



CATHERINE COOK SUMMER CAMPS

August MiniCamps

August 1-5, 8-12

Thank you for your interest in Catherine Cook School's August MiniCamps! Our 2022 programs offer a wide variety of options for rising Junior Kindergarteners (age 3) through 8th Graders and will be open to both Catherine Cook students and those outside of our school community. Two, one-week sessions will be available on August 1-5 and August 8-12.

Please continue reading to learn more about our 2022 August MiniCamps, then [click here to register on Popsicle!](#)

If you have any questions or support needs, please contact Rachel Pujol, Executive Assistant to the Head of School & Associate Director of Office Operations, at rpujol@ccookschool.org.

Register for August MiniCamps!

Week #1 : August 1 – 5

6th Grade Math Jump Start

Age Group: Rising 6th Grade

Class Price: \$350.00

Max. Students: 18

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Description: Math Jump Start is designed to help ease the transition into school. Topics are reviewed, information is previewed, and much fun is had by all.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Heather Vardis.

Awesome Tech Stuff #1

Age Group: Rising 3rd-6th Grade

Class Price: \$400.00

Max. Students: 8

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Join Mr. Trahey for a special summer edition of Awesome Tech Stuff! We'll do a variety of fun and exciting activities related to media and technology. Whether that's DJ mixing and Launchpads, building together in Minecraft, stop motion animations, digital photography, slow-motion video with water balloons, flying a drone, green screen recording, or even learning about and playing retro video games on actual old-school hardware, we'll be sure to have an awesome time every day!

Taught by Catherine Cook AV Studio Coordinator Ryan Trahey.

Canvas Painting for Beginners

Age Group: Rising Senior Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Class Price: \$285 (\$25.00 materials fee)

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Max. Students: 12

Description: During a fun week of canvas painting, students will be introduced to basic art techniques, which are the building blocks that will provide a solid foundation for art lovers and future artists alike. Students will explore the wonderful world of art by incorporating oil pastels, paint, and other materials. Additionally, students will learn how to make their different paint colors and shades using mixing and blending techniques that will be used to create their very own canvas masterpiece(s). This unique learning experience emphasizes having fun while also learning and exploring their creativity! Depending on the weather, parts of the class will use the rooftop playground area for sunshine and canvas painting. Our young artists will bring home their canvases to showcase to family and friends.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Christina Taylor.

Improv with Mr. Perry

Age Group: Rising 3rd-8th Grade

Class Price: \$340

Max. Students: 15

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Join us for a fun-filled week of improv. Students will learn the fundamentals of improv through a series of games and exercises. This class will use techniques developed through Second City. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, you'll be sure to have a great time and learn something new and challenging.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Ty Perry.

Jewelry Making

Age Group: Rising Junior Kindergarten - 1st Grade

Class Price: \$290.00 (\$25.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 12

Time: 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Description: In Catherine Cook's first-ever jewelry making class, students will experience the joy of creating beads by incorporating clay, dowels, and ribbons using various painting techniques. We will also learn how to make beaded alligators, get creative with fun fuse beads, and create our very own recycled paper beads. A small portion of the class will discuss how many cultures integrate beading into their everyday lives. Let's string it together this summer!

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Rachel Krupsky.

Magical Mystery of Science

Age Group: Rising Junior Kindergarten - 1st Grade

Class Price: \$295.00 (\$10.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 12

Time: 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Description: Using science, we'll uncover the secrets behind some amazing magic tricks. Find out the physics behind a balloon that never pops, the biology behind optical illusions, and use chemistry to mix up some magical potions. In addition to (age-appropriate) research, inquiry, and carrying out our scientific magic tricks, we'll have plenty of time for outdoor play, games, books, and crafts!

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Cindy Olvera.

Math Blast! #1

Age Group: Rising 1st and 2nd Grade

Class Price: \$330 (\$25.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 12

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Rising 1st and 2nd Graders are invited to dust off their math skills for the upcoming school year by joining in on a week of math fun! Students will build their problem-solving skills, practice reasoning, and defend their thinking through games, activities, and investigations. Math has never been so fun!

