

TCLA Summer 2019 Offerings Class Schedules

These courses are designed for students who are at least on grade level and motivated to learn. Much of the curriculum is above grade level. Students are expected to attend class, avidly participate, and independently complete homework.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Blume and Ms. Gorcica will continue to teach our summer courses.

Mrs. Jennifer Blume

Jennifer Blume lives in Old Bridge with my two teenage sons. She is heavily involved in the sports programs in Old Bridge as well as a member of the PTA board at our middle school. Mrs. Blume works in West Orange where she has been a middle school Language Arts teacher for the last 19 years. Despite her commute, she loves my job! Mrs. Blume speaks fondly about teaching her students about the wonderful world of reading and writing. Her favorite parts of teaching are when she inspires her students to read by sharing a favorite book and seeing the look of pride in their faces when they complete a piece of writing. She enjoys working with students and other teachers in all facets of school life from running the student council to being team leader for my colleagues. Mrs. Blume team-taught with Ms. McDonald during the spring session and is eager to continue to exceptional educational experience for students at TCLA this summer!

Ms. Michele Gorcica

Michele Gorcica is a fourth grade teacher in Montclair, NJ. She began her teaching career in 1994 and has since earned a Masters Degree in teaching and learning. She is well versed in adapting curriculum to reach all levels of learners so that all students can reach their academic potential. She is also a mother of 2 teenage boys who are very active in school as well as sports. In her free time (which isn't often), she enjoys reading, spending time at the beach with my family and friends, and trying to catch up on TV shows. Mrs. Gorcica team taught classes with Ms. McDonald during the spring session and is eager to continue the tradition of exceptional education here at TCLA Enrichment. She feels honored to be part of TCLA.

**** NEW Class Descriptions ****

**** Literature Based STEM:** Using fairy tale stories and design challenge materials, students will build different endings, outcomes, etc. Critical thinking, logic, and teamwork are key.

**** You Can Do the Rubik's Cube:** Using Rubik's Cubes to create art mosaics and learn different solutions based on algorithms, logic, and critical thinking skills, students will use and develop new skills.

**** Book Club:** Students will be reading the book, "Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change" and discussing one chapter each week. Book discussions will lead to some further research.

**** Author Study:** Students will be exposed to the great works of poetry by Ray Bradbury and Edgar Allan Poe. Students will engage in deep and thoughtful discussions.

TUESDAYS	4:00-5:00	5:00-6:00	6:00-7:00	7:00-8:00	8:00-9:00
7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/ 30, 8/6, 8/13	<p>Grade 3</p> <p>Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. McDonald</p>	<p>Grade 5</p> <p>Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. McDonald</p>	<p>Grade 8</p> <p>Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. McDonald</p>	<p>Grade 8</p> <p>Test Prep FRHSD exam for the magnet programs</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. McDonald</p>	
	<p>Grade Kindergarten</p> <p>Skills Review: Reading, Writing and Math</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. Krachie</p>	<p>Grade 1</p> <p>Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. Krachie</p>			
		<p>Grade 4</p> <p>Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension And Writing</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. Gorcica</p>	<p>Grade 5</p> <p>Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. Gorcica</p>	<p>Grade 4</p> <p>Math and Logic</p> <p>Teacher: Ms. Gorcica</p>	

WEDNESDAYS	4:00-5:00	5:00-6:00	6:00-7:00	7:00-8:00	8:00-9:00
7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14	<u>Grades Kindergarten and 1</u> ** Literature Based STEM ** Teacher: Ms. Gullo	<u>Grade 4</u> Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing Teacher: Ms. McDonald	<u>Grade 6</u> Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing Teacher: Ms. McDonald	<u>Grade 7</u> Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing Teacher: Ms. McDonald	
		<u>Grade 3</u> Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension And Writing Teacher: Ms. Strehle	<u>Grade 3</u> Math and Logic Teacher: Ms. Strehle	<u>Grade 6</u> Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension And Writing Teacher: Ms. Strehle	
		<u>Grade 2</u> Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing Teacher: Ms. Gullo	<u>Grades 3, 4, 5</u> ** You Can Do the Rubik's Cube: Mosaics and Solutions ** Teacher: Ms. Gullo	<u>Grades 4 and 5</u> ** Book Club: Empowering and Inspirational Kids ** Teacher: Ms, Gullo	

THURSDAYS	4:00 - 5:00	5:00 - 6:00	6:00 - 7:00	7:00 - 8:00	8:00-9:00
7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15	<u>Grades 3 and 4</u> Public Speaking & Writing Teacher: Ms. McDonald	<u>Grade 5</u> Critical Thinking: Reading and Writing Teacher: Ms. McDonald	<u>Grades 5 and 6</u> Public Speaking & Writing Teacher: Ms. McDonald	<u>Grades 7 and 8</u> Public Speaking & Writing Teacher: Ms. McDonald	
		<u>Grade 6</u> ** Author Study: Bradbury and Poe ** Teacher: Mrs. Blume	<u>Grade 7</u> ** Author Study: Bradbury and Poe ** Teacher: Mrs. Blume	<u>Grade</u> Critical Thinking: Reading Comprehension and Writing Teacher: Mrs. Blume	

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