








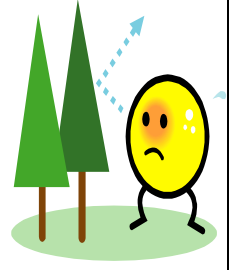
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Cluster Activity	Teacher	Room
PUPPET MANIA- Did you ever want to design and create your very own puppet? Do you want to make your creation come alive on the stage? If so, Puppet Mania is the cluster for you! Come design and create different kinds of puppets. Write, direct or star in a puppet show. Bring your puppets to life in an unforgettable performance. There is no limit to your imagination!	Fouchecourt 	B19
LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!- There's no business like show business, like no business I know. Have you ever wanted to explore the craft of scriptwriting and computer assisted video editing techniques? Would you like to create your own news reports, commercials, TV shows, and major motion pictures? Lights! Camera! Action!	A. DeGennaro 	B21b
VIDEO MAGIC- Would you like to take a script from a "soon to be famous" Scriptwriting/Movie? Production cluster and transform it into a movie? In this cluster we will explore the art of video editing and create video presentations from photographs and film footage. If these activities interest you, then Video Magic is for you!	M. DeGennaro 	B21a
BE JEWELLED- Does the thought of creating your own jewelry excite you? How about exploring different jewelry from around the world? If so, then this is the cluster for you! Create necklaces, beads, bracelets, rings and more. Explore ways to use this jewelry to benefit and help others. Get ready to take a jewelry journey around the world and discover your inner jewelry designer.	McGuire 	219
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE DODO?- Do you love animals? Are you afraid that one day your favorite animal may disappear off the face of the Earth? (Just like the Dodo bird did.) If so join the Dodo Squad. The Dodo Squad is dedicated to protecting endangered animals. We defend the helpless species from around the world.	McGrath 	214
LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN...OR IS IT?- Have you ever thought about how bridges are created? Have you ever wondered how they are able to sustain the weight of so many cars? If you're interested in learning about bridges and creating a bridge of your own, then this cluster is for you!	D'Agostino 	221
TALKING HANDS- Have you ever seen someone talking with their hands? Did you wonder what they were saying? Well, join the "Talking Hands" Cluster and learn American Sign Language. Learn a new way to communicate with your friends!	Baez 	236
RAINFOREST RESCUE- Do you want to make a difference in the world? Would you like to learn more about the remarkable rainforest? Join Rainforest Rescue! Learn fascinating facts about the wondrous Amazon Rainforest. Use your artistic talent to create a "Walk in the Rainforest" School replica filled with trees, plants, and animals. Then use your creative skills to make crafts to raise money to save the endangered Amazon Rainforest in South America. Let's build a sense of community spirit and responsibility that will impact the lives of others!	Bernard/ Labbate 	128

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CHEER NATION- Is shouting what you do best? Do you want to create the perfect cheer? If so, join P.S. 304's Cheer Nation! Create catchy cheers to go with awesome choreography. Show your classmates the meaning of school spirit!	Steinberger 	205
THE BREAK DiaBEATes CREW- Would you like to use your body as the ultimate weapon of creative expression? Then this is for you. You will discover how to scramble like an egg, move like a worm, shift like a robot, and spin like a turtle. Not only will your body become stronger in this group, you will learn about a disease that is affecting the lives of people we care about right here at P.S. 304. Join the "battle" for a healthier lifestyle!	Mascolo 	B44
YOGA AND YOU- Does movement motivate you? Want to empower body <u>and</u> mind? In this cluster, we will explore movements, such as yoga, and where they originated. So, if you would like to strengthen yourself, both inside and out, this may be the cluster for you. Yoga is a fantastic experience for you to take part in. Come find out why!	Russo 	222
SIZZLIN' SALSA SENSATIONS- Salsa! It's not just what you dip your chips into. It's also a kind of Latin dance. In this cluster, you will listen to, learn, and love the music and rhythm of the Latin culture. So if you want to dance to the Latin beat and have fun on your feet, this cluster will get you out of your seat.	Johnson/ Hammond 	B42
THE ATHLETIC ADVENTURE!- Are you interested in an athletic adventure? Do you have what it takes to be part of a team? Can you follow rules and play fair? If you can answer "yes", this may be for you! In this cluster, you will get to play sports, and learn about their origins. If you want to become a super awesome athlete, join The Athletic Adventure!	Coppola 	Cafe
"MASK"ERADE- Do you enjoy making craft projects? Would you enjoy creating and painting masks? If so, come and disguise yourself in one of the many masks we will create that represent the exciting world we live in. We will also explore plays and cultures from the masks we create.	Genovese 	218
RECIPES FROM THE HEART AND CREATIONS FROM THE SOUL- Did you ever wonder what that special ingredient was in Grandma's chocolate chip cookies? Why did mom's spaghetti sauce taste so yummy? What did dad put into the ribs that made them fall off the bone and make you want to lick your fingers? We will research our family and friend's recipes and create some of our favorites. When we are done we will create an amazing recipe book for all!	Gonzalez/ Reilly 	203
CULTURE COMPANY- Are you interested in the customs foods, and traditions of different Spanish-speaking countries? Are you curious about how people from Latin America celebrate holidays? If so, you will love this hands-on cluster. We will create fun projects to share our expertise with others while learning to speak Spanish.	Miles 	207

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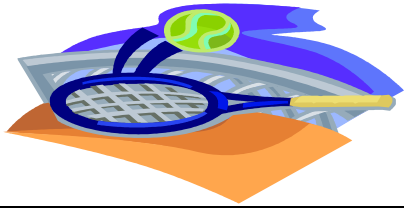




