and receptive ASL skills in this class. Classes are capped at 20 students per class, due to the attention the instructor needs to give to support the complexity of proper movement, placement, and expression of signs needed for accurate communication.

Intro to Rocks & Crystals w/ Ms. Anderson

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: A summer school course focused on teaching children to identify different rocks and crystals. This hands-on approach would not only enhance their understanding of geology but also spark their interest in the natural world. Additionally, I suggest incorporating an experiment where students can grow their own rock candy crystals. This engaging activity will provide a fun and practical application along with maybe taking walks outside to see if we can find and identify different types of rocks.

Leadership Lab w/ Ms. Koehler

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: This exciting and interactive course is designed to help students develop essential leadership skills in a fun, collaborative environment. Through engaging games, group challenges, and reflective journaling, students will gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to be an effective leader. Each day focuses on a different aspect of leadership, from communication to decision-making, time management, and beyond. Whether you're looking to become a better leader at school, in sports, or in your community, this course will equip you with the tools to lead with confidence and creativity. Learning Outcomes: Understand key leadership principles. Develop effective communication skills. Collaborate effectively in teams. Enhance decision-making and problem-solving abilities.Master time management and responsibility. Foster creativity and innovation. Set and achieve goals. Build public speaking confidence. Lead by example. Apply leadership skills in real-world scenarios.

Level Up: A Journey Through Video Game History w/ Mr. Laste & Mr. Zuleger

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
 - 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
 - 11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: "Level Up: A Journey Through Video Game History" In this engaging summer school class, students will explore the evolution of video games, from classic retro titles to modern masterpieces, while getting hands-on experience playing some of the most iconic games from each era!

Literacy Corner w/ Ms. Buechel

Schedule:	8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31				
	9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31				
	11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31				
Open to:	Grades 5-8				
Location:	Neenah Middle School				
Description:	Students would have the freedom to read or write independently, in partners, and in small groups in this class. This would be best fit for those who enjoy having a quiet, cozy place to sit and read/write.				

Mathematical Art w/ Ms. Dahn

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Mathematical Art is an innovative summer school course designed to inspire students to explore the fascinating connections between mathematics and visual creativity. This course will engage students in hands-on projects that incorporate mathematical concepts such as symmetry, geometric shapes, patterns, and fractals, allowing them to express their understanding of math through artistic creation.

Meteorology w/ Ms. Brenner

Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: This class will provide a foundational understanding of the atmospheric processes that create weather, covering topics like atmospheric pressure, temperature, humidity, wind patterns, cloud formation, precipitation types, weather systems (including fronts and storms), and basic weather forecasting. Students will keep a daily weather log and learn to interpret weather maps, weather symbols, and basic forecasting techniques to analyze current and upcoming weather conditions. This course will offer students the chance to gain insight into the science behind everyday weather phenomena.

Middle School Survival Guide w/ Ms. Williamson

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 6-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Middle school can be an exciting yet challenging time full of new experiences, responsibilities, and friendships. This fun and interactive summer course will help students build the confidence, organization, and social skills needed to navigate middle school successfully. Topics covered will include: Time management and study habits for academic success. How to stay organized with assignments and schedules. Dealing with peer pressure and making good choices. Conflict resolution and effective communication. Building self-confidence and a positive mindset. Making friends and handling social situations. Through engaging activities, group discussions, and real-life scenarios, students will leave this class feeling more prepared and excited for the upcoming school year. Whether you're starting middle school or looking for tips to make it smoother, this course is your ultimate survival guide!

Music Mania w/ Ms. Patri

Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 5-8

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Do you enjoy singing around the house? Do you love musicals or belting your favorite tunes in the ears of those around you? If so, come join this class! We will be watching and learning songs from a variety of musicals, singing karaoke to your favorite songs, and learning some new moves through Just Dance. Come sing your heart out this summer!

Neenah Boys Summer Running Program w/Mr. Morgen

- <u>Please note an exception for this course: it will run June and July including</u> <u>Fridays and will start a week earlier than other courses in July.</u>
- Schedule: 7:30-9:00, M-F, July 7-11, 14-18, 21-25, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 6-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: The Neenah Summer Running Program is an exciting opportunity for boys, grades six through twelve, to have fun, build lifelong friendships, while also enhancing their strength, endurance, speed, and overall fitness.

Nurture Yourself: Personal Care Essentials w/ Ms. Wacaser

Schedule: 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: This course introduces middle school students to the fundamentals of cosmetology, including hair, skin, and nail care. Through hands-on activities, students will learn essential beauty techniques, hygiene practices, and the art of self-expression through beauty. Another important part of the course is the art of self-love, boosting confidence within yourself, and practicing mindfulness activities.

