

Spark Scoop

Alternative. Adaptive. Learning Center.



Adaptive Pre K-12 Curriculum

Full American Curriculum delivered both on-line and in person through our innovative teaching program



Spark Support Sunday!

Join Us October 31 for an insightful discussion entitled: "That Sugar Presentation"



Enterprise City

Business class for kids! Build, design, market & sell: Learn how to own & manage a business!

Hello October!

Nature has a way of teaching us many important lessons regardless if it is the changing of the weather or the animals in nature. A great example is the endless number of trips that a bird takes to carry food to the nest. The bird does not eat all of the food and enjoy the sunshine while the babies starve in the nest. We are reminded of this as we care for our students and our children. We all labor tirelessly caring for and developing these sweet minds.

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Candy Quest Coding

Fun computer programming taught by a tech expert with a Masters degree in technology - your child will learn modeling & programming!
Classes Sat.'s 10 AM

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Kids Night Out!

A safe place for kids to spend Friday / Saturday night with new friends playing games and practicing English in a device-free environment. Fri. / Sat. 6:30 PM - 10 PM

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I Can Speak!

From the ABC's to the 123's: Designed for young children and focused on the alphabet and counting!
Mon, Wed, Friday 5 PM
Tues, Thurs 5:30 PM

For our younger students, our parents sacrifice sleep and often lose much needed time for relaxation to ensure that our children have everything they need to be successful in their daily lives and as they grow into adults. Society however, teaches us to do the opposite. It encourages the collection of wealth at the expense of others and a lack of empathy for those who are different.

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The Spark Alternative Learning Center encourages us to defend the futures of our children. We do this by recognizing their individual worth, power, and understanding their nature. To quote another parent, "Parents have a very important mission. They are the only ones who can save their children by uniting and working together for the improvement of society." At Spark, we also hope to empower parents by providing a strong network of educated and actively involved parents.

Our newly designed parent presentations are one opportunity for us to network as a community. If you are not registered for the first Spark Support Sunday, October 31, we want to encourage you to do so today. This educational opportunity will include a one-hour presentation on the negative impacts of sugar in children's diets. This presentation will expose you and your family to how manufacturing and food development has changed and the direct affects of sugar on your child's mind and development. This informative workshop provides you with critical information.

Childcare will be provided and there is no cost for the childcare or program. Please use this link for registration: [That Sugar Presentation Registration](#), by phone at 0398143487 or via email: [E-Mail](#).



Our Reader of the Month!

This is 14-year old Ahn. He is our reader of the month! Ahn is an amazing reader and he is studying to compete in a provincial (and hopefully National) English Speaking competition. He is now reading at entry level university level and has completed more than 30 hours of university level reading and lecture this month! He LOVES history and books covering significant moments in world history. Help us congratulate Ahn for his impressive accomplishment!

What we've been up to this month...

The kids at the Spark are learning, being creative and challenging themselves!

Our **Pre-K** group is still hard at work on the alphabet and learning sight words (like: Run, Purple, Red, Jump, and Fun). They have continued to develop their American Standard Sign Language (ASL) signing to include 10 new words to accompany the first 10 letters of the alphabet. They are having a great time memorizing songs, books, following directions and most importantly manners! We love working on our alphabet using our new curriculum workbooks too!

Our **1st and 2nd grade** class has mastered basic addition and subtraction! Last month, we were reading Geronimo Stilton and the Magical Mystery at Trafalgar Square. We successfully finished that book and LOVED every minute of Geronimo's adventures. This month, we are again extending our vocabulary and reading skills with Geronimo in his newest adventure "Cave Mice Mystery". Our book is filled with funny scenarios that Geronimo finds himself getting into as he solves the mystery of the missing mammoth milkshakes!

Our **3rd, 4th and 5th** graders are working on the 5th book in the series, My Pet Slime. It follows a sweet 5th grader named "Piper" who is allergic to anything with fur. We are learning how she is quite a talented artist and dreams of being able to have her art displayed in a museum one day like Frieda Kahlo and Pablo Picasso. The only problem, her art medium is SLIME!

