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*GSS is Grand Street Settlement, which is located at 80 Pitt St @ Rivington St., New York, NY 10002.
Please note students will be escorted to Grand Street Settlement.

†Kaplan Skill Building Course also available. Please see Fee Based Courses for more information.

Fee Based Courses Listed on Page 5
**Computer Clubhouse**  
@ GSS  
**Grades: 6-8**  
Day(s): Tuesday and Wednesday  
**No Fee**  
The Computer Clubhouse at Grand Street Settlement, Inc. is part of an international network of clubhouses around the world. The goals of the Clubhouse are to provide a creative out-of-school STEM environment where youth work with adult mentors to explore their own ideas, develop new skills, and build confidence in themselves via student-centered, project-based learning activities. Specifically, students engage in activities like creating Doodle Bots, circuit crafts, Makey Makeys, Lego Mindstorm Kits, and exploring Drawdio. Youth will also have the opportunity to test their storytelling techniques by using advanced digital media tools to develop their own music and videos.

**Dance**  
@ GSS  
**Grades: 6-8**  
Day(s): Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
**No Fee**  
Youth will participate in Zumba and Hip Hop dance classes led by an expert dance instructor. The dance practices will culminate in holiday and end of school year performances to take place at Grand Street Settlement, Inc.

**Dawn Chorus**  
@ NEST+m  
with Ranna Strazza and Rob Cookman  
**Grades: 3–8**  
Day(s): Tuesday  
**No Fee**  
Dawn Chorus: One of the marvels of nature, the dawn chorus is the name of the most vigorous singing period of the day for birds. This offering is open to those who wish to join their voices and learn the invaluable techniques of musical expression, performance, and working harmoniously.

**Middle School Basketball Club**  
@ GSS  
**Grades: 6-8**  
Day(s): Monday or Wednesday  
**No Fee**  
Come learn the fundamentals of the greatest game ever invented! Improve your skills and play pick-up with your classmates. Boys Basketball will be held for 45 minutes and girls basketball will be held for 45 minutes both days. Classes will be held at the Grand Street Settlement.

**Middle School Chess Team Practice**  
@ NEST+m  
**Grades: 6-8**  
Day(s): Tuesday  
**No Fee**  
For serious players competing, or looking to compete, on the NEST+m chess team. Players are active at many local events and challenge for state and national championships as a group. Teachers include National Master Matan Prilleltensky. A typical session is primarily tournament style play and game reviews. Players with limited experience may be OK, but spots are limited, and preference is given to those playing competitive chess and looking to represent the school at tournaments. For active tournament players only. Please don't register if you are not an active tournament player. For more information please contact Matan at mprilleltensky@gmail.com

**Middle School Study Hall**  
@ NEST+m  
**Grades: 6-8**  
Day(s): Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
**No Fee**  
Middle School Study Hall, where your child can enjoy a quiet place to study, do homework, and/or receive math tutoring from Victor Dey, a private tutor with four years of experience. Victor has a degree in Economics and has been working with various private and city funded agencies teaching math to students from 4th grade all the way to Calculus. Victor is an experienced SAT/PSAT/SHSAT tutor. He is focused on nurturing the fundamentals skills necessary for success in higher mathematics and science: ratios, fractions, number theory, algebra, graphical and statistical calculation and interpretation, and Geometry.

**Middle School Soccer Club**  
@ GSS  
**Grades: 6-8**  
Day(s): Tuesday or Thursday  
**No Fee**  
Come practice your favorite game. Get ready to try out for your favorite team sport. In this class you will work on improving your skills with Grand Street Settlement expert coaches. There will be separate girl and boy classes. Girls will play for 45 minutes and boys will play for 45 minutes. This class will be held in the Grand Street Settlement gym.
Kaplan Comprehensive SHSAT Test Prep
@ NEST+m
Grades: 6-7
Days: Monday - Friday
No Fee
Please note registration for this course will begin in January 2015. The spring semester will offer the Kaplan SHSAT prep class which will end in October of 2015. The spring semester prep course will be free to 75 students through a grant from Grand Street Settlement and will be held at NEST + m. It will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please note that a Kaplan Skill Building course is available for a fee. For detail description of the Kaplan curriculum, see Kaplan class listing under Fee Based Courses.