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Gina Workman.

Moovin' & Groovin' Cougar Camp

Age Group: Rising 1st-3rd Grade

Class Price: \$295.00

Max. Students: 15

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Come and spend a week moving your body to all kinds of music with an experienced music teacher. Students (1st-3rd Grade) can join in the fun as we learn many songs and musical games. Each day we will focus on a different element of music, how it connects to movement, and even create music (using songs other people have written or writing a few songs of our own, too!) Students will receive handouts of all the songs and games we play throughout the week to take home and share with their family and friends.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Cory Bristol.

Seaside Squeezes

Age Group: Rising Junior Kindergarten - 1st Grade

Class Price: \$300.00

Max. Students: 12

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Let's get back to summer classics! Entrepreneurship meets fun in the sun. Our Cougar Campers will learn team-building skills to develop the school's very first Cougar Lemonade Stand. As a group, you will learn how to create five different fun and refreshing lemonades and kid-friendly, bite-size foods. Additionally, students will brush up on their math skills (and/or develop new ones) and enjoy being creative and artsy. On the first day of camp, students will work as a group to create and build their lemonade stand and flyers for the week to distribute on-campus. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their business skills each day for Catherine Cook employees who work over the summer.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Sophia Roberson.

Seussville Summer Camp

Age Group: Rising Junior Kindergarten - 1st Grade

Class Price: \$300.00

Max. Students: 10

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Pack your bags; we're taking a trip to Seussville – where you can find a CAT wearing a HAT and a FOX wearing SOCKS! During your week at Seussville Summer Camp, students will explore one Dr. Seuss book each day. Our chosen book will be used as our theme for the day and will include guided reading and team activities, indoor and outdoor games, fun art and crafts, and even a themed Seussville snack. As Dr. Seuss says, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!” So, come on...let's go!

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Catherine Flourney.

Tactile Imagination: Exploring Papermaking

Age Group: Rising 3rd-6th Grade

Class Price: \$340.00 (\$60.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 15

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Join us for this exclusive workshop that will dive into the exploration of papermaking. Material, texture, color, messiness, and play are at the core of this workshop! Students will learn different processes and techniques of papermaking and paper art. Students will learn to make paper pulp from recycled paper scraps and natural fibers, sheet forming techniques, and how to sculpt with paper pulp. Each day we will approach this malleable material with new techniques, rendering original pieces of artwork. While one day will be centered around making standard-size sheet paper (practicing foundational techniques), another day will be shaped by large-scale paper making fostered by collaboration. Students will add color and texture to their papermaking process, culminating in creating paper pulp sculptures and/or a collection of handmade sheets bound using simple bookmaking techniques.

Techniques students will learn include:

- Paper Pulp: Using recycled paper scraps and natural fibers to create pulp
- Sheet Paper: Learn the foundations of creating handmade sheet paper
- Impressions: Creating texture and relief within the paper
- Sculpting: Introducing materials such as wire that give the pulp a new dimension
- Bookbinding (optional): Learn a basic bookbinding technique to transform loose sheets into your very own book

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Georgia Bermingham.

Week #2: August 8 – 12

Awesome Tech Stuff #2

Age Group: Rising 3rd-6th Grade

Class Price: \$400.00

Max. Students: 8

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Join Mr. Trahey for a special summer edition of Awesome Tech Stuff! We'll do a variety of fun and exciting activities related to media and technology. Whether that's DJ mixing and Launchpads, building together in Minecraft, stop motion animations, digital photography, slow-motion video with water balloons, flying a drone, green screen recording, or even learning about and playing retro video games on actual old-school hardware, we'll be sure to have an awesome time every day!

Taught by Catherine Cook AV Studio Coordinator Ryan Trahey.

Book to Art

Age Group: Rising Junior Kindergarten - 1st Grade

Class Price: \$285.00 (\$25.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 12

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: The goal of Book to Art is to find hands-on, creative ways to engage with literature – where the process of art-making is more important than the product itself. Each day we will explore some of our favorite children's books and create unique crafts related to the story that students can take home with them.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Sophia Roberson.

