

## 2026-2027 SPEC COURSE REQUESTS AND DESCRIPTIONS

### Entering Grade Three

Dear Parents:

Each student in grade 3 will be offered the opportunity to take a different SPEC elective course in each of the four quarterly marking periods. Each quarterly period offers three (3) choices. To place your student in an elective of their choice we ask that you rank each elective in each quarter. Every effort will be made to place students in their top choice, however, scheduling demands based on the number of requests will dictate placement and a student's first choice may not always be a possibility.

### **SPEC COURSE OFFERINGS:**

#### **PERFORMING ARTS**

##### **Team Boomwhackers – Oh, Yes!**

- Where the study of sound and musical elements joins! Students will explore and collaborate through bucket drumming techniques, chords & melodies using Boomwhackers!

##### **Music in Our Schools with Chrome Music Lab Creation!**

- Students will come together to express the idea of "Music in our Schools Month", a national celebration inspired by the National Organization for Music Education and the 2026 theme, and create through Chrome music Lab.

##### **Chrome Music Lab Symposium!**

- Students will explore, create, and produce music through the use of Chrome Music Lab.

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

##### **Leadership and Teamwork Through Games**

- This physical education class is designed to help students develop essential leadership and teamwork skills through engaging games and physical activities. Students will participate in fun, structured activities that encourage cooperation, communication, and problem solving while promoting physical fitness.

##### **Team Games**

- This class focuses on developing teamwork, strategy, and communication through a variety of fun and engaging group games. Students will participate in activities that promote cooperation, problem solving, and physical fitness while learning the value of working together for a common goal.

### Physical Education continued....

#### **Track & Field**

- This class introduces students to the fundamentals of track and field, focusing on running, jumping, and throwing events. Students will develop speed, endurance, agility, and strength through a variety of drills, races, and skill building activities.

### STEAM

#### **LEGO Explorations**

- Students will build and create with LEGOs on a grade-appropriate level. Activities may include LEGO robotics, stop motion animation videos, and/or detailed builds with an augmented reality component.

#### **Cardboard Arcade**

- Students will design and decorate a working cardboard arcade game.
- The games will be played by the entire elementary school during an end of year event.

#### **Coding & Robotics**

- Students will work on computational skills as they program robots to solve challenges. Robotics used may include:
  - Dot and Dash
  - Ozobots
  - LEGO Spike Prime
  - Sphero Bolt
  - Sphero Indi
  - Micro:bit

### SCIENCE THROUGH ART

#### **Archeology**

- Step into the past and into the archaeological dig site. Uncover, study, and create artwork inspired by Florida's archaeological history.

#### **Museum Studies and Gallery Practices**

- Students will investigate museum and gallery management in partnership with FAU galleries. Students will visit the art galleries on campus and create art inspired by masterworks.

## **Science through Art continued.....**

### **The Art of Research**

- Use science tools and research methods to gather data and create artwork. Students will be artists and researchers as they learn to find the beauty and joy in data collection and analysis.

## **2026-2027 SPEC REQUESTS – ENTERING GRADE THREE**

### **SPEC Elective Selection Information**

Each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student will take one elective per quarter, for a total of four electives during the school year. Electives are grouped into four categories:

- PE
- STEAM
- Performing Arts
- Science through Art

Your child will take one elective from a different category each quarter. This means they will experience all four categories by the end of the year, rotating each marking period.

### **Ranking Instructions and How Selection Works:**

- Each quarter offers 3 elective choices.
- You will rank all 3 choices for each quarter
  - 1 – First choice
  - 2 = Second choice
  - 3 = Third choice

The system will try to assign your child their top choice, but placement depends on availability. If the first choice is full, your child will be placed in the next available option.

### **Important Notes:**

- Students will take only one elective per quarter.
- They cannot take more than one elective from the same category during the year.
- By the end of the year, each student will have taken:
  - 1 PE elective
  - 1 STEAM elective
  - 1 Performing Arts elective
  - 1 Science through Art elective

**FORMS ARE DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026.** Please have your student return the signed form to their homeroom teacher. For forms not returned, electives will be chosen for your student.



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STUDENT'S NAME (FIRST and LAST): \_\_\_\_\_

Rank EACH quarter using numbers 1, 2, and 3 (First, second, and third choices)

<b><u>QUARTER 1</u></b>	<b><u>QUARTER 2</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> LEGO Explorations ( <i>STEAM</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership & Teamwork Through Games ( <i>PE</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Archeology ( <i>Science Through Art</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Coding & Robotics ( <i>STEAM</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Studies & Gallery Practice <i>(Science Through Art)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Team Boomwhackers ( <i>Performing Arts</i> )
<b><u>QUARTER 3</u></b>	<b><u>QUARTER 4</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard Arcade ( <i>STEAM</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Track & Field ( <i>PE</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Music in Our Schools ( <i>Performing Arts</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Team Games ( <i>PE</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> The Art of Research ( <i>Science Through Art</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Chrome Music Lab Symposium! <i>(Performing Arts)</i>

**Parents:**

*My signature shows that I have discussed the above choices with my child and approve the selections.*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INFORMATION SESSION

Mrs. O'Sullivan will be offering two "SPEC Tips and Q&A" sessions via zoom. Please join in and bring your questions!

1. **Monday, April 13, 2026, from 7:30 – 8:00 pm**
2. **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, from 8: 15 –8::45 am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://fau-edu.zoom.us/j/88498775770?pwd=gZYRu1iXVwg9bXaEhtxdygttzRz7Wq.1>

Meeting ID: 884 9877 5770

Passcode: SPEC26info