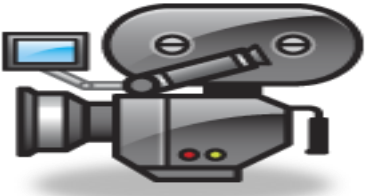

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<p>THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT</p> <p>How can growing fresh food from seed inspire kids to eat healthier? Does taking part in growing what you eat encourage you to change what you eat? In this cluster, we grow a variety of fresh produce. We will also begin a school wide movement to encourage others to make healthy eating choices!</p>	Russo	222
<p>SHALL WE PLAY A GAME?</p> <p>Have you ever played Draughts? Bet you have! In England children play Draughts but here in America we call it checkers. Did you know that Dominoes originally came from China? Yet, it is played all over the world. Join THE GAME PLAN. We will travel the world in search of new games to play. Our Game Plan is to learn fun new games and teach them to other students. We may even get Stuck in the Mud like the children do in Australia.</p>	McGrath	214
<p>RUNWAY WRITERS</p> <p>Interested in fashion trends, photo shoots, and being fabulous? Then Runway Writers needs your creative input. This cluster will explore fashion magazines and produce our very own Vogue magazine. We will write articles, give fashion advice and even make comments on our own teacher's fashion sense. Remember fashion is not only for girls!!</p>	McGuire	219
<p>ABRACADABRA</p> <p>Have you ever wondered how magicians do their tricks? Do you want to learn how to entertain people with tricks of your own? If performing magic tricks sounds like a good time to you, grab your wand and join Abracadabra!</p>	D'Agostino/ Pagliarulo	221
<p>BROADWAY BOUND</p> <p>Were you born to sing, dance or act? Do you love to be on stage and work behind the scenes on costumes or set design? If so, Broadway Bound is the cluster for you! We'll watch theatre productions, discuss what goes into a Broadway show and will even put on a show of our own! Join Broadway Bound where everyone's a star.</p>	Bello/Fouchecourt	B19/Aud
<p>REVAMP RECESS</p> <p>Are you bored at recess? Do you think our school yard or lunchroom needs some "redecorating"? Join this cluster and we will come up with ways to improve the look of our school-yard and lunchroom and put the <i>fun</i> back into recess.</p>	Labbate	Cafe
<p>PAPER ART</p> <p>Have you ever taken a piece of paper and made an airplane? Well that is art! Paper folding is a Japanese art called "Origami". If you would like to learn more about this fun form of art, join the Paper Art Cluster!</p>	Baez	218

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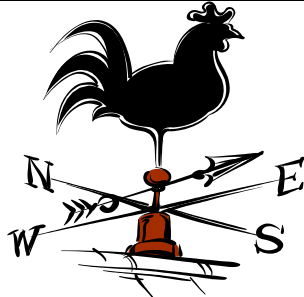
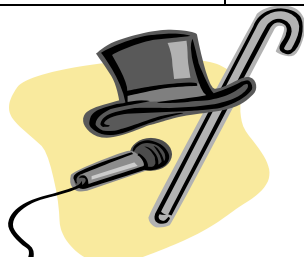




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THE BASELINE BASHERS Do you play in a sport that requires hitting balls, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and mental toughness? You may think it is Baseball but it isn't! This sport is just as challenging as baseball, and then some!! Come join the Baseline Bashers.	Mascolo	Gym
		
MELODY MAKERS De, Re, M, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do. Melody Makers is the way to go! When you're at home, do you pretend that your hair brush is a microphone? Do you sing to the songs on the radio, and the dog isn't howling? The Melody Makers is for you! In this cluster you will learn about different types of music, famous musicians, and of course... to sing. So don't be shy; come express yourself through song.	Hammond/ Johnson	203/Aud
		
CREATIVE MEMORIES Ever wondered what to do with your photographs? Tired of keeping photos, baseball cards, family pictures, baby pictures or other collectibles stuck in a box or a drawer? Let's design a scrapbook of your memories.	Gonzalez	134
		
FITNESS CRAZE Do you like dancing, hula hooping walking or playing hopscotch? Did you know that these are great ways to exercise? Well this is your chance to join PS 304's very own fitness group. Our group will explore healthy eating habits, keeping food journals combined with fun exercising. So let's go, get your sneakers and water bottles ready! It's time to do Zumba, Yoga, Running, Aerobics and more! No experience necessary. Remember Summer is just around the corner!	Steinberger/ Genovese	205
		
TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME Which Hall of Fame baseball player is known as "The Yankee Clipper?" How far is it from home plate to the pitcher's mound? If you want to find out the answer to these questions and more... join us as we research and explore EVERYTHING BASEBALL! We'll create baseball trivia games and activities. Some days we'll even play wiffle ball in our own home field! If you LOVE baseball...sign up now! Spring training is about to begin.	Bernard	128
		
i Movie, MY MOVIE/Star Have you ever wondered how an award-winning film is actually made? Ever wondered how special effects are produced to turn an ordinary motion picture into the latest smash hit? Ever thought about taking raw video footage and still photography and transforming it into a stunning movie presentation? See how it's done, and do it yourself. You're in creative control of movie-making technology. It all happens when you make iMovie, MyMovie.	DeGennaros'	B21
		
SENSATIONAL SCULPTING Do you like to work with your hands? Do you like to be creative? If so then Sensational Sculpting is for you! In this cluster you will explore the world of clay and create amazing pieces of art. But wait! There's more! Not only will you work with clay, you will research and use other of sculpting mediums such as copper wire, paper mache, modeling dough and many more! Join us and discover what your artistic hands can create!	Miles/Illas	207
		

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<p><u>Kindergarten Crusaders</u></p> <p>Do you have wonderful memories of Kindergarten? Does the thought of helping other children learn and grow excite you? If so, Kindergarten Crusaders is the cluster for you! In this cluster, we will help the kindergarteners of P.S. 304 enjoy our school community as much as we do! We will work with them in many different ways, including reading and crafts. So if this sounds exciting to you, join Kindergarten Crusaders</p>	<p>Russo</p> 	<p>222</p>
<p><u>Cloudy With A Chance of...</u></p> <p>Have you ever wondered if it will rain on your baseball game? Do you want to know if you need to wear a jacket to school tomorrow? If so, sign up for The Weather Watchers. We will create a Weather Station so everyone will know what the upcoming week's weather will be. We will also explore the world of weather by conducting experiments to see how <i>thunderstorms</i> and <i>tornadoes</i> are formed. Get your rain boots and hold onto your hat. You're in for a wild windy ride.</p>	<p>McGrath</p> 	<p>214</p>
<p><u>Glee</u></p> <p>Do you find yourself belting out your favorite tunes in the shower? Or singing along to your favorite song? Do you have dreams of one day sharing your talent with an audience? If so, <i>Glee</i> is the cluster for you! You and your fellow students will perform some of the all time greatest hits as a group, matching outfits, performing simple dance moves, singing, and performing. This cluster has it all! Become a "gleek" and join <i>Glee</i> today!</p>	<p>McGuire Fouchecourt</p> 	<p>B19</p>
<p><u>Card Sharks</u></p> <p>Rummy, Solitaire, War ---ever wonder where these games came from? These are just a few of the "cool" card games we will be exploring and playing. So join the <i>Card Sharks</i>, compete with your friends and you will have a hand full of fun.</p>	<p>Pagliarulo</p> 	<p>222</p>
<p><u>House Crashers, Bath Crashers, Classroom Crashers?</u></p> <p>If you ever watched HGTV or DIY Network then you know what this cluster is about. Let's explore elements of interior design and see how we can incorporate them into P.S. 304's classrooms. We have desperate spaces in our school that are in need of a designer's touch. You can be the one to make great changes!</p>	<p>Labbate</p> 	<p>240</p>
<p><u>Pictures and Glue...See what you can do!</u></p> <p>Decoupage! That sounds like a funny word, doesn't it? But you will find that decoupage is tons of fun. You'll be surprised about what you can make by combining colorful pictures with an unusual way to use glue. So come join and discover about how decoupage began and also create beautiful things.</p>	<p>D'Agostino</p> 	<p>221</p>
<p><u>Dancing with the Star Students</u></p> <p>Are you hooked on Dancing with the Stars? Have you thought, "I could do that" when you've watched the show? If so, this cluster is for you. This is your chance to choreograph, perform your own moves or even design costumes for a dance performance. Explore your creative side and immerse yourself in the world of dance!</p>	<p>Bello</p> 	<p>218/Aud.</p>

