

# Illuminations ACADEMY

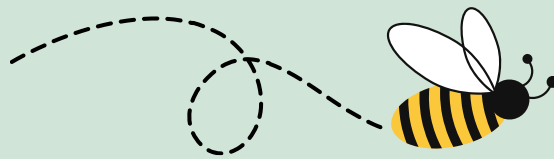
## HELLO FROM THE HIVE

WELCOME BACK!!

September Newsletter 2023

Illuminations Academy Families,

We are so thankful for all of the support and trust that you have given us as we embark on this exciting year! It is such a privilege to shepherd your children toward success- both academically and socially!



### Step Up Scholarship- It's almost time!

Beginning September 1st, if your child is receiving a Step Up Scholarship please remember to sign in to your Step Up account on the 1st and 15th of every month to approve your invoice. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Karla at [Karla.Carson@iacmy.org](mailto:Karla.Carson@iacmy.org) or [finance@iamcy.org](mailto:finance@iamcy.org)



## Partners in Education

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for generously supporting our school and mission.

Pampered Chef

Carson Family

Family Church

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are so excited to support our local American Legion Post 63, Winter Garden.

This organization provides support to local Veterans. All donations will be donated directly to the American Legion Post 63.

**On Friday's we wear RED!**

**For a donation of any size, students may wear a RED shirt (t-shirt or polo) with jeans or uniform bottom. We have raised \$60 so far!**



# LIGHTBULB MOMENT



## WHY CROSSING THE MIDLINE IS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOPMENT

Our brains are complex with different parts performing all sorts of jobs, from logical thinking, creative thinking, and analyzing to managing body functions like heart rate and temperature. Many learning differences, such as ADHD, Autism and processing delays are related to disintegration, or the different areas of the brain not working well together.



## WHY IS RHYTHMIC WRITING SO IMPORTANT?

With each part of this NILD technique, students cross their midline. This requires the left and right hemispheres of the brain to communicate across a thick band of nerve fibers called the corpus callosum. The more the two sides communicate, the stronger the connections become. These connections allow the brain to process information, perform tasks and manage emotions more efficiently. When completing Rhythmic Writing regularly, students see improvement in concentration, critical thinking, processing speed, and working memory. Some families have even reported physical improvements like better digestion and immune function.

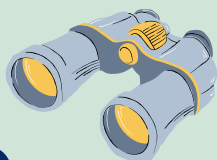
## SIGNS THAT A STUDENT MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY CROSSING THE MIDLINE:

- Changing hands midway through a task
- Not having a dominant hand
- Poor penmanship
- Poor hand-eye coordination
- Difficulty visually tracking a moving object

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- Spirit Week Themes Announced:  
**Monday, September 11th**
- Picture Day:  
**Tuesday, September 26th**

## LOOKING AHEAD



- Student Holiday, No School:  
**Monday, October 16th**
- Spirit Week - Whole School:  
**October 23rd-26th**
- No School: **Friday, October 27th**



### SENDING BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

#### SEPTEMBER:

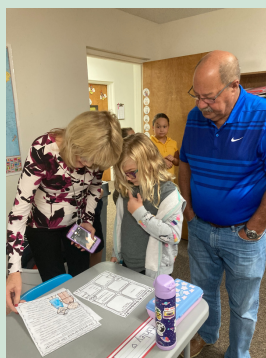
Noa - 10th

Phoebe - 12th

Mrs. Widrick - 19th



## Grandparents Day Recap



# Physical Education Schedule



Monday, Wednesday & Friday

1st - 3rd

&

6th - 8th

Tuesday & Thursday

4th - 5th

## Contact Us



### Remind App

Download the Remind App, in app go to the 3 lines at top left, select Add class, Join existing class...

## Class codes:

Whole School: illuminat

Early Learning: f9eed84

1st - 3rd: edakc3

4th - 5th: 7c238fe

6th-7th: 2adb69h

8th: e994cc

ILC: 6dbab4

## Online Resources:



### School Website

[www.healteachschoools.org/illuminations-academy](http://www.healteachschoools.org/illuminations-academy)



### Amazon Wish List

[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/JIOG8IOTWUSI/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/JIOG8IOTWUSI/ref=nav_wishlist_lists)



### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/illuminationsacademyschool>



### Update Student Contact Info

Please visit: [bit.ly/IA\\_Contact23](http://bit.ly/IA_Contact23)



## Dress Code



- Polo Shirts - black, white, yellow, navy and gray
- Bottoms - kaki, navy, grey and black (no jeans)
- NO - graphics on shirts or jackets
- NO - torn clothing, yoga pants, jeans, or tight fitting clothes
- Long sleeved shirts can be worn under school shirt
- Hoodies can be worn if they are a solid color, no graphics and hoods are off during school.