Online - ALEKS w/ Ms. Retzlaff

- <u>Please note an exception for this course: it will run June and July as a 6</u> week course instead of the separate two, three week courses.
- Schedule: M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 6-8
- Location: Online
- Description: This is for students who want to keep the skills they have as well as accelerate their mathematical learning. Students will work with the program ALEKS. There will be time for the student, if needed, to meet with the teacher.

Online - Intro to Math w/ Ms. Retzlaff

Schedule: M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 5-7

Location: Online

Description: The virtual course will provide valuable skills practice to independent grade-level workers. Skills to be covered are based on previous and upcoming curricula targets using Google Slides as the primary platform. There will be time for the student, if needed, to meet with the teacher.

Scrapbooking/Crafting 101 w/ Ms. Hietpas

Schedule:	9:30-11:00,	M-TH, Julv	14-17, 21-24,	and 28-31
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- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School

Join me for a variety of crafts. We will be dabbling in various crafts, including Description: yarn arts, paper crafts, slime, and much more.

Spanish w/ Ms. Hietpas

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Students will learn some basic Spanish, learn a little culture, make some crafts and eat a little food.

Star Wars Appreciation w/ Ms. Sollitto

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Students will explore a far away galaxy from a long time ago in this immersive summer school course. As an appreciation course, we will appreciate all things Star Wars. While the emphasis will be on the movies, there will be an incorporation of recent TV shows, novels, and comics. Students should expect to create, build, eat, play and watch all things STAR WARS in the course of each week. Highlights include: making death star pinatas, creating Chewbaca treats, building lego droids, and playing through a STAR WARS breakout game. The end of each day will be spent watching the movie. A knowledge of STAR WARS is not required but an interest for STAR WARS is appreciated.

STEM Explorers w/ Ms. Koehler

- Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Dive into the exciting world of science and engineering with STEM Explorers. This hands-on program will spark curiosity and creativity as students explore key concepts in biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Through engaging experiments and fun challenges, students will: Observe cells under a microscope and extract DNA from strawberries. Observe cells under a microscope and extract DNA from strawberries. Simulate food chains and test bird beak adaptations. Get messy with oobleck, uncover the mysteries of chemical and physical changes, and experience chemical reactions. Investigate Newton's Laws by building balloon-powered cars and testing forces. Take on engineering challenges like the egg drop, boat buoyancy, and marshmallow towers. Each day combines learning and play, encouraging teamwork, problem-solving, and exploration of the world around us. This program is perfect for budding scientists and engineers who want to create, experiment, and have fun!

Strength & Conditioning w/ Mr. Eastman (Multiple Staff Members)

- <u>Please note an exception for this course: it will run June and July as a 6</u> week course instead of the separate two, three week courses.
- Schedule:
 Grade 6: 10:30-11:50, M,T & TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

 Grade 7: 9:00-10:20, M,T & TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

 Grade 8: 7:30-8:50, M,T & TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

 Turf Toughness (Grades 6-8): 8:00-9:20, W, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 6-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: The program will focus on age-appropriate training designed to enhance: Technique: Building proper technique and functional movement is our main focus to keep participants safe. Strength: Building muscle endurance and functional strength. Agility: Improving speed, coordination, and reaction time. Flexibility: Promoting injury prevention through stretching and mobility exercises.

This & That w/ Ms. Hietpas & Ms. VerVoort

- Schedule: 11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School

Dabble with a little of this and a little of that in this hands-on summer Description: course! Themes include science, arts & crafts, games & puzzles, and cooking.

Unleash Your Inner Artist w/ Ms. Skeens

Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31 9:30-11:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

11:30-1:00, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31

Open to: Grades 6-8

- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Join us for a fun-filled crafting adventure designed for 6th-8th graders! Explore a variety of creative techniques, from whimsical mask-making to colorful friendship bracelets and exciting clay creations. Discover your artistic talents and have a blast making unique and personalized keepsakes. Let your imagination run wild! Come and see what other fun it brings!
 - This description is concise and highlights the key features of the class:
 - * Target audience: 6th-8th graders
 - * Variety of crafts: Masks, friendship bracelets, clay work, and more!
 - * Focus on creativity and fun: Unleash your inner artist, explore your talents.
 - * Personalized keepsakes: Students will create unique items to keep.
 - * Intriguing call to action: "Come and see what other fun it brings!"

Yoga & Movies w/ Ms. Williamson

- Schedule: 8:00-9:30, M-TH, July 14-17, 21-24, and 28-31
- Open to: Grades 5-8
- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Yoga and Movies is designed to enhance students' love for film and promote a healthy lifestyle through the practice of yoga. In this course, students will explore various yoga postures, breathing techniques, and meditation practices. After a yoga session, students will find a comfy spot to spend some time watching their favorite films or whatever the current film is and engage in conversations about new trends and recommendations.