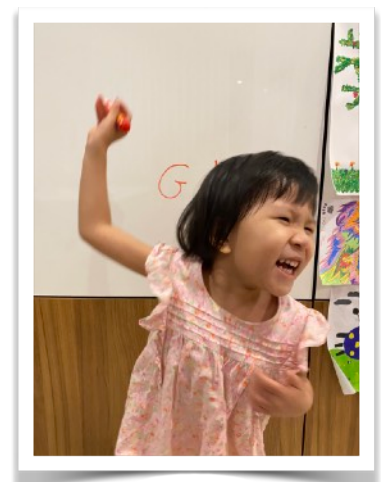
Our **6th grade** class is nearly completed the course on epidemics and pandemics in the 1600's. This challenging class has given us a new perspective on disease, medicine and how glad we are to live in this modern area free from small pox and the bubonic plague! We have taken a field trip to learn about the impacts of war and to learn how war affects the community. This field trip was sobering and led to good discussions on global citizenship and respecting those around us.

Our **High School** students are learning about about the earth's minerals, the creation of sinkholes, the Second World War, as well as Athens and Sparta. We have been exposed to a lot of history and a ton of new and very complex words! We have all enjoyed learning about game theory and strategy as well as the development of complex societies since ancient times.

Our **Art** students have been busy at work too! Our favorite (and messiest) project this month was SLIME TIME! We created really unique, customized slime and then played with the non-newtonian fluid while we learned about how these types of substances behave under different conditions. We got a "little" messy BUT we all LOVED the project. We have been listening to all kinds of classical and jazz music as well! The music helps inspire our creative thoughts!

Class Updates

No classes Saturday, October 24 through -Tuesday October 27 - Spark Alternative Learning Center Family Retreat.



Classes:

- **Enterprise City:**
 - A reminder, we have added a new class we are calling “Enterprise City”. This 6-week class is for kids 12-16 year olds. The kids are learning to create a business plan, marketing plan (& marketing materials), develop the business, sell their new commodity and learn to read a P&L statement. This group activity is fun and a great opportunity to learn how business works! The first session has started and is full, but we have opened a second session to begin October 24. Register here: [Enterprise City](#)
- **Candy Quest Coding**
 - Introduce your child to visual programming. In this course, students learn basic programming as they create interactive stories, design animations, and make mini-games. Students solve coding puzzles, build their own projects, and take quizzes. Designed for students age 7-12, this class teaches block coding using animated projects in an exciting candy game. This class is packed with fun and creative puzzle modules. Session one begins October 3 (space is limited). For more information visit: [Candy Quest Coding](#)
- **Kids Night Out!**
 - Looking for a safe place where your kids can spend their Friday and Saturday night with new friends? Want your kids to learn new games, practicing their english with native

speakers instead of watching TV or playing with their tablets? Spark Alternative Learning has the solution! We have created a new weekend night program that is FUN for your little ones and their friends. Drop your children off in our safe, clean, fun environment from 6:30pm-10pm. Includes: Arts and crafts (can take home), Board games to play, Gluten free/ Sugar free dinner

- For more information or to reserve your spot today visit: [Kids Night Out!](#)

Class Schedule

Private and e-learning (distance learning) classes available upon request.

Class	Days	Time	Links
Art	M, W, F	5:30-6:30 PM	More Info!
English Basics	M, W, F	5:00-5:30 PM	English Basics
English Basics 2	T, Th	5:30-6:30 PM	English Basics
Adaptive Curriculum	Mon-Fri	3 - 5 PM	More Info!
Guitar	Mon-Fri	6:45-7:30 PM	Guitar Lessons
Enterprise City	Sat	1:30-3:30 PM	More Info
Intensive English	Sat	9 - 11 AM	Intensive English
Slime Time!	Sun Oct 11	3 - 4 PM	More Info!