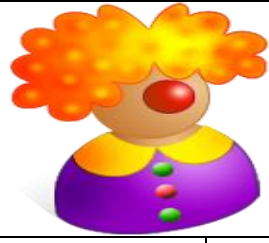
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<p><u>Cirque De P.S. 304</u></p> <p>Do you want to become part of a circus like no other? Would you enjoy learning how to perform acts that most people would not dare try? Then this is the cluster for you. If you are brave and want to challenge yourself to learn how to be different, then come join “The Greatest Show on Earth” and 304.</p>	<p>Mascolo</p> 	<p>Gym</p>
<p><u>Got Game? – Games Around the World</u></p> <p>Did you know that children all over the world love some of the same things as you? They all love to play games – board games, card games, outdoor games and so much more. In <i>Games Around the World</i> we will have fun playing games and we will discover about other cultures through the games they play. You will even be able to create your own games. So if you think you “got game”, this is the cluster for you.</p>	<p>Hammond/ Johnson</p> 	<p>203</p>
<p><u>Sing A Song</u></p> <p>Can you carry a tune? Have you ever watched American Idol or America’s Got Talent and wanted to sing because you have a great singing voice? Let’s make a singing group that will dazzle everyone. We will sing popular songs and put our own positive words to them.</p>	<p>Gonzalez/Reilly</p> 	<p>Aud./218</p>
<p><u>Strings the Thing</u></p> <p>Have you ever wondered about the endless possibilities of string? If so, this is the cluster for you! String can be different sizes, textures, and colors with different meanings to different people. Come and explore what you can do with string. From twisting and knotting to weaving creating, just like string the fun never ends.</p>	<p>Steinberger/ Genovese</p> 	<p>205</p>
<p><u>Two Thumbs Up: Kid Reviewers “Kids for Kids”</u></p> <p>Do you like to speak your mind? Join us as we give our opinions on all kinds of Kid Entertainment: Sports, movies, TV Shows, music, books, and games. All reviews will be written and illustrated by “Kids for Kids”. We will talk to our friends at school, teachers, families and take surveys and polls about favorites. Come share your reactions, thoughts, and opinions with the rest of the world!</p>	<p>Bernard/Illas</p> 	<p>128</p>
<p><u>That’s Entertainment</u></p> <p>Do you enjoy going to the movies? Do you admire great television shows? Now you can make it all happen, from start to finish. You can write the script act, direct, and film your own video product. That’s Entertainment!</p>	<p>DeGennaros’</p> 	<p>B21</p>
<p><u>Zumba</u></p> <p>Do you like to dance? Do you like to be healthy? We will research which of your favorite snacks are the healthiest to eat. We will get fit through Zumba! Come and join “Zumba” and “Zumba” your way to a healthier you!</p>	<p>Miles/Baez</p> 	<p>207</p>

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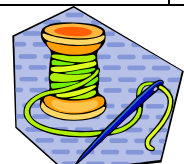
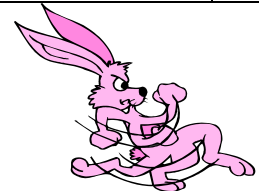
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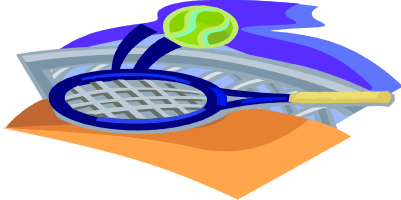

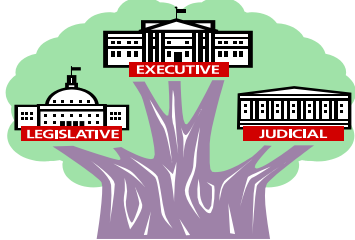


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<p><u>Yoga - rific!</u> Do you want to strengthen your body and mind? Then yoga - rific may be the cluster for you! In this cluster, we will explore the benefits of yoga through reading and practice. We will promote physical strength and flexibility, concentration, focus and attention, and relaxation and self-control. So if you enjoy a feeling of well-being for mind and body, join yoga – rific!</p>	Russo	219
<p><u>Run Run as fast as You Can!</u> On your mark, get set go! Do you dream of one day being in the Olympics? Do you dream of being a gold medal winner? Well, join this cluster and get ready to run like a winner!</p>	Miles/Baez	207
<p><u>Soccer Round the World!</u> Are you curious about soccer? In this cluster we will explore, research, and participate in the wonderful world of Futbol, commonly known as soccer. Let’s find out why this is the preferred sport of other countries and have fun playing it at the same time.</p>	Genovese/Steinberger	218
<p><u>The Opinion Seekers</u> Have you ever wondered what your friends and teachers are thinking? Join the “Opinion seekers” and you’ll collect information on the important topics you want to find out about. You’ll interview and poll the people in and out of school and then share the information you gathered in lots of interesting ways.</p>	Illas	218
<p><u>Sidewalk Games</u> Have you ever played Red Rover? What about Ring – a - levio or Boxball? Exactly how do you play Skelzie? Did you ever wonder what kids did before video games were invented? Let’s find out. Join Sidewalk games and enjoy games played back in day on the streets of New York City.</p>	Johnson/Bernard	128
<p><u>The Welcoming Committee</u> Do you remember how you felt on your first day of school at P.S. 304? Were you nervous? Worried? Scared? The welcoming committee is a group of cheerful students who want to make everyone feel special at PS 304. We will work together to design and sew a “student – teddy doll” to comfort and welcome the new Pre-K students to our school in September.</p>	McGrath	214
<p><u>Dance Around the World</u> Are you interested in exploring different cultures and their dances? If so, this is the cluster for you. Not only will we compare different dances, but we will also gather information about other countries, including their food, art, and music. We will end with a multicultural celebration. No dance experience necessary!</p>	Bello/Pagliarulo	217
<p><u>Sew what...?</u> Do you like to sew? Do you like to cheer people up? Then this cluster is for you. We will sew creative cuddly critters to give to people who need some cheer.</p>	Hammond	236



