

Bennett Day School Sample PreK–4th Auxiliary Guide



Trimester 1
2026-2027

Learning doesn't stop at dismissal. Afternoons at Bennett share the same vibrant energy as our school day. It's a space where kids are truly seen, curiosity thrives, and creativity takes center stage. No worksheets—just real experiences with friends, led by mentors who know your child by name.

Morning Care [Daily](#)

Start the day early with supervised play before the school day begins. Students enjoy unstructured time with friends in a safe, welcoming space. Available for occasional drop-ins or everyday use—whatever fits your family's schedule.

After Care [Daily - in two blocks](#)

Supervised, unhurried time after dismissal. Students have a snack, recharge, and choose their own play—guided by the Auxiliary Team, a blend of Bennett faculty, year-round camp staff, and coaches. Offered in two blocks, so you pay only for the time your child uses.

Bennett & Beyonds [Weekly specialty classes](#)

Weekly enrichment classes held right after dismissal: art, athletics, language, cooking, theater, and more, taught by Bennett faculty and trusted partners. Small groups, real skills, and the joy of going deep on something your child chooses.

Private Music Lessons [Weekly - 30 minutes](#)

Individual 30-minute lessons on your child's chosen instrument, right at school. After Care supervision is included between dismissal and the lesson, so music fits seamlessly into the afternoon.



PreK–JK B&Bs

Trimester 1

September 8 to November 19



No classes:

September 7
October 9
October 12
November 20

Young Architects*

Mondays • 3:15 – 4:30 pm
\$292.50

M T W T F

A hands-on building studio where students use LEGOs, Magna-Tiles, blueprints, and recycled materials to tackle playful construction challenges. Creators design solutions centered around empathy and inclusion, learning that building is a wonderful way to show kindness.

Imagination Recycled*

Tuesdays • 3:15 – 4:30 pm
\$357.50

M T W T F

Eco-friendly art exploration where students transform everyday items like cardboard boxes and scrap fabrics into imaginative masterpieces. Children discover how artists care for the earth by thinking sustainably and creating!

Garden Club*

Wednesdays • 2:15 – 3:30 pm
\$357.50

M T W T F

Rooftop garden adventures where students get their hands dirty planting pollinator flowers, building bee hotels, and decorating custom planters. Your child will learn how caring for plants and insects connects us to the earth.

Little Book Club (JK only)

Wednesdays • 2:15 – 3:30 pm
\$357.50

M T W T F

Little Book Club by Connections Academics cultivates a lifelong love for reading. Each week, students explore themed books, practice key skills like comprehension and vocabulary, and dive into a creative, hands-on craft to take home. It's the perfect blend of academic growth, social fun, and artistic expression for young readers!

Messy Art*

Thursdays • 3:15 – 4:30 pm
\$357.50

M T W T F

The ultimate sensory art experience you definitely don't want on your kitchen counter! Focused entirely on the joy of the process, creators will paint with their toes, pop paint balloons, and explore textures with absolute freedom. We handle all the cleanup!

Bennett Ballers*

Fridays • 3:15 – 4:30 pm
\$292.50

M T W T F

Bennett Ballers introduces students to a new sport every few weeks, including basketball, baseball, football, soccer, and kickball. Each session focuses on building confidence and learning the basics through fun, pressure-free games and supportive teamwork.

*In-House Bennett & Beyond



SK-1G B&Bs

Trimester 1

August 31 to November 19



No classes:

September 7

October 9

October 12

November 20

Intro to Sign Language*

Mondays · 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$325

M T W T F

Join Ms. Rosenfeld in learning ASL! Students will expand their knowledge to an inclusive and fun new language they can share with their friends and families! Students will learn the basics of ASL, such as the alphabet, common greetings, and other communication skills they will be able to use for years to come.

Ballroom Dance

Mondays · 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$325

M T W T F

Introducing the exciting world of ballroom dance! In each class, students will learn age-appropriate ballroom styles such as Cha-Cha, Salsa, Swing, and Waltz. This program focuses on building confidence, coordination, musicality, and teamwork, while encouraging creativity and self-expression.

StoryCraft Explorers*

Mondays · 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$325

M T W T F

Join Ms. Morse in StoryCraft Explorers! Children listen to a fun story, explore new vocabulary and ideas, and then bring their learning to life through a hands-on craft. It's a joyful space to build early literacy skills, imagination, and confidence—all while making new friends and having fun.

Garden Club*

Tuesdays · 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$390

M **T** W T F

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Tennis (1G)*

Tuesdays · 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$390

M **T** W T F

Ms. Lipke introduces young players to tennis using age-appropriate equipment and activities. Students will learn the basic skills of tennis while building coordination, confidence, and a love for movement and the game. While learning through play will be the main focus, there will also be a strong emphasis on teamwork and sportsmanship.

