

## WORKSHOP Information: January – April 2024

Bee Best Learning Center is offering another session of fun and educational workshops. **Signups are limited, and students are only enrolled once we receive BOTH the completed registration form AND accompanying payment.** Once workshops reach capacity your child will be added to our waitlist. To register, click [here!](#)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
2:30					Creative Drawing TK/K Art Exploration (G1-5) Chess G1-2
3:30		Math Champions G1	Math Champions GK Public Speaking (G1-2)	Math Champions G4 Japanese Hiragana & Art (G1-5)	Creative Drawing G1-3 Chess G3-5
4:30		Math Champions G2	Math Champions G3 Public Speaking (G3-5)	Math Champions G5/G6	
<b>Schedule</b>		<p><i>MEET:</i> 01/16, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06, 02/13, 02/27, 03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26, 04/16, 04/23, (12 sessions)</p> <p><i>NO CLASSES:</i> 02/20, 04/02, and 04/09</p>	<p><i>MEET:</i> <i>Public Speaking:</i> 01/17, 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 02/14, 02/28, 03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 04/10, 04/17, 04/24 (13 sessions)</p> <p><i>NO CLASSES:</i> 02/21 and 04/03</p> <p><i>Math Champions:</i> 01/17, 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 02/14, 02/28, 03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 04/17, 04/24 (12 sessions)</p> <p><i>NO CLASSES:</i> 02/21, 04/03, and 04/10</p>	<p><i>MEET:</i> <i>Japanese Hiragana:</i> 01/18, 01/25, 02/01, 02/08, 02/15, 02/29, 03/07, 03/14, 03/21, 03/28, 04/11, 04/18, 04/25 (13 sessions)</p> <p><i>NO CLASSES:</i> 02/22 and 04/04</p> <p><i>Math Champions:</i> 01/18, 01/25, 02/01, 02/08, 02/15, 02/29, 03/07, 03/14, 03/21, 03/28, 04/18, 04/25 (12 sessions)</p> <p><i>NO CLASSES:</i> 02/22, 04/04, and 04/11</p>	<p><i>MEET:</i> 01/19, 01/26, 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 03/01, 03/08, 03/15, 03/22, 03/29, 04/12, 04/19, 04/26 (13 sessions)</p> <p><i>NO CLASSES:</i> 02/23 and 04/05</p>

**Holidays:**

02/19-02/23 President’s Day Break

04/01-04/05 Spring Break

04/09-04/11 Match Champion Instructor’s Off Days

## **Creative Drawing**

(Minimum 5 students/Maximum 10 students)

Sessions:

Grade K (Friday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm)

Grade 1-3 (Friday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

Instructor:

Linda Nygard is a lifelong photographer, writer, and artist. She currently works with Sun Gallery in Hayward, and Twirl in Alameda. She also brings art lessons into public-school classrooms in Hayward and Alameda.

Cost: \$195 (\$15 per class x 13 sessions)

Description:

In this fun and informative class, students will use oil pastels, pencils, and markers to explore their creativity. Students will begin with the basics of drawing, such as line, shape, color, contrast, and technique. They will be introduced to different artists and stylings while being encouraged to embrace their unique vision and style of drawing.

## **Art Exploration**

(Minimum 8 students/Maximum 15 students)

Sessions:

Grade 1-5 (Friday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm)

Instructor:

Aran Mimran has owned Aran's Art Studio for over 21 years. Aran currently teaches art Camp, acrylic pours, Raw clay, glass fusing, and so much more. Aran frequently brings art lessons into public school classrooms in Castro Valley, San Leandro, Oakland, Hayward, and Fremont.

Cost: \$234 (\$18 per class x 13 sessions)

Description:

Students will explore their creativity while using several different types of art media. Fun art projects may include glass fusing, raw clay, pottery painting, polymer clay, and more. Everything needed to create these hand-crafted works of art will be supplied.

## **Math Champions**

(Minimum 4 students/Maximum 8 students)

Sessions:

Grades K (Wednesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

Grade 1 (Tuesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

Grade 2 (Tuesday 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm)

Grade 3 (Wednesday 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm)

Grade 4 (Thursday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)  
Grade 5-6 (Thursday 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm)

Instructor:

Ron Latour is a retired electrical engineer with computer science experience who has a passion for helping students better learn mathematical and science concepts.

Cost: \$180 (\$15 per class x 12 sessions)

Description:

These workshops are for students with strong math skills who want to pursue excellence in math in fun-filled and interesting ways. Math Champions for Winter 2024 will be segmented into three parts – math worksheets, individual mental math quizzing, and Math Kangaroo word problems.

Most math subjects covered in common core are addressed, but problem areas will receive more attention. Math Kangaroo competition test problems and other word problems are the foundation for this workshop. The focus is on methods of analysis, critical thinking, and having fun with math rather than on "math drills".

Students are strongly encouraged to sign up for the International Math Kangaroo exam in March which will be proctored here at our center.