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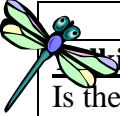

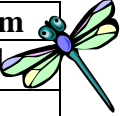




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<p><u>World Wide Webbing</u> Have you ever wondered how websites are created? Have you ever wanted to share your knowledge and talents with the world wide community? We have the lights. We have the cameras. We have the computers. You have the power to create your own website and add to P.S. 304's website. Join us as we travel the World Wide Web.</p>	DeGennaro	B21A
		
<p><u>Songademics</u> Do you love songs by Miley Cyrus, Justin Beiber and Selena Gomez? Do you wish you could belt out their songs in class? Well, now you can! Join the Songademics cluster and turn your favorite songs into a cool, new way to learn! We'll take your favorite songs from the radio and switch up the lyrics so students can learn with catchy tunes!</p>	D'Agostino	221
		
<p><u>The Racketeers</u> Come one, come all to the cluster that is the most fun of all! Do you like playing outside or even inside? This cluster shows how you can do both. You will play with one partner or even two, it is up to you. This cluster involves a lot of running, strategy, strength, teamwork, and much more.</p>	Mascolo	B42
		
<p><u>Snapshot Snapshot Students</u> Would you like to work with a camera? In this cluster you will explore the elements and principles of art through a camera lens. Capture beautiful images with your creative eye by make art with a camera. "Say cheese."</p>	Labbate	222
		
<p><u>Student Government</u> *Selected Fifth Grade students only. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be involved in government issues and decisions? Want to make some changes in our community? Be part of a group that can make a difference for our school and the community.</p>	Gonzalez/Reilly	Cafe
		
<p><u>Mural Mural on the Wall</u> Are you interested in huge works of art, famous artists, and traveling around the world? Then this is the cluster for you! Explore an exotic jungle, a Mexican village, famous art from Italy, France, the USA and other exciting places. Then be part of the PS 304 Art Team to make our own original <i>gigantic</i> work of art.</p>	Margulies/Haber	238
		
<p><u>Rock of Ages</u> Do you find yourself banging your head up and down when your favorite rock song comes on the radio? Do you "borrow" your parent's iPod and listen to rock music from long ago? Did you ever wonder where this type of music came from? Have you ever wished you could "rock out" on stage for millions of adoring fans? If so, this is the cluster for you! Learn about the history of rock and roll music. Perform some of your favorite rock and roll songs in front of a huge roaring crowd! This cluster is not for the faint of heart! This cluster is for those who ROCK!</p>	Fouchecourt/McGuire	B19
		

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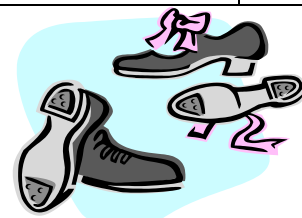
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 <p><u>Talking Walls</u> Is there an artist hiding inside of you? Imagine how proud you would feel seeing your artwork each day as you walk through the halls of school! Join <u>Talking Walls</u> to create decorative tiles and “interesting words” around the school that will enrich all P.S. 304 students’ vocabulary as they walk the hallways.</p>	<p>D’Agostino</p> 	<p>221</p> 
<p><u>Out of this World</u> Now that NASA has cancelled the Space Shuttle program it’s time for a new group of rocket scientists! Our cluster will find out about space travel, build rockets, and even design a new kind of spaceship for the future. If you want to reach for the stars, join <u>Out of this World</u>!</p>	<p>McGrath/Illas</p> 	<p>214</p>
<p><u>The Laugh Factory</u> Do you like making people Laugh? Do you tell rib-tickling jokes that keep your friends and family in stitches? Can you make funny faces or speak in silly accents? Is slapstick your “thing”? If so, <u>The Laugh Factory</u> is the cluster for you! Learn from classic stars like Lucille Ball, Laurel and Hardy, The Marx Brothers and The Three Stooges...and learn from newer stars like the cast of iCarly, Sonny with a Chance, So Random! and the Suite Life. Recreate famous scenes or create your own skit! If you’re ready to tickle someone’s funny bone, join <u>The Laugh Factory</u> today!</p>	<p>Fouchecourt</p> 	<p>B19</p>
<p><u>Cheer Up</u> Do you have a cheerful personality that brightens up someone’s day? Have you been told you make people smile? Smiling relieves stress, makes you feel good, and boosts self-esteem. Join <u>Cheer Up</u> and help bring joy to everyone in the PS 304 community. In this cluster we will work on <i>cheerleading</i>, <i>singing</i> telegrams, and lots of other “cool” things to make people smile and feel happy. If you are part of <u>Cheer Up</u> you are going to have fun making others <i>SMILE!</i></p>	<p>McGuire</p> 	<p>219</p>
<p><u>So You Think You Can Dance</u> Have you ever thought about how dance got started? You will be amazed to find out about the different types of dances. Is there a step you don’t know or want to share with us? So let’s get together and <i>move</i> to the beat.</p>	<p>Gonzalez/Micela</p> 	<p>205</p>