Art Club*

Tuesdays · 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$390

M **T** W T F

Led by Ms. Konkol, Art Club is a vibrant after-school studio where students bring their biggest imaginations to life. Each week, creators will dive into exciting, hands-on projects to sketch, paint, sculpt, and build. Your child will discover the joy of artistic expression in a welcoming community that celebrates their unique vision!

Mandarin

Tuesdays · 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$390

M **T** W T F

This beginner-level course is designed to immerse students in the fundamentals of the Chinese language, including basic vocabulary, pronunciation, and simple conversational phrases. Through interactive activities and cultural exploration, students will build a foundation in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Mandarin.

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\$390

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Looking Glass Theater

Wednesdays - 2:15 – 3:30 pm

\$390

M T **W** T F

Lookingglass Theatre works with your students to build foundational skills in storytelling, spectacle, and social and emotional learning with a skills-based approach that deepens students' connection to their bodies, encourages community, teaches writing skills, and builds self-confidence.

Little Book Club (SK)

Wednesdays - 2:15 – 3:30 pm

\$390

M T **W** T F

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Class starts 9/9. Any SK students registered will be in After Care on 9/2

Group Piano

Wednesdays - 2:15 – 3:30 pm

\$390

M T **W** T F

This class introduces young beginners to the joy of playing piano in a fun, collaborative setting with fundamental skills like rhythm, note reading, hand position, and simple melodies while developing good practice habits and musical confidence. Through games, ensemble activities, and creative exercises, they'll build a strong foundation and discover how rewarding making music together can be.

Little Rippers Skate

Wednesdays - 3:30 – 4:30 pm

\$490

M T **W** T F

After Care included from 2:15 – 3:30 pm

Join us for our action-packed, beginner skateboarding group classes where students learn to push/stop, ride ramps and obstacles, and learn all about skatepark safety and etiquette. Helmets and safety pads are required; skateboards are available as a free rental if needed!

Last class is 11/11. Students will be in After Care 3:30-4:30 on 11/18

Book Club (1G)

Wednesdays - 3:30 – 4:30 pm

\$490

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Group Percussion

Wednesdays - 3:30 – 4:30 pm

\$490

M T **W** T F

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Introduce beginners to the drums in a fun, collaborative setting! Students will learn skills like rhythm, drumming technique and simple beats through games, group activities, and creative exercises, helping build a strong foundation and discover how rewarding making music together can be.

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Beads, Bracelets, & More!*

Thursdays - 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$390

M T W **T** F

Students explore their creativity with Ms Gonzalez while designing friendship bracelets, keychains, and other colorful bead projects! Students will learn simple patterns and techniques that build fine motor skills and focus, all while expressing themselves through color and design. It's a fun, hands-on way to relax and bring a little sparkle to the end of the day.

Simple Machines*

Thursdays - 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$390

M T W **T** F

In Simple Machines, students transform into curious inventors. Creators will experiment with levers, pulleys, and gears to discover how these tools make big tasks easy. By hunting for real-world examples and testing their own contraptions, your child will discover the physics powering the world around them!

Dance (starts 9/10)*

Thursdays - 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$357.50

M T W **T** F

Drawing on her time with Nagata Dance in San Francisco and professional dance experience, Ms. Jordan builds confidence, motor skills, and teamwork through high-energy activities. Complex choreography is broken into simple steps so every child experiences success and builds self-esteem while having fun!

Stages

Thursdays - 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$390

M T W **T** F

Our primary goal is helping children develop the foundational skills and technique every musical theater performer needs while giving them the opportunity to find their voice, build confidence, and do what every budding Broadway Star loves most: PERFORM! Each week, your child will participate in acting games, choreography rehearsal, and vocal coaching as they learn scenes and songs from Broadway Musicals.

Sculpture*

Fridays - 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$325

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Group Piano* (Starts 9/14)

Mondays - 3:15 - 4:30 pm

\$292.50

M T W T F

Students will learn fundamental skills like rhythm, note reading, hand position, and simple melodies while developing musical confidence with Mr Posel. Through games, ensemble activities, and creative exercises, they'll build a strong musical foundation.

Drop In Aftercare needed for 8/31

Stages

Mondays - 3:15 - 5:00 pm

\$390

M T W T F

This class ends at 5:00 pm

Broadway Stars helps young performers build confidence, technique, and stage skills through acting, singing, and dancing. Taught by professional teaching artists, each class features acting games, choreography, and vocal coaching as students learn songs and scenes from Broadway Musicals.

Chapter Book Club

Tuesdays - 3:15 - 4:30 pm

\$390

M **T** W T F

This class is for book lovers in grades 2-4. Chapter Book Club is a unique program designed with our students' growth and development in mind, offering an engaging experience that nurtures their love for books and enhances their literacy skills. Led by a licensed teacher, this class creates a warm environment where children can actively participate and explore the world of literature,

Tennis (2G)*

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Cheerleading (3G & 4G)*

Tuesdays - 3:15 - 4:30 pm

\$390

M **T** W T F

Join our 3rd-4th grade sideline cheer squad and help bring spirit and energy to every game! Cheerleaders will learn fun chants, basic motions, and teamwork while supporting our athletes from the sidelines. No experience is needed—just a positive attitude and lots of enthusiasm. Come build confidence, friendships, and school spirit with us!