2025 Neenah Middle School - Summer School Course Offerings August Term

Moving On Up

Schedule: 8:00-10:00, 10:30-12:30, 1:30-3:30, August 18 and 19

Open to: Grade 5

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: We invite rising 5th grade students to take part in Moving On Up. During this two day orientation students will learn their team placement, practice their locker combination, take a tour of the school, find their classrooms, meet some of their teachers, and learn some of the routines of Neenah Middle School. Most importantly they will start to meet new friends before school starts. Please note Moving On Up is for **students only** and all students are encouraged to participate, even if they can only make one of the two days.

Summer Band Academy

• <u>Please note: This course will have a separate sign up outside of Infinite</u> <u>Campus. Please watch for a sign up from the music department.</u>

Schedule: 8:00-11:00, August 11-15

Open to: Grades: 5th Magnet, 6-9 and students who have

experience playing a band instrument already.

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Content: This one-week course is for band students having beginning to intermediate knowledge of the fundamentals of musicianship who desire to improve their performance skills. This fun and intensive activity-oriented experience will teach and practice the skills necessary for success in any instrumental ensemble.

Activities: A typical daily schedule includes rehearsal, sectional, master class, comprehensive musicianship, personal enrichment activities, social interaction and a snack break. The week culminates with a final concert on Friday, August 15 11:15 am - noon.

Summer Strings Academy

• <u>Please note: This course will have a separate sign up outside of Infinite</u> <u>Campus. Please watch for a sign up from the music department.</u>

Schedule: 8:00-11:00, August 18-22

Open to: Grades: 5th Magnet & 6-9 students who have had

previous instruction on an orchestral string instrument

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Content: This one-week course is for string students having beginning to intermediate knowledge of the fundamentals of musicianship who desire to improve their performance skills. This fun and intensive activity-oriented experience will teach and practice the skills necessary for success in any instrumental ensemble.

Activities: A typical daily schedule includes rehearsal, sectional, master class, comprehensive musicianship, personal enrichment activities, social interaction and a snack break. The week culminates with a final concert on Friday, August 22.

Summer Choir Academy

• <u>Please note: This course will have a separate sign up outside of Infinite</u> <u>Campus. Please watch for a sign up from the music department.</u>

Schedule: 9:00-12:00, August 4-8

Open to: Grades: 4th Magnet & 5-8 students who have have a passion for singing.

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description:

Content: This one-week course is for students who desire to improve their musicianship and performance skills. This fun and intensive activity-oriented experience will teach and practice the skills necessary for success in any vocal ensemble.

Activities: A typical daily schedule includes rehearsal, sectional, master class, comprehensive musicianship, personal enrichment activities, social interaction and a snack break. The week culminates with a final concert on Friday, August 8th at 11:00 am.

Beginning Strings

- <u>Please note: This course will have a separate sign up outside of Infinite</u> <u>Campus. Please watch for a sign up from the music department.</u>
- Schedule: 10:30-12:00, August 18-22

Open to: Grades: 5 & 6 - Students who are enrolled in Beginning

Strings or String Orchestra for Fall 25-26

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description: Beginning Strings is a course for incoming 5th and 6th grade students who are enrolled in Beginning Strings or String Orchestra (violin, viola, cello, bass) in the fall of 2025-26. Beginner 7th and 8th graders are also welcome to enroll.

Suzuki Summer Strings Academy

• <u>Please note: This course will have a separate sign up outside of Infinite</u> <u>Campus. Please watch for a sign up from the music department.</u>

Schedule: 8:00-11:00, August 18-22

Open to: Students who have previous instruction on an

orchestral string instrument or in the NJSD Suzuki Program. Current/continuing NJSD Suzuki students entering Gr. 2-5

- Location: Neenah Middle School
- Description: Content: This one-week course is for string students having beginning to intermediate knowledge of the fundamentals of musicianship who desire to improve their performance skills. This fun and intensive activity-oriented experience will teach and practice the skills necessary for success in any instrumental ensemble.

Activities: A typical daily schedule includes rehearsal, sectional, master class, comprehensive musicianship, personal enrichment activities, social interaction and a snack break. The week culminates with a final concert on Friday, August 22.

Beginning Band

• <u>Please note: This course will have a separate sign up outside of Infinite</u> <u>Campus. Please watch for a sign up from the music department.</u>

Schedule: 10:30-12:00, August 11-15

Open to: Grades 5 & 6 who are enrolled in Band. 7th & 8th graders with no prior experience who are new to band may also enroll.

Location: Neenah Middle School

Description:

Beginning Band is a course for incoming 5th and 6th grade students who are enrolled in Band (no prior experience) in the fall of 2025-26. Incoming 7th and 8th grade students with no prior experience who are new to band may also enroll.

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