- **Grade K:** beginning addition; subtraction; division into equal groups; and multiplication (or skip counting), using simple numbers and tens, In the teaching process, I will include lots of fun games, like counting dots on dice and simple work problems, with small rewards given for mastery.
- **Grade 1:** skip counting digits 1-5; subtraction of single digits; introduction to simple multiplication; division into equal parts; easy problems that develop observation and reasoning skills, including addition and subtraction with carrying and regrouping
- **Grade 2:** skip counting digits 1-9; simple subtraction, 1-2 digits; multiplication tables 1-5 then 5-10; mental multiplication using powers; work problems from previous year's Math Kangaroo National Test competitions; introduction to fractions, percent, and basic geometry problems.
- **Grade 3:** 2-and 3-digit addition and subtraction; multiplication tables out to 12; multiplication using powers, easy division without remainders; box multiplication and basic beginning algebra.
- **Grade 4:** working with fractions; multiplication tables to 15; geometry problems with area and perimeter; introduction to angles and shapes; multiplication and division of 2-3-digit numbers using basic algebra.
- **Grade 5 and Grade 6:** more advanced elementary math based on interest and skill levels.

## **Chess Class**

(Minimum 10 students/Maximum 20 students)

Session:

Grade 1-2 (Friday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm)  
Grade 3-5 (Friday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

Instructor:

Berkeley Chess School instructor

Cost: \$234 (\$18 per class x 13 sessions)

Description:

Immerse yourself in the exciting world of chess! Chess is fun and can be learned quickly and easily! Studies have found that chess helps improve test results in reading, science, and math, and produces growth in critical cognitive skills. Beyond academia, chess influences social behavior including self-esteem, respect for others, patience, and good sportsmanship. And did we mention it's FUN!

## **Pre Public Speaking Grades 1-3**

(Minimum 7 students/Maximum 10 students)

Session:

Grade 1-3 (Wednesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

Instructor:

Don Maker holds a BA in English and Comparative Literature from UC San Diego and an MA in Education from Chapman University. He was an English and history teacher before leaving public education to work with private companies and students. He is also a published author of seven novels, numerous articles, and poems, and has written two screenplays and one stage play. He loves teaching students of all ages and wishes for each student to reach their maximum potential.

Cost: \$260 (\$20 per class x 13 sessions)

Description:

This course teaches first through second graders the beginning building blocks of public speaking. Starting with being ready, practiced, and focused, they will learn the importance of body language and varying the tempo and tone of their voice. They will also learn the value of good openings and closings. Within the fun milieu of the show and tell, storytelling, and poetry recitals, the goal is for your child to start developing more confidence and skill in expressing themselves to a group

## **Public Speaking & Debate Grades 3-5**

(Minimum 7 students/Maximum 10 students)

Session:

Grade 3-5 (Wednesday 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm)

Instructor:

Don Maker holds a BA in English and Comparative Literature from UC San Diego and an MA in Education from Chapman University. He was an English and history teacher before leaving public education to work with private companies and students. He is also a published author of seven novels, numerous articles, and poems, and has written two screenplays and one stage play. He loves teaching students of all ages and wishes for each student to reach their maximum potential.

Cost: \$260 (\$20 per class x 13 sessions)

**Description:**

This class focuses on teaching delivery and presentation skills to the students. Students learn how to manage public speaking anxiety, present themselves with confidence, and connect with their audience through effective body language. It improves their confidence in public speaking and communication skills. They learn different approaches to preparing for a speech, for example speaking from notes or from memory. The students learn how to make strong arguments, use tools like flow, and practice note-taking. This course instills critical thinking in students by providing reasoning and evidence. This course introduces various formats of debates popular in high school. The participants debate on a variety of age-appropriate topics in various formats.

## **Japanese Hiragana and Art Grades 1-5**

(Minimum 4 students/Maximum 8 students)

**Session:**

Grade 1-5 (Thursday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

**Instructor:**

Kaori Miller is originally from Tokyo, Japan. She has experience teaching Japanese for four years in Castro Valley and teaches at South Alameda County Buddhist Church Japanese Language School in Union City. Also, she has been a Castro Valley School Unified District Paraprofessional for a Special Day Class at Chabot Elementary School since 2014, living with her husband and a high school son in Castro Valley. She enjoys cooking Japanese food on the weekends.

Cost: \$205 ((\$15 per class x 13 sessions) + \$10 material fee)

**Description:**

Students will learn how to write 46 Japanese Hiragana letters with strokes that they need to follow. Students also will learn how to read them and explore Japanese words and greetings, such as Konichiwa (こんにちは) , Sayonara (さようなら) , Arigato (ありがとう) , which helps them develop confidence about their Japanese speaking skills. For fun, they will have Origami, Karuta card game, Mairo (Japanese maze), and Japanese calligraphy. The goal is for students to experience Japanese culture and manners. They expect a respectful attitude towards each student in the classroom.