3:15-4:15 pm



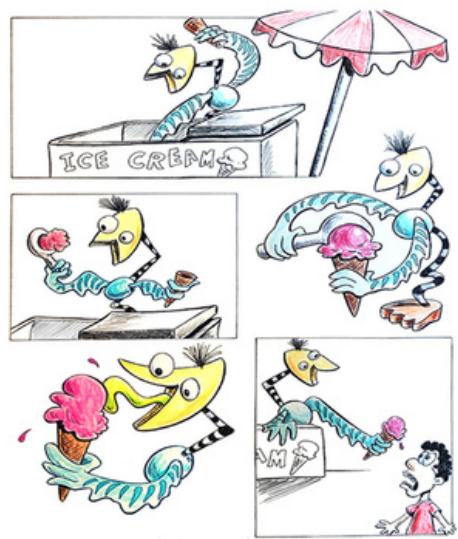
MR. VINNY'S (WEDNESDAY)  
AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUBS

QUARTER 1

DRAWING COMICS

QUARTER 2

DRAWING ESSENTIALS



AUG 23-  
OCT 11



OCT 18-  
DEC 13



QUARTER 3

DIGITAL PAINTING  
WITH IPAD & IPENCIL

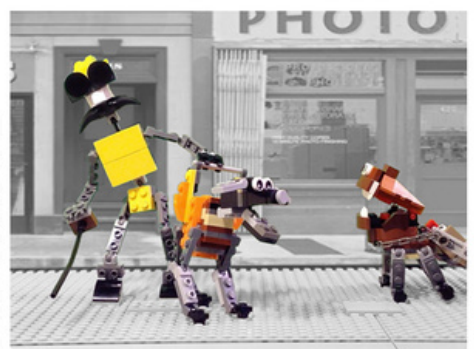


JAN 10-  
MAR 13



QUARTER 4

STOP-MOTION  
ANIMATION



MAR 27-  
MAY 22



WWW.KABLOOIESTUDIOS.COM  
ILLUMINATIONS ACADEMY  
4TH GRADE & UP



### Program Days:

**Monday – Friday**

**Hours: 4:00pm-6:00pm**

**Annual Registration Fee: \$25**

**Program Cost: \$75.00 Weekly**

**Tuition is billed weekly.**

### Site Coordinators

#### Luz Hale

As an educator for over 24 years my passion is helping students reach their true potential. Students should be engaged in fun and creative tasks that help them learn while they strengthen their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

#### Andrea Hale

Having 25 years' experience in the educational field, I have a passion to make education creative and fun. Understanding students' interests helps to provide exciting and enriching moments where students learn.

#### Location:

**Illuminations Academy**  
200 S. Tubb St. Oakland, FL

#### Contact Number:

**Luz Hale – 347-834-2404**  
**Andrea Hale – 407-416-2495**

#### Hours of Contact:

**7:00am-8:00am**  
**4:00pm-6:00pm**

# Creative After Care

**After-school Program!**  
**Because we know it takes a village!**

## WHAT IS CREATIVE AFTER CARE?

We are an educational after-school program where students will learn to develop and strengthen their social and academic skills as they stretch their creative muscles. We will provide a nurturing and creative environment where your children will thrive. The program is run by a family who together bring over 45 years of educational experience to the program.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The after-school program will consist of educational activities that are fun along with homework assistance. The students will go through 3-4 rotational blocks where they improve skills in all areas. Rotational block activities will change each quarter.

### Rotational Block Activities Will Include:

- **Arts & Crafts** - Explores the creativity and imagination of every child and adult. It allows them to express themselves in a variety of ways. Arts & crafts also improve psychomotor skills because students increase their fluency in the use of their fingers and hands as tools, strengthening their muscles and stimulating the coordination of all their senses, especially when they carry out activities that involve coloring, cutting or making figures or objects as they work with different materials (texture, density, size, etc.).
- **Games** - Research shows that playing games improves powers of concentration, creativity, memory, languages and teamwork. Our students will be able to play Chess and board games like Monopoly. All games played will be games appropriate for all age levels.
- **Free-Play** - Free play makes learning fun, natural, and self-driven. Children will get to play and explore so that they can grow intellectually, socially and emotionally as they choose activities and games they want to play with peers.
- **Lego Story Writing** - With Lego story starters students use bricks, characters, and other accessories to build scenes on which to write their stories. Students work in groups of three to four collaboratively write a story with Legos.
- **STEM Activities** - Fun hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities for kids of all ages.



# THIS MONTH IN CREATIVE AFTER CARE:

Our friends in the Creative After Care program are focusing on their fine motor and critical thinking skills. We are exploring and further developing these skills through games and activities such as creating marble roller coasters!







# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child is a fantastic way for us to partner with Family Church. The Oakland Campus of Family Church will be sponsoring 100 boxes this year and we are eager to see how many we can contribute! Please follow the link below if you would like more information as to what Samaritan's Purse does through this incredible program.



## **The Journey of a Shoebox**

The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication

 Samaritan's Purse

Boxes will be available for pickup on: **Oct. 12th**

Please return boxes by: **Nov. 13th**

