



WHITE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome to White Mountain Middle School! We're so excited for you to be sixth graders next year. Here is the list of electives. You'll request your top four electives. Keep in mind that in almost all 6th graders will take Keyboarding. Keyboarding give students the knowledge and skills to integrate their learning and iPads.

Class	Pre-Requisites?	Length
Choir - Beginning	none	Year - Long
Band - Beginning	none	Year - Long
Art	none	One Semester
Robotics - Intro	none	One Semester
Keyboarding	none	One Semester
Creative Writing	none	One Semester
Theatre	none	One Semester
Geography	none	One Semester

One semester equals Half-Year

Course: Art

Welcome to Arts and Crafts! art projects designed to develop your individual ideas and talents as an artist. You will explore concepts that will increase your knowledge about art materials and use, and art equipment. Some of the mediums we will explore include:

Drawing: Foundation skill that is taught in many different ways throughout the semester. These may include pencil, pastels, pen & ink, and colored pencil.

Painting: This area will explore two primary media techniques, watercolor and acrylic/tempera.

Sculpture: This area exposes students to the unique characteristics of creating in 3 dimensions and usually includes wire and plastering.

Course: Intro to Robotics

Students enrolled in this course will demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary for the robotic and automation industry. Through implementation of the design process, students will use their skills to plan and complete designs in a project-based environment. Students will build prototypes or use simulation software to test their designs. Additionally, students will get the chance to use the 3D printers as needed for their projects.

Course: Creative Writing

In this course, students will explore elements of narrative writing to produce two creative writing pieces using the writing process. Students work with various children's books and short stories to determine a theme or central idea, analyze its development over the course of a story, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and the overall plot. Afterward, they develop their own creative writing pieces along with original illustrations.

Course: Coding

Students will explore, practice and establish proficiency in **digital coding** using Swift Playgrounds' Learn to Code program on the Ipad as well as other coding sites such as Code.org and Tynker. Informational coding will also be discussed in the second half of the semester with the use of **ciphers** such as pigpen ciphers and morse code.

Course: Beginning Band

We learn the basic skills and procedures that will be used in band rehearsals. We will learn about and work to improve and perfect: hand position, posture, note reading, rhythm reading, dynamics and intonation.

Course: Keyboarding

Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type assignments appropriately.

Course: Theatre

We will look at the history of theatre, dance, plays, musicals, acting, set construction, make up, costumes, etc. You are expected to participate daily. We will put on a short play at the end of the semester.

Course: Choir

vocal techniques including posture, breathing, tone, choral techniques including blend, pitch and rhythm accuracy,...

- how to become better singers by listening to and critiquing others' performances
- how to improve sight singing and rhythm reading skills
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