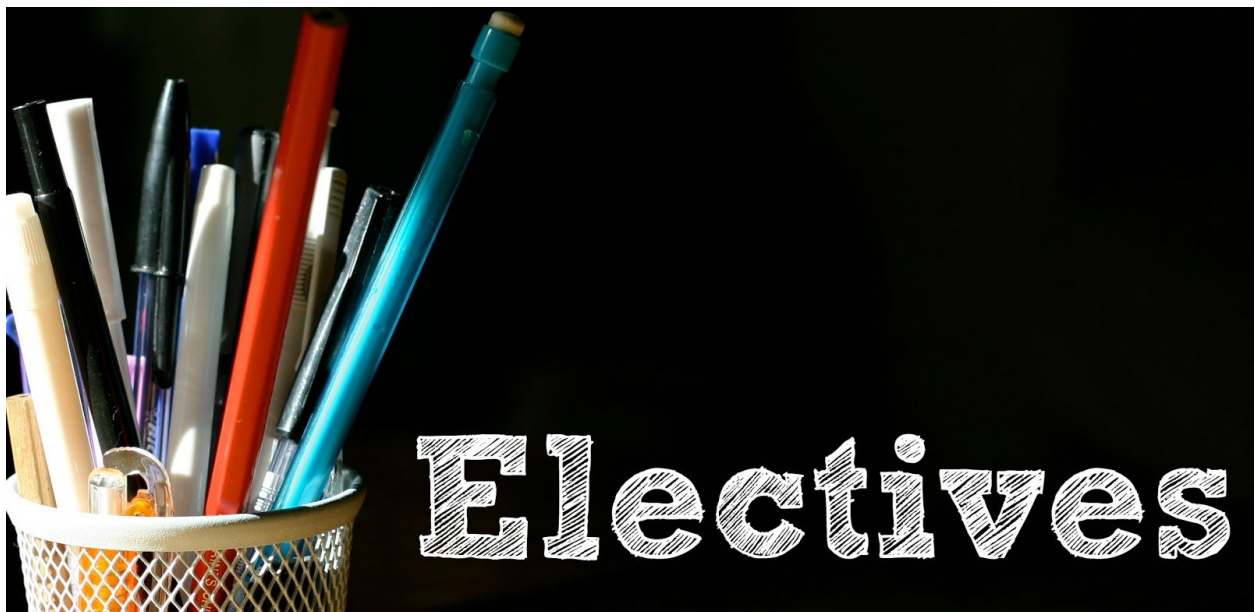


# West Marion Elementary Electives Guide

2019-2020



## **Program Philosophy**

At West Marion Elementary School we recognize that our students have a variety of needs and abilities. They also have a variety of talents that need to be expressed and shared with others! Our new electives program is designed to foster this. With the new electives program students will be able to choose electives that appeal to them and further develop their skills and talents.

## **Program Structure**

During the 2019-2020 school year there will be **3** elective sessions (7-8 weeks each) in which students in grades K-5 will be allowed to choose two elective classes of their choosing. Students in grades K-5 will participate in two 45 minute sessions on Mondays.

Teachers have chosen their own electives to teach. The electives are aligned to the NC Common Core standards. We offer a wide variety of options! Each class will have limited seating so that we can have a better teacher to student ratio. We want to give students the best experiences possible. To make this happen students will choose 2 electives for each block that they are interested in. We will enroll them in one of the two choices for each of the blocks. Each block will feature different elective classes to choose from.