Yoga
@NEST+m
Grades: 6-8
Day(s): Friday
No Fee
A special class for those who are loving yoga and want more! An introduction to new poses as well as the current favorites combined with fun music. I will also be teaching about the use of different essential oils and how certain smells can transform moods; lavender relaxes, citrus energizes. The class will be a combination of physical movement, relaxation, and the science of aromatherapy. A great way to start the weekend relaxed and happy!
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**Address to 14th Street Y is 344 E 14th St, New York, NY 10003, between 1st and 2nd Ave.**

**Please note the 14th Street Y is accessible via the 14D crosstown bus.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** After3 is not responsible for arranging transportation or transporting your child to classes held at the Y. After3 is facilitating registration for the Y and bares no responsibility for the child once that child leaves the school.
MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS LISTINGS

Audition Prep Workshop NEW!
@ 14th St. Y
Grade: 6-8
Day(s): 8 Tuesdays, 10/21 - 12/16
NO CLASS 11/4
4:30 - 6:00 PM
Reduced MS Rate: $150
In this weekly class led by Broadway actor Napoleon W Gladney, learn what it takes to audition for theater, musical, and film/TV projects with experienced performers and the casting directors, choreographers, and directors you will be auditioning for in a personal, hands-on, and supportive environment. Discover the roles and scripts just for you, perfect the songs for your vocal type, and learn how to audition with poise and confidence. This weekly workshop will get you prepared for any type of audition. Be ready to nail that school admission audition, dream role, or feel more confident when doing public speaking. Middle School Study Hall and Math Help available when class not in session.

Advanced Beginner/ Cello
Grade: 6-8th
Day: Wednesday
Price: $400
For students who have completed at least one prior semester or had private or group lessons elsewhere. Must have a basic understanding and ability to play the instrument, can play repertoire from book 1 String Explorer and Suzuki. Instruments not provided. Please contact Miho Zaitsu at celledeco@gmail.com for more information. Class size is limited. If registration is full, we are happy to accommodate on other days. Please email Miho for details.

Advanced Chamber Music with InterPlay
@ NEST+m
Grades: 6-8
Day(s): Tuesday
$400
Duets, trios, and quartets coached by faculty, focusing on musicianship, music history, and context, delving into more advanced repertoire, focusing on the larger work, form, and technique. Pianists, cellists, and violinists are welcome to register. Instruments not provided. Please contact Miho Zaitsu at celledeco@gmail.com for more information. Join the club!

Advanced Youth Basketball NEW!
@ the 14th St. Y
Grade: 6-8
Day(s): 15 Wednesdays, 9/17 – 1/16
NO CLASS 11/27, 12/25, 1/1
4:15 – 5:15 PM
Reduced MS Rate: $360
This class is geared towards advanced players looking to further their playing level. The class will focus on dribbling, offensive movement, and defensive moves. Tryout with Coach Marcus is mandatory before you register for this class. Middle School Study Hall and Math Help available when class not in session.

Basketball-Girl’s Only NEW!
@ 14th St. Y
Grade: 6-8
Day(s): 15 Wednesdays, 9/17 – 1/16
NO CLASS 11/27, 12/25, 1/1
3:30 - 4:15 PM
Reduced MS Rate: $250
Geared toward girls who have a passion for basketball and want to improve their game, this class will focus on individual skills including: Dribbling, shooting, passing, defense, and rebounding. The skills are developed during mock basketball game situations as well as drills. This is a fun, stamina-building way to learn basketball. Middle School Study Hall and Math Help available when class not in session.

