

OKECC ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES 2019-2020

Enrichment is open to all children in OKECC enrolled in a 3/4s or 4/5's class, Mondays - Fridays, from 1:15pm to 2:30pm each day. Families have the option to enroll their child(ren) in one or multiple enrichment activities. All children who stay for an enrichment activity will have a rest period from 1:00pm to 1:15pm. There is a maximum number of children that can be enrolled in each enrichment class, and therefore sign up in advance is required.

All of our enrichment activities are designed to recognize the developmentally appropriate practice based on the age of our children. Depending on the enrichment activity, some classes are designed to include time on the playground, exploring centers in the classroom, joining together to play or learn a new game, or hear a special story. When picking up from enrichment, all caregivers should enter through the front door, and then proceed directly to the enrichment classroom and sign out their child(ren) with an OKECC educator.

MONDAYS

Art

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TUESDAYS

Youth
Activism

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WEDNESDAYS

Sports
And Movement

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THURSDAYS

Hebrew

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FRIDAYS

Music



MONDAYS

ART

LEAD EDUCATOR: Terri Hessel
Level 2, Upstairs Classroom

Art enrichment will have two parts this year. In Part 1, The Science in Art, children will learn about concepts of science by asking questions, conducting experiments, and creating art experiences that prove or illustrate these concepts. In Part 2, The History in Art, the children will learn about historical periods in art and the significance of a variety of famous artists. They will create their own version or interpretation of art from that period, that reflects the techniques, subject matter, or style used by a particular artist.

Terri is returning for her thirteenth year as an Educator at OKECC. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Masters of Art History from the George Washington University. Terri interned at the Smithsonian Institution and worked at the Library of Congress in the Prints and Photographs Division. After raising her son and daughter, she decided to bring her love of art to preschool children. Terri believes, "There is a magic to art that excites young children, and there is nothing more gratifying than guiding children to recognize the artist in themselves."



YOUTH ACTIVISM

LEAD EDUCATOR: Ebonie Commey
Classroom: TBD

The Torah informs us of and encourages us to display loving kindness (*gemilut hasadim*) in all facets of our lives. According to Webster's dictionary, an **activist** can be defined as a person who uses or supports strong actions to help make changes in politics or society.

The Youth Activism enrichment will support and broaden the knowledge of the children and encourage them to thrive and support each other in a community which supports all of our differences in a developmentally age appropriate way.

Youth Activism will empower the children by equipping them with the tools to conceptualize and foster empathetic interactions, welcome diversity (culture, religion, family structure, age etc.), and to be stewards of the promotion of equality in relation to age appropriate topics.

Ebonie Commey has been an educator at the ECC for seven years. In addition to studying early childhood education, she received a Master in Diplomacy graduate degree in 2016. As a graduate student, Ebonie developed a strong interest in conflict resolution between nations. She has brought this knowledge to her teaching at OKECC. As a first generation American citizen and college graduate, Ebonie's true passion lies with assisting children to find their voice and to provide experiences and exposure to issues so that they can become well-rounded citizens of their respective communities. Ebonie uses fun, unconventional, yet innovative methods to educate children on a variety of topics ranging from women's history to composting.



WEDNESDAYS

SPORTS AND MOVEMENT

LEAD EDUCATOR: Steven Ekoka Priso
Social Hall & Ray's Meadow

Coach Steven is well known for his summer Sports and Movement sessions with all age groups at OKECC and this weekly school year enrichment has been a fan-favorite for many years! Children will learn the fundamentals of a variety of sports and movement games at a developmentally age appropriate level. Both gross and fine motor skills will be refined through a variety of active but guided play each week.

Steven Ekoka Priso is returning for his seventh year as an educator at OKECC. He has led and assisted with a variety of enrichment programs in the past years. Steven has created, developed and led each of the following enrichments throughout his tenure: Sports and Movement, Around The World, Earth Explorations, Garden & Nature, and Creative Movement. Also, for the past six summers, he has been the OKECC Summer Discovery weekly Sports & Movement specialist for all age groups.



THURSDAYS

HEBREW

LEAD EDUCATOR: Manon Waalewijn

Classroom: TBD

Through indoor games, art, stories, movement and songs, children will deepen their knowledge of Hebrew and Israel. Weekly classes will complement the Jewish learning at OKECC and also expose children to different and new Hebrew words, further developing their spoken language skills, comprehension, and letter recognition.

Manon grew up in Israel for the first ten years of her life, learning to speak Hebrew and Dutch fluently. She finished her graduate degree in 2003 in two languages: Hebrew and Arabic. Her thesis was about an educational interreligious program. In subsequent years she has taught courses in Biblical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew and Arabic to adults and art lessons to children ages 3-11. In June 2018 she graduated from a Dutch university as a Teacher for Elementary School, specializing in Early Childhood Education. Language is a passion for Manon who has lived in six countries and speaks eight languages. Manon is looking forward to teaching Hebrew to your children in a playful and creative setting. "Every time I learned a new language, I learned to look at things in a new way. It broadened my vision on the world, helped me make friends and feel at home in countries that were before completely foreign to me."



FRIDAYS

MUSIC

LEAD EDUCATOR: Raviv Brooks
Small Chapel (Level 4)

Musicality is all about the discovery of one's own zeal and passion for music. In this comprehensive enrichment, the children will inspire their own journey into understanding how music plays an integral role in all of our lives. The children will have the opportunity to play instruments, experience music from various cultures, and learn how to connect with the music all around us!

Raviv Brooks has been an educator at Ohr Kodesh since 2015 and this is his second year leading this enrichment year round. Raviv enjoys connecting with the children through music and song and appreciates the unique way that children perceive music. His weekly Ta'am Shel Shabbat celebration and Music enrichment during OKECC Summer Discovery is a favorite with the children and staff alike. Raviv also enjoys exploring the way in which Judaism and music intersect and finds joy in discovering new ways to explore this with his students.