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<p><u>Sculpterrific</u> Remember when you were little and had lots of fun playing with play-dough? Do you enjoy putting your hands into soft, mushy dough or clay? Do you want to create great sculptures? Join <u>Sculpterrific</u> to discover how statues are made and create your own works of art.</p>	Miles/Baez	207
<p><u>P.S. 304's Amazing Storytime Theater</u> Imagine writing your own play and then acting in it! Have you ever thought a book should be turned into a play? Many of our favorite stories could be turned into a great show. If you would like to turn a book or story you read into a play with costumes and music, and then have an audience watch your production, this is the cluster for you. Join us and you will have the chance to <i>write</i> a play, <i>act</i>, <i>sing</i>, and <i>design costumes</i>! No experience necessary!</p>	Bello/Pagliarulo	217
<p><u>Bling's The Thing</u> Have you ever wanted that "wow" fashion statement? Does creating jewelry for girls and boys seem exciting to you? If so, <u>Bling's the Thing</u> is the cluster for you. We'll research jewelry styles, the origins of jewelry, and look at collections from different countries. Come discover the art of jewelry making and create your style of fashion.</p>	Johnson/Steinberger	203
<p><u>Top Chef</u> BAM! Do you have what it takes to be the next "Top Chef"? Are you curious about how delicious delicacies and yummy snacks are prepared? Do you like to help cook at home? If you join this cluster, you will follow recipes and whip up some delicious food.</p>	Hammond/Bernard	Café/128
<p><u>"Extra, Extra, Read All About It!"</u> What's your favorite part of the Newspaper? Sports? World News? Weather? Editorials? Comics? Explore the different components of a newspaper and become part of the staff of a world class journalistic enterprise. Choose your role as news reporter, sportswriter, editorialist, columnist, or cartoonist and help create a P.S. 304 Newspaper</p>	DeGennaros'	B19
<p><u>Wall of Famers</u> Words on the wall – How can this help the children and teachers at P.S. 304? Beginning readers need to know their sight words in order to become better readers. Let's create with paint, glue, and paper a fun way for our kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students to become Superstar readers. Join <u>Wall of Famers</u> to help our younger students shine and become part of creating our very FIRST Word Wall of Fame.</p>	Labbate	B21A
<p><u>Rat -A -Tap -Tap</u> When you hear music do your feet want to move? Does your body want to groove? Does the music make you want to shuffle off to Buffalo, tap a toe or just go? When you join <u>Rat-A-Tap-Tap</u>, you will explore the world of tap through its sound and history. So...let your feet tap away!</p>	Geni	Gym



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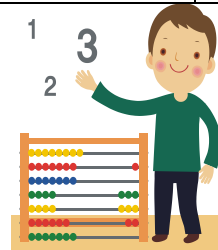
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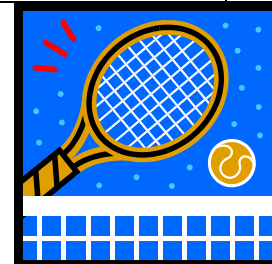
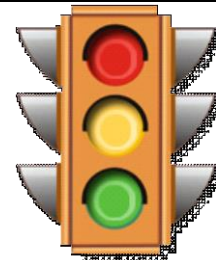
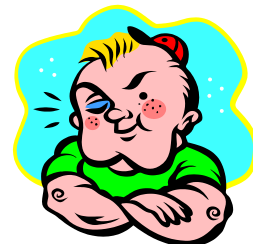
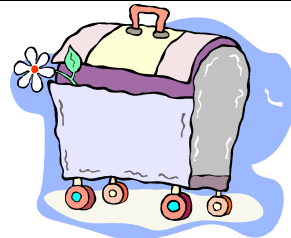
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Cluster Activity	Teacher	Room
<p><u>Installation Transformation</u> Art doesn't always have to be 2-dimensional. Let's explore the 3rd dimension using found materials and transforming spaces around our school and schoolyard. If you are creative, then you should join us as we make our mark and create some art and make our school the most beautiful in the Bronx!</p>	<p>Labbate</p>	<p>128</p>
<p><u>Game On</u> What's easier—studying your Math facts, Spelling words and Science vocabulary...or...playing games to help you practice your Math, Science and Words? If you answered, “playing games,” you're right! Playing a game is a great way to help anyone learn information. At PS 304 the Second Graders are looking fun, new ways to learn. Game On will create original fun games to help the second grade classes succeed! Join Game On and you'll be # UNO!</p>	<p>McGrath</p>	<p>214</p>
<p><u>Superheroes and Greek Gods and Goddesses</u> Have you ever thought about how alike Greek gods and goddesses are to our great superheroes of today? Does Hercules remind you of Superman? Did you know that Wonder Woman was based on the Greek stories of fierce Amazon women warriors? These superheroes use their incredible powers to help people on Earth, even though they are from another world. Step back in time as we explore the wonderful world of Greek mythology.</p>	<p>Bernard/Illas</p>	<p>218</p>
<p><u>Jump In!</u> Do you love to be active and “jump around?” Are you interested in getting fit through a doubly fun activity? When you jump into this cluster you will discover a new sport and skills that keep you turning and off your feet.</p>	<p>Geni/Micela</p>	<p>Gym</p>
<p><u>Quilting Challenge “The Silver Thread”</u> Would you like to be part of a creative project to design and stitch an original GIANT quilt to hang up in PS 304 for years and years to come? Our patchwork will be stitched with love and quilted with compassion.</p>	<p>Hammond/Lent</p>	<p>236</p>
<p><u>The 2012 Olympic Games at PS 304</u> Did you know that the 2012 Olympics are happening this summer in London? Are you curious how the Olympics got started and where the idea came from? Do you know how many countries participate? What's the deal with those medals? Would you like to participate in recreating some events from both the past and present? Track and field, discus, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, soccer and lots more! If you have what it takes to represent America in the Olympics, then this is the cluster for you! Join the 2012 Olympic Team at PS 304 and let the games begin!</p>	<p>Fouchecourt/Steinberger</p>	<p>B19</p>



<p><u>Dumbledore's Army</u> If you are a muggle that is crazy about Harry Potter, then Dumbledore's Army is the cluster for you. In this cluster, we will explore all things Potter! You will learn the language, places and creatures that exist in Harry's wizarding world. You will not only learn the history of Hogwarts but also take part in Hogwarts' classes that include Potions, Spells, Herbology and Defense against the Dark Arts. In Dumbledore's Army we will discuss the Harry Potter books, movies and characters. Maybe we will even play some Quidditch.</p>	<p>McGuire/Gonzalez</p>	<p>219</p>
<p><u>From Trash to Treasure</u> Do you enjoy arts and crafts? Have you ever recycled something that was trash and turned it into something beautiful? If so, "From Trash to Treasure" is the cluster for you! Explore recycled materials and how to use them in your own art projects. Research famous artists and how they used trash to make something for others to admire. Who knows, maybe we can even create our own art gallery to display our work. Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure!</p>	<p>Bello/Pagliarulo</p>	<p>217</p>
<p><u>Bully Busters</u> Imagine a school where no one was bullied? Let's make that dream a reality! Bully Busters will help teach students at PS 304 all about bullying. We can put an end to ALL bullying at PS 304. In the Bully Buster cluster we'll create anti-bullying posters for the school and act out skits to teach students how to STOP BULLYING! If you're tired of being bullied or seeing others being bullied, join Bully Busters and let's make a difference.</p>	<p>D'Agostino</p>	<p>221</p>
<p><u>Safer Streets=Safer Schools</u> Have you always wanted to know how the city's traffic flows? When do cars roll...When do people stroll? How does everyone stay safe...and everything/one know its place? Then join this cluster where we explore NYC's DOT safety signs. We will get to design and create our own traffic safety sign. This Safety Sign our Cluster designs will actually be placed up in our neighborhood. We will even take a <i>trip</i> to NYC's sign shop. So if you want to show all your family, friends, and neighbors that you can make your neighborhood safer, join us!!</p>	<p>Miles/Baez</p>	<p>207</p>
<p><u>Match Point</u> Tennis, anyone? Do you have a great backhand? Do you picture yourself being the next Andre Agassi, or Serena Williams? Then look no further because Match Point is the right fit for you. You will learn how to play tennis, become physically fit and have fun at the same time. So volley over to Match Point and get served!</p>	<p>Johnson</p>	<p>Yard/203</p>
<p><u>Extra, Extra, Read All About It</u> Here is your chance to be a reporter, sportswriter, editorialist, cartoonist and columnist, yes, even a poet. Explore the different components of a newspaper/magazine and become part of a world-class journalistic enterprise. You will report all the important events at PS 304, in our community, and the world. Join us and help create and publish the second edition of our school newspaper, "The Core Standard."</p>	<p>DeGennaros'</p>	<p>B19</p>



