Elementary School Mini-Term 2025









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3970 Kidron Road • PO Box 9 Kidron, OH 44636 330.857.7311 • www.ccscomets.org Mini-term is an intentional and purposeful opportunity for students to discover, grow, socialize, and contribute to a unique learning experience outside the traditional classroom. Elementary mini-term sessions will be January 7-9, 2025 and our elementary teachers are already planning hour-long mini-term experiences for grades Kindergarten to fourth grade, where students will learn more about themselves in a variety of enriching opportunities. We pray that mini-term will continue to have an enduring impact through formational opportunities and create long lasting memories. If you want to learn more about Central's mini-term, please contact the Main Office at MainOffice@CentralChristianSchool.org or 330-857-7311.

Birds of Ohio - Liz Boyd

Come discover Ohio birds in the winter! We will investigate bird identification, bird adaptations, and a variety of bird foods. Activities will include watching a live bird cam, conducting bird beak experiments, and making our own homemade bird feeders (for both home and Central's discovery playground).

Cooking in the Classroom - Sara Hofstetter

Welcome to our classroom kitchen, where we'll don our chef hats and embark on a delicious culinary adventure! We'll be preparing a simple yet delightful afternoon treat that is sure to please our taste buds. As we cook, we'll take the time to explore the recipe in depth, using vivid descriptive words to bring each step to life. We'll share our personal opinions on the flavors and textures we experience, and at the end, we'll rate our creation to see how it stacks up. Get ready to mix, taste, and enjoy the magic of cooking together!

Drama Comets - Christa Wolf

In this class, students will learn the basics of staging a play and get the chance to showcase their acting skills in a couple short skits.

Fabulous Fun-Zone! - Abby Maibach

A fun-filled hour where students will learn how to follow a dance and keep in time with the music. They will be able to show us their best wiggles and how well they can stay with the beat of the music. There will be a fun-filled finale where they can show us just how bright they "glow" at Central with glow sticks and prizes.

Masterpiece Makers: Creating Art with Famous Artists! - Christal Woods

Students will explore the world of famous artists and their unique styles. Each day, we will learn about a different artist—Piet Mondrian, Henri Matisse, and Vincent van Gogh—discovering what made their art special and how they expressed themselves through colors, shapes, and brushstrokes. After learning about each artist, students will create their own masterpiece inspired by their techniques, using a variety of materials such as tape, paint, and paper cut-outs. The projects are designed to be simple enough for younger students while allowing room for older students to explore their creativity and make each artwork uniquely their own.

<u>Parachute Play - Maria Zehr</u>

Come join the fun of playing with the parachute! In this mini term, we will play games that ask everyone to work together. Who will find the treasure? Can we keep the balls from falling off? How big can we make the waves? Be ready to bounce, wave, and swirl together for a rainbow of fun.

Paint Party! - Kelsey Gallant

Students will learn the history of painting ceramics and will see pictures of painted ceramic pieces over the years. Then, they will each select their own piece to paint from a variety of handcrafted cement figurines. Students will be provided with a selection of colors and paint brush sizes, and encouraged to take their time creating an art piece they can be proud of. They will be able to take their pieces home at a later date.

**Parent Notice: We will be using acrylic paint, which can be difficult/impossible to remove from clothing once it has dried. Students should come dressed appropriately for this activity.

Rainy Day Origami - Corinne Nussbaum

Join us for an exciting Origami Mini-Term where elementary students will explore the art of paper folding and storytelling! In this creative session, kids will learn to make origami shapes that tell the story of a rainy day adventure, complete with hats, sailboats and lifejackets!. Alongside the origami, students will get to try other fun paper crafts, bringing their imaginations to life through art. Perfect for hands-on learners and young creators!

<u>Singing Games - Hannah Steiner</u>

Students in this mini-term will get to experience singing games that we rarely have time for in our weekly music classes. Music is a natural companion to many fun games that have been passed down from generation to generation (think "Ring Around the Rosie" or hand clapping games at recess), and yet these games are at risk of being lost in today's hectic, screen-based society. Singing games encourage active participation and they bring children together in a spirit of community and cooperation, while also reinforcing musical skills such as tuneful singing, moving to music and internalizing the beat.

Starry Night Installation - Christa Moore

In this elementary mini term project we will create is a Starry Night Installation. Each student will make a Starry Night Lantern using contact paper and other materials, including a LED tea light to put inside their lantern. Students will help make a big Starry Night artwork that will hang on the wall and will have white lights attached behind it to look like stars. We will display the artwork and lanterns with tea lights in a room as an art installation. Included in the installation will be the Bible verse Philippians 2:15-16, "Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life."

Storytelling - Lara Dudack

We will share some of my favorite children's books. I will read the books aloud, or we will watch a video of the story while it's read. Students are encouraged to bring a favorite short story book.

What to Bring? A Blanket and Pillow Where Will We Meet? Prayer Room

Bread is Connection - Olivia Hart

Bread is a universal language. No matter what community you look at, bread is a centric part of their food lifestyle. Bread is a common connection across all cultures just as Jesus is! Students will be shown how different societies around the world make and use bread in their everyday lives. They will be shaping their own mini loaf of bread to bake at school and take home the following day! Multiple compound butters will also be available for students to taste if they wish! "Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." - John 6:35