

Elementary School Mini-Term 2026



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Kindergarten - 12 Christ-centered education



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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, 2026 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@Central ChristianSchool.org](mailto:MainOffice@CentralChristianSchool.org) or 330-857-7311.

Balloon Twisting for Beginners - Corinne Nussbaum

Come learn how to make balloon magic! In this fun, hands-on class, you will discover how to twist and shape balloons into animals, flowers, swords, and more! We'll learn the secrets to tying, twisting, and handling balloons safely—without too many pops! No experience needed—just bring your imagination and get ready to laugh, create, and take home your colorful balloon masterpieces. By the end of the course, you'll be a balloon artist ready to wow your friends and family!

Clay Pendants - Christa Moore

We will use air dry clay to make small clay pendants. The pendants can be made into necklaces, or magnets. You will roll out clay slabs and use cutters to cut out the shapes for the pendant. You can use texture rollers or stamps to add designs. We will use gold leaf and/or paint markers to add color to the pendants.

Creative Creations - Abby Maibach

Come join us as we create crafts and sensory bins related to the animals God created and the different regions/climates they live in. We will take a dive into the ocean, swing through the rain forest, take a safari through the Sahara, and waddle our way through the arctic. Come prepared to see the beauty of God's creation, the stunning colors of nature, and the incredible sight of these animals and their homes.

Connection Central - Hannah Amstutz

Join me for a fun filled time of bonding and connection through collaborative activities. Students will develop communication and leadership while learning how to effectively work with others to achieve shared goals. We will be completing fun challenges and problems that give students the opportunity to move and get exercise while working together.

Hour of Code - Maria Zehr

Join millions of students worldwide in the Hour of Code - a fun introduction to computer science! During Hour of Code, we'll learn how computers "think" by solving fun puzzles and challenges. Kindergarten and 1st graders will explore block coding with ScratchJr, while 2nd-4th graders will explore exciting activities on the Hour of Code website. Come see how much fun coding can be!

If I Was a Child Two Hundred Years Ago - Sara Hofstetter

Step back in time and experience everyday life in colonial America through hands-on crafts! Students will explore how children in the 1700s helped their families by making hand dipped candles for light, finger knitting like colonial families did for clothing and trim, and enjoy traditional games that entertained children long before screens. These activities bring colonial history to life by connecting modern learners to the resourceful and creative lives of early American children.

Indoor Disc Golf - Sonia Oaks

Come learn the great game of Disc Golf. We will learn the fundamentals of throwing and scoring on a mini course in the gym. Can't wait to make some chain music with you!

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

Super Stackers - Christal Woods

You will have the opportunity to experience the exciting world of speed stacking, a fast-paced and engaging sport that combines fun with valuable skill-building. Speed stacking improves hand-eye coordination, concentration, and motor skills while also fostering perseverance and confidence as students work to beat their personal best times. During this hour-long session, you will be guided step-by-step through the basics of stacking and unstacking cups in different patterns, practice strategies to improve their speed and accuracy, and participate in fun challenges that encourage teamwork and friendly competition. By the end of the session, you will not only walk away with a new skill but also with a sense of accomplishment and excitement for learning something new.

Theatre Games - Christa Wolf

In this session we will be playing several theatre games that will get us up and moving through imaginative play.

Time to Clay - Kelsey Gallant

Learn how to make a small animal out of polymer oven-bake clay. You will have the opportunity to follow along and create your own animal, following the steps in a tutorial. You will be given some time to use the clay to make additional creations. All of the objects will be baked and returned to you at a late time.

World of Watercolor - Liz Boyd

Come experience the wonderful world of watercolor! In this session we will be exploring basic watercolor tools and experimenting with brush strokes and color mixing. Students will learn different watercolor techniques including both wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry, as well as masking. By the end of this session participants will walk away with a few different works of art. This mini-term is the perfect opportunity to embrace imperfections, have fun, and be creative!