Dungeons & Dragons

Age Group: Rising 4th-8th Grade

Class Price: \$285.00

Max. Students: 8

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Learn how to play the world's greatest tabletop role-playing game with an experienced Game Master who has led many groups of students into this world of fantasy and fun! Campers will learn how to play a revised version of the game (depending on the ages of the campers), design and develop characters, and play a mini-campaign over the course of the week. Students will also learn how to design their own encounters and dungeons to run their own games at home! At the end of the week, students will receive a copy of the camper-friendly rules, the campaign notes to run their own game at home, a set of dice to play with, and a rolling tray.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Cory Bristol.

Math Blast! #2

Age group: Rising 3rd and 4th Grade

Class Price: \$330 (25.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 12

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Rising 3rd and 4th Graders are invited to dust off their skills for the upcoming school year by joining in on a week of math fun! Students will build their problem-solving skills, practice reasoning, and defend their thinking through games, activities, and investigations. Math has never been so fun!

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Gina Workman.

Mr. Perry's Broadway Bootcamp

Age Group: Rising 3rd-8th Grade

Class Price: \$360.00

Max. Students: 15

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Students will develop a stronger sense of team-building skills during our week together as they work together to create performance art pieces. Students who are curious beginners or have always loved musicals and Broadway shows are encouraged to join in on the fun. Students will learn or develop more robust singing and dancing skills as if they were preparing for their big debut.

Taught by Catherine Cook Faculty Ty Perry.

Sock Monkey Madness

Age Group: Rising 2nd-5th Grade

Class Price: \$290.00 (\$25.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 10

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Students will create their own one-of-a-kind sock monkey using basic sewing skills. Students can choose from various materials to add detail and personalize their creations. From faux fur and patches, colorful ribbon and beads, felt, and feathers, each monkey will truly be unique from one another. Books will be provided for extra inspiration. We will learn the basic history of the sock monkey and how it became a popular folk art stuffed toy in the 1930s. Join the fun, and let's create wild, funky, and sweet stuffies. No previous sewing skills are required.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Lindsay Madden.

S.T.E.A.M. Disney Adventure

Age Group: Rising Junior Kindergarten - 1st Grade

Class Price: \$295.00 (\$10.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 12

Time: 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Description: During our week together, we'll incorporate Disney-inspired STEAM activities to have fun while also learning. Using "Frozen" water, we'll explore science, make some Colombian crafts inspired by "Encanto," and use engineering to build our own Magic Kingdom. Disney-themed outside play, games, and books will also be part of our fun and exciting week!

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Cindy Olvera.

SWIFT Fencing

Age Group: Rising Senior Kindergarten – 8th Grade

Class Price: \$410.00

Max. Students: 15

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Description: Hello, Catherine Cook community! My name is Naima Abdullah, founder and coach of SWIFT Fencing. I have been teaching fencing to Cook students for the past 9 years. Fencing is an Olympic sport that challenges students both physically and mentally. Each class will involve an energetic and fun workout taught by collegiate NCAA-caliber coaches. The drills are designed to improve concentration and mental sharpness, and though it can be a competitive sport, we teach the importance of winning and losing a match with grace. On the last day of camp, students will participate in fencing tournaments with their fellow campers, and all students will receive a participation medal. It's sure to be a SWIFT time! All student equipment is provided by SWIFT Fencing!

World Nomads

Age Group: Rising 1st-3rd Grade

Class Price: \$285.00 (\$30.00 materials fee)

Max. Students: 15

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Let's explore the world with a group of friends for the week. During this minicamp, we will add five different destinations to our passports. While "visiting" each place, we will sample traditional food from our chosen location, play a game, complete a craft, and watch a video related to the destination to help us earn our "world nomad" status. Come travel with us this August and add more than just a stamp to your passport.

Taught by Catherine Cook Teacher Jaclyn McCutcheon.

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