

# Charles River School Auxiliary Programs

...before and after school programming and care...

2026-2027

## Joy of Childhood Throughout the Day

Children have opportunities to play in small groups, simulating a neighborhood playgroup. Multi-age grouping enriches personal relationships among the children and provides opportunities to develop new perspectives and ideas.

## Early Birds: Before School Care

Charles River School offers before-school care, free of charge to all families, beginning at 7:30 a.m. each day. Located in the Library, the Early Birds program is staffed by faculty members. Students can choose a quiet activity or book to read.

## Extended Day: After School Care

The Extended Day Program (EDP) at CRS is an extension of the school day, and the EDP staff reinforces a strong sense of continuity for students. Our program equips children with the freedom to make individual and group choices and stresses the development of interpersonal social skills and the importance of building community.

Throughout the program, we encourage children to make creative choices that will enhance their personal growth. As a part of EDP, we offer optional enrichment activities several times a week in areas including STEM, martial arts, dance, and the creative arts.



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## Enrichment Classes

Each season, we offer a variety of enrichment classes in the afternoons for an additional fee. These activities give students an opportunity to explore a new interest or take a deep dive into an area of interest. Classes are age-based and have included: STEM Lab, Martial Arts, Theater, Dance & Improv, Arts & Crafts, Entrepreneurship, and more. Below is a sample of enrichment offerings.

### **Mondays: Chess Wizards**

Chess Wizards is a premier chess education company providing fun, informative, and challenging chess lessons to students in PreK-8th grade. Our program is made for children at every step of their chess journey - no matter the skill level - with classes that build upon each other, starting with the basics and moving toward more advanced lessons as your child progresses from one session to the next.

### **Tuesdays: Pajamarama**

Get cozy and get ready to create! In this weekly pajama party, students will learn real sewing skills while making snuggly creations they'll actually use. Projects include a sleepwear set, matching pillowcase, and other crafts perfect for sleepovers or just lounging at home. No prior sewing experience necessary.

### **Wednesdays: Stop Motion Animation**

Work with award winning animator Sam Billings to learn how to create and produce stop motion animation. Let your creativity soar as you design and create short videos under expert guidance.



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## Thursdays: Weird Science TV!

Put on your lab coats and secure your goggles- it's time for some whacky science with CinemaKidz! From mixing magic potions and making a slime monster come to life with stop motion, to building bottle rockets and tin foil boats- anything is possible in Weird Science Television! Working together in lab teams, kids will learn, then demonstrate and show others how to make mind-blowing experiments and more for their kid-run science show. Using their science skills, these creative kids will create their own Bill Nye-inspired TV show!

## Fridays: Minecraft Engineering using LEGO® Materials

Venture into the world of Minecraft in our unique LEGO® experience. Get ready to build your base, craft your tools, use your mine cart to harvest raw resources, and battle to stop the Ender Dragon from ending the world. Come explore the endless possibilities of LEGO® with a trained Play-Well instructor.



## Private Music Lessons

Offerings include piano, guitar, ukulele, bass, drums, violin/viola, and voice lessons. Lessons take place after school from 3:00 - 5:30pm once per week. Length of lessons range from 30 - 60 minutes.

Students in Pre-K to Grade 8 may participate. Vocal lessons are recommended for Grades 5-8.



## Chorus

All CRS students in Grades 4-8 are also welcomed to join Chorus at no additional fee.