Advanced Mandarin
@ NEST+m with Wei Bo
Grades: 6–7
Day(s): Thursday
$450
(This class for all kids who were previously in the program or who have completed two or more years of Mandarin.) All lower school students have exposure to Mandarin once a week as part of the regular school curriculum. Wei Bo Mandarin Afterschool Program helps your child learn this increasingly important world language. Wei Bo is a great resource, teaching language and culture through fun, engaging methods and activities. Students will learn how to read and write Chinese characters. They will have the benefit of Wei Bo’s own textbooks, flashcards, practice homework books and DVDs, including pronunciation help and computer-based language skill-building games. Limited enrollment. One time materials fee included. For more information, contact tinapraise@yahoo.com.
Aqua Jet Swim Team **NEW!**
@ 14th St. Y  
**Grade:** 6-8  
Tuesday class: 9/9 – 12/16 4:30 – 5:30 PM  
Thursday class: 9/11 – 12/18 4:30 – 5:30 PM  
**Reduced MS Tuesday Rate:** $210  
**Reduced MS Thursdays Rate:** $195  
A non-competitive recreational swim team for children and teenagers. Work and improve on all 4 competitive strokes, starts, and turns. All practices are conducted by a qualified and experienced coach. Swimmers must be level 5 or above and have the desire to have fun. *Middle School Study Hall available when class not in session.*

Bass Guitar Class  
@ NEST+m  
With Giacomo Merega  
**Grades:** 6–8  
**Day(s):** Friday  
$375  
As we all know (yes: guitar players included), the bass is the only instrument that provides foundation both rhythmically and harmonically in most musical styles. This course will take a historical approach to the electric bass, surveying specific styles, techniques, and grooves from rock to funk, from jazz to reggae. Prominent bassists in each style will be presented and studied. Students will also learn rudiments of bass clef reading and some essential concepts of music theory. Each student is required to bring his/her own bass; everything else will be provided.

Birdsong (the musical vocalizations of a bird or group of birds) **NEW!**  
with Rana Strazza and Rob Cookman.  
@ NEST+m  
**Grades:** 6-8  
**Day(s):** Monday  
$400  
The Birdhouse Players are proud to offer a new program for singers interested in performing contemporary and classic choral works in harmony. Arrangements of radio favorites, modern day works, jazz standards, and classic and traditional pieces will be learned and presented in performance. Singers will learn the techniques of blending, holding and creating harmonies, singing a Capella, percussive vocalizing, performing properly with microphones, and entertaining audiences like a Birdhouse Player.  
Must demonstrate vocal range and ability to hold simple harmony to participate. **Please note this class is by Audition only. Auditions will be held on Monday, September 8th at 3pm. Please email nestafterschool@gmail.com to schedule audition time.**

Card Game Club!  
@ NEST+m  
with Sophocles Plokamakis  
**Grades:** 6–8  
**Day(s):** Friday  
$300  
CARDS! STRATEGY! MONSTERS! SPELLS! TRAPS! You will be handed your own deck of blank TRADING CARDS to create your own unique card game! Students will be assisted in designing their cards and learn any drawing techniques that they wish to develop! Share ideas with your friends and design a large game together! YU-GI-OH!, Magic the Gathering, Vanguard, Pokémon and other trading card games are all welcome in my class. Experience the amazing worlds of YU-GI-OH! and Pokémon by reading the manga and watching episodes of the anime!  

Students who play YU-GI-OH! will have a chance to duel with me and their friends. Card and manga prizes will be given to students who create their own cool cards and for winning tournaments! We will have epic class tournaments of existing card games as well as the games created by each student! So bring your deck and get ready to play your way!
MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS LISTINGS

Guitar
@ NEST+m
with John Berenzy
Grades: 6–8
Day(s): Wednesday
$450
This course is for beginner and intermediate students. Students are grouped by ability. Each child gets individual attention. Class is limited to 8 students. For more information on John Berenzy please visit: www.johnberenzy.com.

Guitar
@ NEST+m
with John Berenzy
Grades: 6–12
Day(s): Thursday
$450
This course is for older students of all levels. Students are grouped by ability. Each child gets individual attention. Class is limited to 8 students. Advanced Students interested in lessons, please contact nestafterschool@gmail.com. For more information on John Berenzy please visit: www.johnberenzy.com.

Intermediate Chamber Music
@ NEST+m
with InterPlay
Grades: 6–8
Day(s): Wednesday
$400
Duet, trios, and quartets coached by faculty, focusing on musicianship, music history, and context, delving into more advanced repertoire, focusing on the larger work, form, and technique. Cellists, and violinists are welcome to register. Instruments not provided. Please contact Miho Zaitsu at cello-deco@gmail.com for more information.

