

## Elective Ideas

**Cooking** – share recipes and learn new cooking skills

**Gardening** – learn how to start, maintain, and harvest your own garden. Students will share their results via images and video.

**Kitchen Sink Science** – Connect with Science in your everyday life. Participate in labs and exploration ideas to see science in action.

**Pets** – for pet owners and non-owners. We will explore all aspects of pets with loads of information, news, pictures, jokes, and topics of interest. Meet other students with pets, and have a show and tell about your pet segment. We will also help locate community service opportunities and learn about wild animals and why they may not be the best pet option.

**Photography** – learn the basic skills of photography through mini-lessons and putting skills into practice. Picasa and other websites have the basic editing tools that will be introduced.

**Songbirds** – this is for students who aspire to perform, record, and share their music. We will learn techniques associated with recording, performance, voice, lyricism, and instrument arrangement. We will also explore ideas of sound, song, and genres of music, as well as collaborate on creating pieces of music together.

**Story Telling** – combine storytelling skills with creative writing. Students will read their stories live. Club members will learn storytelling etiquette, and explore writing a creative story.

**World Current Events** – students will explore current events taking place around the world and will share their thoughts, feelings, and reactions to said events.

**World Language** – members will explore world cultures, “visit” countries and cities, discover places and life around the world, from local cuisine to arts, family life, and landscapes.

**Art** – students look at various types of artwork, share their own art, and put together a virtual art newsletter to be shared with the school

**Computer App** – Students can share new apps they’ve found, learn about new useful apps, and learn how to create apps of their own

**Crafts** – members will learn about the historical and cultural backgrounds surrounding knitting, crochet, needle point, embroidery, and weaving, along with other hand crafts. Learn the basics of each craft, work on projects, and present finished projects.

**Environment** – this is for students who love nature and the Earth, and seek to find a closer connection with the Earth and the environment, both as individuals and as a human community

**Fashion** – explore the fashion world, keep up on the latest trends, and create original designs

**Film and Theater** – discuss and learn various aspects of theatre and film, including character development, script/screenwriting, and presentation.

**Model UN** – engage in an authentic simulation of the United Nations system by learning about the UN system, the skills of debate, compromise, conflict resolution and negotiation. Learn about the workings of world diplomacy through the lens of current events.

**Sports Business** – this class offers a new way of looking at sports – from the business side, rather than the player’s side. The purpose is to let students know and learn about alternate activities in the sports industry for those who want to be involved, but no necessarily play the sport.

**World Events** – students will explore current events taking place around the world and share their thoughts, feelings, and reactions to events. The primary focus is to help promote a “world view.”

Anthropology: Uncovering Human Mysteries

Archaeology: Detectives of the Past

Astronomy: Exploring the Universe

Calligraphy

Cartooning Animals  
Creative Writing  
Health Science: The Whole Individual  
Marine Science  
Mythology & Folklore: Legendary Tales  
Painting  
Peer Counseling  
Personal & Family Finance  
Personal Psychology I: The Road to Self-Discovery  
Philosophy: The Big Picture  
Public Speaking  
Sports & Entertainment Marketing  
Video Production

### **Models**

Students will learn how to build models.

### **Gardening**

Students learn how to cultivate and harvest plants and vegetables. They will take ownership over the school's gardens.

### **Folklorico**

Dancers will practice and perform.

### **Student Newspaper**

Students will learn how to write articles and take photographs for the Palms student newspaper.

### **Scientific Method**

Students will learn about the scientific method by participating in experiments.

### **Drama**

Students will learn basic acting and directing techniques. By the end of the class, they will perform a stage play.

### **Rockets**

Students will learn the properties of flight and create rockets.

### **Literary Magazine**

Students will write articles and publish a magazine.

### **Kinesiology**

Students will study the interrelationship of the physiological processes and anatomy of the human body with respect to movement.

### **Typing**

Students will learn to type like the pros. This very important skill is now being offered.

### **Violin**

Students will receive additional instruction in playing the violin.

### **Vocal Ensemble**

Students will learn vocal arrangements and perform songs at school events.

### **Conversational Spanish for Beginners**

Students will learn to speak Spanish. This course is designed to introduce the Spanish language to non-native Spanish speakers.

### **Get Hooked**

Students will have lots of fun learning the basic stitches in crocheting. By the end of the class, students will be able to crochet beautiful keepsakes like scarves, belts, and hats for themselves, family, and friends.

### **Cooking**

Students will learn basic cooking skills while making pancakes and other treats