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Melody Makers (Bernard/Steinberger 218)- Do you get excited when you hear music? Have you ever wanted to learn how to play an instrument? Do you like arts and crafts? If so, Melody Makers is the cluster for you! Join us as we make our own musical instruments, play the recorder, read musical notes and sing-along to the beat! There is so much we will do together. If you have music in your heart, come join the fun!



Artiste Imitators (Fouchecourt 222)- Do you like to sketch, draw, or paint? Are you a sophisticated individual who loves going to museums? Do you have a favorite artist whose paintings you admire? Do you wish you could create masterpieces of your own just like the famous artists? Well look no further, because Artiste Imitators is the cluster for you! Study famous artists from around the world, learn their techniques, and apply them to create works of your own good enough to hang in a museum! Only students with impeccable artistic taste need apply!



The Spirit of 304 (Labbate 214)- Calling all dragonflies! Are you proud to be a student at P.S. 304? Show your pride and help build our school community and join *The Spirit of 304* cluster we will plan activities for all the children in our school. We will create a *school cheer* and/or a *school song* and perform at assemblies. Do you have other ideas? Bring your ideas and let's get together and make everyone proud to be part of P.S. 304.



Muscle Maker (McGuire/Geni 219)- Do you know how important it is for young kids to stay healthy and to eat right? Do you want to spend your Friday afternoons doing all different kinds of fun exercises? Then join Muscle Maker and stay active by doing things like yoga, running, and aerobics. We will work together to and find out about nutrition and even make our own delicious healthy snacks! Join the Muscle Maker cluster to make your muscles stronger and to help make P.S. 304 a healthier school.

I CAN, You CAN, We All CAN (Johnson/M. DeGeGennaro 203)- When you're hungry, you eat. There are people who are hungry but they do not have food. Let's feed the world together – starting with our own community in the Bronx. We will collect cans from the students in all of the classes in the school. We will go on trips and visit the community supermarkets and local stores. You can help and have fun doing it! Join our cluster because you CAN!!



Cartoon Studio (Hammond 236)- Do you like cartoons and comics? Do you love to draw? Did you ever wonder how cartoons on TV or comic books are made? In this cluster you will create your own flip books, comic strips, and comics. Join the Cartoon Studio and use your talents and interests to make people laugh or teach something new in a fun and interesting way!

Zumbatomic (Bello/Pagliariulo 217)- Are you ready for a dance party? Then this is the cluster for you! Learn to move and groove while getting fit at the same time. There is no wrong way to do it, just have fun! We'll find out how Zumba began, practice the basic steps and maybe even hold teach a Zumba class! Plus, we'll get to exercise to music you'll love. Join us for Zumbatomic!



Chapter Kids (Micela 205)- Dr. Suess, Dereck Jeter, Judy Blume ...what do all these people have in common? They all have written books or had stories created about them. If you have a story to tell then join this cluster! You will have the chance to write a book and then read it to the younger students. Books not only have to be written, but they also have to be illustrated! So if you want to join with the other students and draw or take photographs for a book, then we need you too! We're looking for creative writers, illustrators, and photographers to become the newest authors and illustrators of PS 304.

Pets and Plant Partners (Miles B19)- Do you like animals? Do you have a pet? Would you like to help care for PS 304's pets and plants? In this cluster you will not only be responsible for the care of our school plants and pets, you will also research the best practices for their living partner. You can reach out and contact animal rescue centers to help all animals.



Masquerade (Blackman/Gonzalez Aud./128)-Have you ever danced in the streets? Have you ever worn costumes when performing? In the Masquerade cluster, you will explore how people from the Caribbean dance in the streets and the types of costumes they wear. So come and join our Masquerade and let's start dancing!

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2013 Spring Enrichment Clusters

Curious Kids (*Bello/McGuire*) Do you have a lot of questions and love to find answers? Would you consider yourself to be a scientist? If you do, curious kids is for you! We will be looking for answers by conducting hands on experiments and investigations, all while having fun! Hope you're not afraid to get your hands dirty!



Going the Distance (*Geni/Labbate*) Have you ever driven a mile? Walked a mile? Ran a whole mile? How far is a mile anyway? Would you like to develop your fitness stamina and be able to run the distance? We will measure how far we can go and graph our progress. Math and physical activity, what an awesome combination! Let's warm up, stretch and go the extra mile.

Memory Lane (*Johnson/DeGennaro*) Do you have fond memories of PS304 – Multicultural Day? Assemblies? Trips? Lunch with your teacher? Would you like to hold onto these memories through photos and writing so you won't forget them? If you join this cluster, you will interview students and teachers. You will have this chance to take photos of our school events. Join us to collect the most memorable activities of your time in our school and then **publish** the best book of PS 304 memories!



Nothing but Net (*Micela/Steinberger*) Can you run fast, jump high or maybe even dribble? Do you enjoy exercising while learning and still having fun? If you do, this cluster is for you! In **Nothing but Net**, we will discover the history of basketball along with learning the fundamental skills and ability needed to be a basketball player.

Mathletes (*Fouchecourt*) Do you eat, sleep, and breathe Math? Are you the "Derek Jeter" or "Eli Manning" of arithmetic? Do you consider yourself the MVP of solving word problems? If so, Mathletes is the cluster for you! Compete as individuals or groups to show off your "athletic" abilities. Create your own math questions and games to play against each other. Share your ideas with teachers for use in their classrooms. Math has never been so awesome! So, get your math on and join Mathletes today!