Introduction to 3D Printing NEW!
@ NEST+m
Grade: 4th Grade & Up
Day(s): Wednesday
Price: $400
What can 3D printing really do? This workshop is designed to develop students’ interest in 3D printing technology and their understanding of how 3D printing is currently being used in the fields of medicine, engineering, science, and art. Students will be guided through the basic operations of online modeling software (Tinker CAD) and an Ultimaker 2 3D printer. In addition, students will develop problem-solving skills unique to the 3D design process: brainstorming, research, design, implementation, and evaluation. The workshop will first investigate current uses for 3D printing, and then learn the fundamentals of modeling software and the printing process through instruction and hands-on activities. Teams of three students will identify a problem in their communities, collaborating on designing and printing their own unique model that will provide an innovative solution. The workshop will culminate in an in-class presentation of each project, including a discussion of how their model can be used and reflecting on how their models can be improved. Students’ final models and informational posters will be displayed in the school library to aid in other students’ discovery of what 3D printing can truly accomplish.

Intro to Ceramics NEW!
@ 14th St. Y (Sirovich Center)
Grade: 6-8
Day(s): 6 Tuesdays, 10/21 – 12/16
NO CLASS 11/4
4:00 - 6:00 PM
Reduced MS Rate: $355 (Includes Kiln and firing fees)
This course is a studio class which introduces students to the wide range of techniques used for making ceramic pieces designed for both form and function. Class includes: Clay preparation, Wedging and preparing clay for handbuilding pieces as well as pieces thrown on the potter’s wheel, Slab rolling, machine techniques for making wrap vases, platters, and bowls, “Scrafitto” decoration for tile making, and more! Please bring a smock. Please note this class takes place off-site at Sirovich Senior Center - 331 E. 12th Street (3rd Floor Art School). Middle School Study Hall available when class not in session.
Kaplan Skill Building for SHSAT Test
NEW!
The SHSAT is around the corner and to assist NEST + m students prepare for this exam, After3 is offering a series of Kaplan classes that will begin building your children’s test prepping skills for the SHSAT exam.

6th Grade Kaplan Skill Building Class
@NEST + m
Grade: 6
Day(s): Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday
Reduced MS Rate: $350
For 6th grade, the Kaplan curriculum used is a 2.5 academic year course, from October 2014 to October 2016. In 6th grade, the students will begin with an eight month course, from October 2014 to May 2015, once a week for 2 hours.

Learning objectives:
- Students learn to apply content to test question types
- Students build the necessary foundational content required to boost performance on the SHSAT exam.
- Students learn test question types that will appear on the actual SHSAT exam.
- Students learn how to combine content knowledge with knowledge of test question types to navigate test items efficiently and effectively (within test time constraints) across the SHSAT exam to boost performance.

Course Syllabus:
- Reading/English foundational content
- Mathematics foundational content
- NYC Specialized High School Admissions Test Study Guide (test prep)
- SHSAT Practice Tests (simulates the actual SHSAT exam).
- Scores-back reports: Student performance data informs ongoing instruction.

7th Grade Kaplan Skill Building Class
@NEST + m
Grade: 7
Days: Monday, Wednesday, or Friday
Reduced MS Rate: $350
The 7th grade curriculum is a 6 month skill building class to prepare students for the Comprehensive Kaplan SHSAT prep course. The fall semester will run from October, 2014 through January, 2015 for $350. The spring semester will be from February 2015 to March 2015 and be for $200. In April 2015, The Comprehensive Test Prep Class will begin and be free for 75 students through a grant from Grand Street Settlement and will be held at NEST + m. It will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Learning objectives:
- Students learn to apply content to test question types
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Karate
@ NEST+m
with Amelia Sheftall
Grades: 6–8
Day(s): Monday
$375/ $400 (advance)
The Nest + M after school karate program incorporates warming up; stretching; review of fundamental karate techniques; formal kata; meditation and Japanese terminology in each class. There are also fun games that increase stamina and overall fitness. Each semester there will be a promotion where students who are prepared and who have accumulated enough class hours will be asked to attend a special event to receive their new belt or advanced stripe for that belt level. These promotions are wonderful experiences for everyone and we look forward to your participation.