# Session 1

## Elective Options for Grades 4 & 5

### **Block 1:**

Walking Club

Fun With Yarn

Newsies

Stikbot Art

Guitars

Basketball Skills

Board Games

Lego Robotics

Lots a Dots

Beginning American Sign Language

### **Block 2:**

Grinch Musical (only for those who are already in the play)

Stikbot Art

Lego Robotics

Basketball Skills

Board Games

Lots a Dots

Beginning American Sign Language

Peer Helpers

Obstacle Course Training

Exercise

Folktales & Fairy Tales

Book Club

Cheerleading

When I Grow Up

# Session 1

## Elective Options for Grades 2 & 3

### **Block 1:**

Books with Lessons and Crafts  
Puzzles  
Folk and Fairy Tales  
Legolab  
Sensory Art  
Dulcimers  
Basketball Skills  
Littlebits  
Social Studies  
Beginning American Sign Language  
Lots a Dots  
Legos and Literacy

### **Block 2:**

Community Citizenship  
Walking Club  
Chess  
Precorders  
Basketball Skills  
Sensory Art  
Social Studies  
Board Games  
Beginning American Sign Language  
Books with Lessons/Crafts  
Cheerleading

# Session 1

## Elective Options for Grades K & 1

### **Block 1:**

Build it Up

Draw and Talk

Lego World

Board Games

Books with Lessons and Crafts

Sensory Art

Tone Bells/Folk Dance

Little Einsteins

Number Games

Nursery Rhymes

Storytime with Sprinkle

### **Block 2:**

Center Shot

Aerobics

Creepy Crawlers

Little Einsteins

Number Games

Fitness and Games

Nursery Rhymes

Board Games

Beginning American Sign Language

Books with Lessons and Crafts

# Session 1

## Description of Classes Grades 4 & 5

### **Walking Club**

Students will walk with a friend and walk while listening to the walking classroom. We will focus on increasing endurance and distance. Students will earn feet charms.

### **Fun With Yarn**

Students will express their fine motor skills and creativity through various craft projects using locally made yarn!

### **Newsies**

Students will work together to create a school newspaper.

### **Guitars**

Introduction to the art of playing the guitar.

### **Stikbots and Digital Art**

Students will create a short animated scene using Stikbots and Ipads. Students will set design and create a script.

### **Basketball Skills**

Students will work on developing basketball skills.

### **Lego Robotics**

Students will build a robot using LEGOs and program the robot to complete different tasks to earn points.

### **Lots a Dots**

Students will learn to connect numbers and letters to make hidden pictures. And, of course, the pictures will need to have some color added to them, so bring your best techniques to make some awesome looking pictures!

### **Beginning American Sign Language**

Students will learn about the history of ASL. I will introduce fingerspelling and basic signs of American Sign Language (ASL).

### **Board Games**

Board games create opportunities for children to collaborate, communicate verbally, learn to take turns and enjoy interacting with each other. Board games increase attention span and focus in children of all ages!

### **Grinch Musical**

Students who have auditioned for The Grinch musical will practice for their winter performance.

### **Obstacle Course Training**

Children will experience what training for various obstacle course races consists of. We will use the school grounds to fashion obstacles and create challenges that will improve both their physical coordination and problem solving skills. It will be outdoors based throughout the school year.

### **Peer Helpers**

Students will choose to help and support different community projects, while learning the skills of leadership and collaboration.

### **Exercise**

Students will learn and practice new types of exercise each week: walking, running, jogging, dancing, strength, yoga and stretching. Through these exercises they will develop social and emotional skills, as well as healthy habits.

### **Folktales and Fairy Tales**

Students will study folktales and fairy tales from different countries.

### **Book Club**

Students will engage in books in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be dialogue and learning about authors as well as books. I hope to incorporate some Battle of the Books questions.

### **Cheerleading**

Students will learn the fundamentals of cheerleading. We will learn and perfect movements in cheers, chants, and dance routine.

### **When I Grow Up**

Students will learn about new and different career choices they may have never heard of before. Guest speakers will be coming to share their experiences with the students.

# Session 1

## Description of Classes Grades 2 & 3

### **Books with Lessons and Crafts**

Students will listen to a book or read a book with a relevant life lesson, then complete a craft related to the book.

### **Puzzles**

Students will use fine motor skills, problem solving strategies, and team building skills to complete 100 piece puzzles. Students will be developing social and emotional skills.