Liberty Kids (*Hammond/Bernard*) Do you ever imagine what it would be like to travel in a time machine and visit our country's glorious past? What was life like during The American Revolution, The Civil War, The Great Depression, WWI or WWII? Join us as we explore America's history through the world of videos, games, recipes, music, cartoons and exciting hands-on activities. Become a Liberty Kid and stand up for America!

Star Wars Saga Club (*Fleming*) Are you a Star Wars fanatic? If the answer is yes, then the Star Wars Saga Club is the cluster for you! In the S.W.S.C. you will learn how to use the force to combat the darkside; through writing scenes, creating costumes, watching movie clips, and by learning the "wookie" language. Join your fellow Jedi on our quest to protect the Republic from the wrath of the darkside. "May the force be with you."



"Bailamos" (*Rivera/Gonzalez*) Do you want to experience how to lead and follow? In this cluster we will join together ("pareja") to **dance** so we can accomplish the famous One, Two, step. Come and join us! One, Two, One, Two, One, Two!!

Pet Sitters (*Miles*) 1 Russian Tortoise, 2 Garden Snails, 1 Golden Hamster, 2 Guinea Pigs, 2 rabbits, guppies, and goldfish. These are the pets in our school that need your help. If you love animals and want to help care for these pets, then this is the cluster for you. We will also start fundraisers to create a Pet fund. Some come join us and lets discover the best way to care for our pets and all pets!!



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Grades 3-5

Fall 2015 Enrichment Clusters

Every Friday Afternoon

Compassion CrewMs. Labbate.....Room B21

Do you have sympathy for others? Have you ever thought that you would like to make a difference in the world? Would you like to help those in need in your community and beyond? Then this cluster is your top pick! We will begin by creating ideas for projects and activities that will have a positive impact on the lives of others. Then we will *go into every classroom* to spread the word and motivate others to help us carry out our plans. Join the **Compassion Crew** and find out how doing good things for others can make you feel good about yourself!



Sing Your Heart OutMs. Calzolaio & Ms. HammondRoom 219

Do you love music? All kinds of music? We mean Rock and Roll, Dance, Rhythm and Blues? Do you often have a song in your head you want to sing out loud? Become part of a music loving group where you will discover and sing all types of amazing (and maybe even some long forgotten) songs written by awesome musicians of the past. Join **Sing Your Heart Out!** *Only real music lovers need apply*



Down and DirtyMs. Miles.....Room B19

Are you amazed by the delicious vegetables grown from our school garden? Did you know that a garden needs care right now to prepare it for Spring planting? Join our ranks and do projects that will keep our garden going, growing and ready to yield our hugest crop ever! We will use rain barrels to collect water. Next we will build an irrigation system to keep our plants well-watered even in the driest weather. We will even do some indoor projects and use our creative talents to paint markers that will label the trees and plant life. All you need to bring is your ideas, ingenuity and imagination. Dig it? Join **Down and Dirty!**



Poetry Slam.....Mr. FouchecourtRoom 236

Do you like rhyming words? Are you looking for a way to express your feelings? Do you think it would be cool to write down your innermost feelings and then share them with your families and friends? Did you know that RAP is really POETRY in disguise? Would you like to create your very own RAPS? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then **Poetry Slam** is the cluster for you. Learn about the many different forms of poetry. You will write and publish your very own poetry book to share with friends, family and classmates. Don't delay, join today! You could be a poet and you don't even know it!



Jump InMs. Geni & Ms. SettanniRoom 207

Do you love to be active and be challenged in movement skills? Join in as we go on a rope skill adventure. Learn individual skills and games to play with a group. What tricks will you succeed at? Discover a great way to stay in shape and have a great time! **Jump In!**



Chess Kids.....Mr. Fleming.....Room 221

Calling all Chess Masters!!! Experienced players, intermediate and amateur alike! Are you ready to develop your critical thinking skills? Do you want to become an analytic thinker? If you internally said yes to either of the previous questions, this is the cluster for you! **Chess Kids** will hone your ability to problem-solve, teach you how to strategically think, and how to be an empathetic winner. This cluster will teach you the rules and tips of this 1500 year-old game because we want to help you get better (even if you are already fantabulous). #CHESSKIDS



The Greatest Show on Earth!Mr. Mascolo.....Room B42

Do you have a hidden talent? Would you like to learn how to do things that would shock a crowd? Would you like to clown around in school, and NOT get in trouble? Then this cluster is for you! Come join *The Greatest Show on Earth!*



Buon Appetito.....Ms. Berruti & Ms. SgarlataRoom 128

Do you love food? Have you ever wondered about other cultures and their traditions? Enjoying a meal with friends or family is the main ingredient of any Italian dish. So come join us to experience your own little tour of Italy! Not only will you enjoy traditional Italian meals and desserts, but you will also learn some Italian words and create some crafts. So, get your apron on and get ready to mangia! (“eat” in Italian). Bring your *Buon Appetito* (“good appetite”)!



Fabulously Funny Folktales.....Ms. Bernard.....Room 222

Do you like to act out funny stories with your friends? Well then, this is the perfect cluster for you! Join us as we have lots of laughs performing *Fabulously Funny Folktales* such as: Aladdin and the Magic Pickle Jar, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Jack and the Giant Sunflower, Queen Midas, Stone Slop, and many more! We’ll make our own costumes and scenery and perform for our school community. Who knows? Maybe you could wind up being the next superstar on Broadway!



Amazing Artists.....Ms. Bello.....Room 217

Are you inspired by the works of Van Gogh and Monet? Do you love to create art and share it with others? If so, *Amazing Artists* is the cluster for you. We will study famous artists of your choice, create our own paintings, collages, and sketches inspired by them, and maybe even host our own art gallery, where we can display our work. No experience necessary, every child is an artist!



School of WizardryMs. Illas & Ms. Marshall.....Room 218

Calling all students! Hogwarts *School of Wizardry* has limited openings for children who are ready to go on a magical adventure. Together we will watch your favorite scenes from the Harry Potter films and read aloud our favorite sections from the books. Imagination is required in order to make fantasy become a reality. So put on your wizard hats and get ready to jump into our goblet of fire!