Karate-Advance
Open to students holding the rank of advanced yellow through black belt. This class will follow our normal class promptly at 4:45pm and will end at 5:15pm. By offering this extra half hour, we will be able to give our advanced students the opportunity to participate in weekly kumite (point fighting) and thoroughly review their advanced material. Please note the 5pm bus is not available for students who enroll in advance.
Laser Printing and CAD
@ NEST+m
Grade: 6-8
Day: Wednesday
Price: $450
Students learn to create vector graphic designs that can be engraved or cut into various materials using our laser cutter! Topics covered include vector graphic design, product design, puzzle making, the science of lasers, and more! (materials fee included). Please note that, while the class is held at NEST+m, laser cutting is completed off-site.

Minecraft Modding w/ Java NEW!
@ NEST+m
Instructor: Pixel Academy
Grade: 6-12
Day(s): Monday
Price: $420 per day registered
Students learn to program in Java by cracking open Minecraft and modifying the inner working of the game. Participants make a series of mods that teach them coding fundamentals like variables, functions, and classes, as well as advanced coding concepts like Object Oriented Programming.

Minecraft Modding w/ Java - Girls Club NEW!
@ NEST+m
with Pixel Academy
Grade: 6-12
Day(s): Tuesday
Price: $425 per day registered
Minecraft Girls Club students learn to program in Java by cracking open Minecraft and modifying the inner working of the game. Participants make a series of mods that teach them coding fundamentals like variables, functions, and classes, as well as advanced coding concepts like Object Oriented Programming.

Movie and iMovie
@ NEST+m
with Junior Lab
Grades: 6–8
Day(s): Monday
$375
Explore the relationship between photography and video. Students learn about the evolution from still to moving image through hands-on exercises. We develop our own short stories, write scripts, and create storyboards. After all those preparatory exercises, students collaborate with each other on filming - being directors, camera operators and actors. The process of editing in iMovie is covered in detail.

Rock Band with The School of Rock NEW!
@ NEST+m
Grades: 6-12
Day(s): Friday
$450
Our performance-based teaching method is a great way to introduce young musicians to the power of collaboration and the excitement of sharing their music with an audience. With an experienced, professional musician as their guide, this program will utilize some of the greatest popular music of the last half century to teach students how to play together in a band setting and ultimately perform before a large audience. The first few rehearsals will focus on acquainting the students with various rock genres with an emphasis on historical significance and educational value. Rather than forming individual bands within the larger group, students will be “cast” on a variety of songs designed to maximize opportunities for collaboration and communication as well as expand each student’s musical vocabulary. Guided by their instructor, students will work on specific arrangement and song structures of each piece with a goal of getting a workable version of an entire song up and running in short order. Subsequent sessions will see them perfecting those arrangements while adding additional material to further the learning experience. Students will be expected to practice their material at home between sessions and will be given specific lesson plans and exercises to focus on. The last few weeks will be dedicated to perfecting the set list in anticipation of a final, live performance. Instruments include drums, bass, keyboards, guitars and vocals. Some experience required. Please contact After3 at nestafterschool@gmail.com to inform us of what instrument your child would like to play.

Scratch Animation (Video Game Design)
@ NEST+m
Grades: 6–7
Day(s): Friday
$400
This course teaches computer programming using MIT’s Scratch system. Our students learn high-level problem solving strategies such as decomposing problems into small pieces, combining components into larger solutions, and troubleshooting. Students find strategic uses for mathematical concepts such as angles, Cartesian (X-Y) coordinates, and formal logic. All students will make several games and/or animations that they can publish on MIT’s website for others to view and download or that they can download themselves and play at home! No previous programming experience is required. New and interesting projects will be made available.
for kids who have previously taken this course.