### **Folk and Fairy Tales**

Students will read folktales and fairy tales from various cultures. Students will compare versions of fairy tales by looking at how authors retell stories. Students will be doing reader's theater each week of the fairy/folk tale that we study.

### **Legolab**

"LEGOLAB" will combine Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math with Writing! Students will create, plan, and construct LEGO structures. Then using Book Creator or other Writing App students will construct stories about their LEGO structures. There will be "free builds" as well as "guided builds".

### **Sensory Art**

Children will create art using one of their five senses.

### **Dulcimers**

Students will learn about dulcimers and the techniques to play them.

### **Basketball Skills**

Students will work on developing basketball skills.

### **Littlebits**

Students will learn to connect littlebits blocks to make different lights and sound.

### **Social Studies**

Students will explore social studies standards through various hands on activities.

### **American Sign Language**

Students will learn about the history of ASL. I will introduce fingerspelling and basic signs of American Sign Language (ASL).

### **Lots a Dots**

Students will learn to connect numbers and letters to make hidden pictures. And, of course, the pictures will need to have some color added to them, so bring your best techniques to make some awesome looking pictures!



### **Legos and Literacy**

Students will use Legos to build and learn about popular book characters. They will recreate stories using Legos.

### **Community Citizenship**

Students will learn about needs within our community and brainstorm projects and collection campaigns to address selected needs. For example, we'll be collecting socks for local homeless shelters. Students will also be responsible for sending thank you notes to contributing businesses and individuals.

### **Walking Club**

Students will learn the benefits of daily exercise through walking.

### **Chess**

Students will learn the basics of chess. How to set up the board, the names and moves of each piece, and how to play a beginner game of chess.

### **Precorders**

Students will learn about precorders and how to play simple songs.

### **Board Games**

Board games create opportunities for children to collaborate, communicate verbally, learn to take turns and enjoy interacting with each other. Board games increase attention span and focus in children of all ages!

### **Cheerleading**

Students will learn the fundamentals of cheerleading. We will learn and perfect movements in cheers, chants, and dance routine.

# Session 1

## Description of Classes Grades K & 1

### **Build it Up**

Students will work collaboratively to build structures. They will use their imagination to try to build new things every week. This elective will require fine and gross motor skills. It will enhance children's problem-solving abilities and mathematical skills.

### **Draw and Talk**

Students will draw a picture and then talk about the picture as a precursor to creative writing.

### **Lego World**

Legos will open up the world of early math, science, and language skills for young children. They will foster a love of discovery and investigation to help their young minds develop social and emotional skills that set them up for a lifetime of successful learning. They will create and build whatever their creative minds think of!

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### **Sensory Art**

Children will create art using one of their five senses.

### **Tone Bells and Folk Dance**

Students will learn how to play different musical notes and simple songs with tone bells. They will also learn the art of folk dance.

### **Little Einsteins**

Students will be engaged with different math manipulatives and books about math concepts. Making Math Fun!

### **Number Games**

Students will learn to organize numbers and use number sequence in computer games.

### **Nursery Rhymes**

Students will understand how words are formed. Nursery rhymes enable children to copy actions. They boost children's language, communication and literacy skills.

### **Storytime with Sprinkle**

Students will listen to a great selection of picture books and engage in activities that go along with each book.

### **Center Shot**

Students will learn how to shoot a bow and arrow while practicing good decision making.

### **Aerobics**

Students will build stamina through exercises, running, and jogging. Students will learn healthy habits. Students will learn healthy ways to release stress.

### **Creepy Crawlers**

Dive into the world of insects and learn more about bugs, bugs and more bugs!

### **Beginning ASL**

Students will learn about the history of ASL. I will introduce fingerspelling and basic signs of American Sign Language (ASL).

### **Fitness and Games**

Fitness and games is a class designed to get maximum participation for each student, while engaging in heart pumping workouts. Each class is devoted to fitness concepts and all games played will encompass those concepts.