Outstanding Origami.....Mr. Fraser.....Room 205

Do you enjoy creating objects with your hands? Do you think you would enjoy art projects that will also make you think about math and science? In our *Outstanding Origami* cluster, you will discover the Ancient Chinese art of paper folding. You will have the chance to build animals, flowers, geometric shapes and other objects using decorative paper. You will also develop your paper folding skills so you can create an endless variety of origami models on your own! We welcome people of all skills levels so come join us on our journey through the Ancient Chinese art of Origami!



Tapping TimeMs. PfeifferRoom 214 & B44

Would you like to learn to make music with your feet? How about tapping your toes to a fun beat? Then, *Tapping Time* is the place to be! You’ll learn new tap steps and dances from me! No experience is needed, all students are welcome. You’ll learn how to shuffle, flap, slap and then some. I am looking forward to teaching and dancing with you all. It’s going to be great, we’re going to have a ball. At the end of 12 weeks, we will put on a show. You will impress the whole school with all that you know!



Off to BroadwayMs. Johnson & Ms. SteinbergerRoom 203

Can you see it? Do you hear it? The cheers, the applause, the flowers! Bravo!!! Bravo!!! Encore!!! Encore!!!! Become part of an exhilarating cast that will embody characters through singing, dancing and acting! Come aboard our magic carpet for this phenomenal ride and head *Off to Broadway!*



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YOUNG YOGI'S Ms. Settanni- Room 205

Do you want to strengthen your body and mind? Do you like to stretch your muscles and exercise? Then yoga is for you! We will be learning about yoga, how to practice it, and how to create our own poses. We will not only stretch and build muscle, but also work on improving our focus and self-control. We will end our hectic school week with a calming workout. If you enjoy feeling relaxed, happy and healthy- join YOUNG YOGI's.



SONGS WITH FRIENDS Ms. Johnson- Auditorium

Do you love to sing? Do your friends love to sing? Have you ever wanted to be part of something big? Well this is a chance for you to make amazing music together in a big way! *Be a part of an amazing trend happening in schools all over New York City.* Each week you will practice the vocal technique and teamwork necessary to become a "chorister." You will learn how to read music and improve your singing under the guidance of a professional music conductor. Then you and your friends will showcase your sound at a performance right here at school. After that, you will take your show on the road with a trip into Manhattan. There you will join with other school kids, just like you, from all over the city, and make even more amazing sounds together. So raise your voices together and put a little harmony in your life. Goosebumps guaranteed for every member of your audience!

THE ART STUDIO Ms. Bello & Ms. Hammond- Room 214

Do you love to draw, sketch and paint? Are you a creative person who loves to express themselves through art? If so, The Art Studio is the place to be! We will study famous artists and their work, and create some amazing pieces of our own! Who knows? Maybe we'll even set up our own art gallery! No experience necessary, every child is an artist!



LET'S GET CRAFTY! Ms. Berruti & Ms. Calzolaio- Room 219

Do you love to make your own unique creations? Would you prefer to have a one of a kind object, or just something everyone else would buy from a store? We will use unusual materials to design everyday items with a twist that you can use for yourself or give as a gift! This is your chance to take your artistic skill and put it to good use! Join us and "Let's Get Crafty!"

BASEBALL BRAINIACS Ms. Bernard & Mr. Fraser- Room 128

Are you a baseball fanatic? Can you name the most dynamic players in the game? Do you know who has the record for most home runs, grand slams and stolen bases? Do you like baseball trivia? If you love America's Favorite Pastime...join us as we take a journey into the exciting world of Major League Baseball. We will watch video clips, learn what those stats really mean, and collect fascinating facts about players, teams, and stadiums. And ...the best part is...if we don't get rained out, we can even go outside and play some whiffle ball! If you love baseball...join our team!





KICK IT! Ms. Steinberger- Courtyard

Have you ever wanted to score the winning goal or play in the World Cup? Can you use your feet to juggle a ball or kick towards the net? If you answered “yes” to these questions, then “Kick-It” is the cluster for you! Come explore the world of soccer and show off your skills!

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF DISNEY! Ms. Geni & Ms. Labbate- Rm B21

Do you love all things Disney? Then join us as we learn about the life of Walt Disney and how he created his Disney Empire—from animation to the most visited vacation spot in the world—Walt Disney World. Join and watch parts from your favorite Disney movies. We’ll even learn how to draw some famous Disney characters. Come find out how the “Happiest Place on Earth” all started with a mouse.



GAME INVENTORS Mr. DiMaggio & Mr. Mascolo- Room B42

Is playing outdoors something you love to do? Are you looking for new games to share with your friends? Then “Game Inventors” is the cluster for you! Challenge yourself to come up with new street and field games you can play with your friends. Not only will you invent the game... you make the rules! After you do, then challenge yourself to see if you can win at your own game! This cluster will push you to exercise your mind, imagination and body at the same time. Maybe the game you invented will even become a classic like Tag, Stickball, Dodge Ball or Kick the Can! Come to Game Inventors, and find out!

GO THE EXTRA MILE Ms. Micela- Room 217

Have you ever walked a mile? Ran a whole mile? How far is a mile, anyway? Let’s develop your fitness ability, discover the muscles needed to do this and push ourselves to run the distance. We will measure how far we can go and graph our progress. Math and physical activity— it’s an awesome combination! And finally, running is allowed in the hallways!



FITNESS GURUS Mr. Fleming- Room 221

Do you enjoy having fun and being active? Do you like running, aerobics and other forms of exercise so that you can remain fit and healthy? In Fitness Gurus, you will not only become healthier with exercise, you will learn how to make better choices with the foods you eat. So, grab your sneakers and water bottle, and let’s get sweaty!!!

S . A . F . E . T E A M (Safety Advancement for Everyone) Mr. Fouchecourt- Room 222

What is that teacher’s name? Who is that person helping the teacher? What is the name of that person working in the office? Is that a volunteer...or a student teacher? If you have ever asked yourself these questions, then this is the cluster for you! Let’s help keep our school safe! Students will create identification badges with pictures for faculty and staff, offer tips for fellow students to use, and help create a safe environment for the entire school. Do you have what it takes to help keep the school safe? If you do, sign up today, and join the S.A.F.E. Team! With the pictures you take, you can make a difference!



GROWING OUR GARDEN Ms. Miles- Room B19

Our garden club will meet and create a calendar of tasks for all our gardeners to complete such as: Fall harvesting and planting in the raised beds; Winterizing our raised beds, fruit trees, and forest trees; Indoor window sill herb gardening; Maintenance of Living Lab logs for our garden and classroom pets (tortoise/fish/worms); Painting beds and making plant markers. Maybe we’ll even order some ladybugs for our garden!