**Sketch Comedy, Improvisation & Character** NEW!
@ NEST+m  
**Grades:** 6–8  
**Day(s):** Thursday  
**$450**

In the zany and irreverent style of Saturday Night Live, students apply all forms of improvisation and comic technique to create original comedy sketches. This class allows advanced actors to explore characterization, vocalization, spontaneity, and physicality in a fun, non-threatening and supportive environment. Fun-filled theater games will help students create a solid foundation for developing unique and three dimensional characters. End of semester showcase culminates in a “students choice” of group improvisations, original sketches or solo monologue performances guaranteed to put the trained actor one-step ahead of the competition during those Performing Art High School auditions.

**Video Game Design** NEW!
@ NEST+m  
**with Tam Myaing & Reynaldo Vargas**  
**Grades:** 6  
**Day(s):** Thursday  
**$375**

Learn how to create games and video games with Tynker and other game-making tools. Tynker is an online program that allows kids to learn how to make games using visual building blocks. Based on Scratch, it uses fun, game-based quests and courses to help kids learn game design and make their own video games that they can share with their friends. As kids get proficient, they can transition to Javascript – a professional coding language for the Web – right inside Tynker. Making games lead to the development of critical 21st Century skills. Designing a successful game involves: Systems Thinking; Creative Problem Solving; Art & Aesthetics; Writing & Storytelling; Interactive Design; Programming & Technical Design; Communication & Collaboration.

Kids will learn the fundamentals of video game design, use professional tools (e.g. Photoshop), take part in challenging game projects, and have a better understanding of what makes a good game by play-testing and reviewing each other’s games. Course is taught by Tam Myaing and Reynaldo Vargas. Tam is a game designer who has been making games as a hobby and professionally for 30 years. Tam is the founder of Neuronic Games, an educational games company located in Manhattan and his work can also be seen in various children’s museums. Reynaldo is a NYU Game Center MFA candidate who has been creating games for 5 years. His games, ranging from sports, board and card games, and videogames, have won awards and have been shown around the world.

**Violin**  
@ NEST+m  
**with InterPlay**  
**Grades:** 6–8  
**Day(s):** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
**$450 Per Day**  
(Children will be placed in the appropriate level)

**Pre-twinklers:** For the complete beginner, focus on posture, bow hold, familiar tunes, and fun note-reading games.  
**Twinklers:** Completed one full session, has a basic understanding and ability to play the instrument, can play repertoire from book 1 String Explorer and Suzuki.  
**Advanced Beginner:** Completed two full sessions or has studied privately, has completed book 1 String Explorer and Suzuki, can sight-read music with ease.  
**Intermediate:** Completed two or more sessions or has studied privately, can play repertoire from book 2 String Explorer and Suzuki, can sight-read with ease.  
**Advanced:** Completed four or more sessions or has studied privately, can play advanced repertoire with expression and fluent music.

Instruments not provided. Please contact Miho Zaitsu at cellodecogmail.com for more information.

**Writopia**  
@ NEST+m  
**Grades:** 6–7  
**Day(s):** Wednesday  
**$400**

Writopia Lab runs the most fun and productive writing workshops for teens and tweens in New York City. Each year, Writopia teens win more writing awards than any other group of students in the country. While the focus of writing workshops is on story and creative expression, we will explore structure and grammar as we revise our work, and our writers ultimately organize their thoughts into coherent, fluid complete narratives. Workshops are run by published authors or produced playwrights trained in Writopia’s method. Writopia’s method is student-centered; at Writopia, we witness every day that teens and tweens write at their best ability when writing what they want to write. Sessions are peppered with instructive games and helpful exercises. Each writer leaves the workshop with a completed piece in hand.
Young Architects Club– Google SketchUp Pro
@ NEST+m
with Howard Stern
Grades: 6
Day(s): Tuesday
$375

Students will learn the tools to create floor plans, buildings, chairs and other objects using Google Sketch Up. With the push/pull tool, you can make floor plans 3 dimensional. With the orbit tool, you can fly in, out, and around your project. With the paint tool, materials, and colors can be added. Some additional objects and furnishings can be imported from the Google library. Projects will be done to scale, which will require some basic math skills. For more info contact howstern@earthlink.net.