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Snack Science*

Tuesdays - 3:15 – 4:30 pm

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M **T** W T F

Join Ms. Morse in this delicious new science class! Students will have daily science lessons reinforced with fun and messy food-based experiments, connecting familiar snacks with new and exciting science concepts!

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Young Authors Club

Wednesdays - 2:15 – 3:30 pm

\$390

M T **W** T F

Students will receive their own Book Writing Kit to guide them in authoring their own book! They'll write the pages, illustrate the pictures, and pick the format, then send the book out to be bound into a real, published story! Students will get familiar with using graphic organizers, brainstorming, and rubrics as they create individual projects and explore new interests.

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M T W **T** F

Kickball brings the classic playground favorite to the after-school lineup! Led by Ms. Lipke, students will focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, and having fun! It's the perfect high-energy environment for students to stay active, burn off energy from the school day, and enjoy some healthy competition with friends!

Intro to Tools

Thursdays • 3:15 – 4:30 pm

\$390

M T W **T** F

Ready, set, build! In this exciting hands-on class led by the experts at Tool School, students will learn how to safely master authentic building tools while bringing their own imaginations to life. Students will learn safety rules, build confidence, problem-solving skills, and awesome creations to bring home!

Music Around the World*

~~Thursdays • 3:15 – 4:30 pm~~

~~\$390~~

M T W **T** F

We are sad to announce that Ms Liz has a last minute commitment for this trimester and will be unable to run this class.

We are sorry for the inconvenience!

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Private Music Instruction

Students in grades SK-12 can take their musical skills to the next level with private 30-minute lessons in their chosen instrument. Families can register by trimester, with the option to continue with the same time slot each term.

\$55
30min
lesson

Register by trimester

Families register each trimester, with the option to keep the same weekly time slot

Flexible scheduling

Reschedule up to two lessons per trimester with at least 24 hours' notice, pending instructor availability.

Care included

After Care is included from dismissal until the lesson begins. Register for After Care Block 2 if picking up after 4:30 pm.

Loaner instruments are provided for lessons.

Meet the instructors



Will Grenne · Guitar

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
3:30 – 5:30 pm
\$55/lessons M T W T F

Trained in jazz and classical guitar at Lane Tech and Northeastern Illinois University. He plays lead guitar for Liquid Lizard and sits in with Industrial Milk on drums and guitar.



Lile Emnadze · Piano

Mondays 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Wednesdays 2:30 – 5:30 pm
\$55/lesson M T W T F

Suzuki-trained pianist pursuing an Artist Diploma at Roosevelt University, with degrees from DePaul and the Tbilisi State Conservatoire. Teaching since 2016, she helps students grow into capable musicians and thoughtful, sensitive individuals.



Leo Posel · Piano

Mondays 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Wednesdays 2:30 – 5:30 pm
\$55/lesson M T W T F

Joined Bennett's Early Childhood team this year as an assistant teacher in JK, bringing his musicianship into the school day and the lesson studio alike.



Nicholas Guetterman · Piano

Wednesdays 4:30pm
Thursday 3:30 – 5:30 pm
\$55/lesson M T W T F

A rising Chicago-based pianist with bachelor's and master's degrees from DePaul's School of Music, where he studied with George Vatchnadze. He has taught piano for over ten years and is passionate about making lessons accessible.



Ervino Reiger · Piano

Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:30 pm
\$55/lesson M T W T F

Iowa native with a Bachelor of Music in composition from Columbia College Chicago, where she performed with the New Music Ensemble. With 14+ years at the piano, she loves exploring new instruments—flute, tin whistle, ocarina—and sharing her passion for composition and performance.

Registration Policies

Register in advance

Our staffing and materials are set by registration numbers, so advance registration is required to keep programs safe and engaging. Please register through our registration software.

Drop-in billing

Drop-in use is billed weekly, and unregistered drop-in use adds a **\$5 fee**. For families without an Auxiliary account, drop-in After Care fees are added directly to your tuition balance, with additional penalties.

Adding After Care after a B&B

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, add After Care until 5:00 pm or 5:45 pm. On Wednesdays, add care until 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm, or 5:45 pm.

Dropping or changing a class

Drop a class within the first two weeks of the session for a pro-rated credit. After that window, staffing and materials are committed and we're unable to offer refunds or credits.

Supporting student success

We want every child to thrive after school. If a student is having a hard time in a class, our Auxiliary leadership team works with the family, teachers, and the Student Support Team on the best path forward. If that means moving to After Care or stepping away from the program, we'll provide a pro-rated refund for the remaining sessions.

If a class is canceled

When an instructor is out unexpectedly, Bennett-led classes run with a faculty substitute whenever possible. Vendor-led classes are canceled: pick up at regular dismissal or use After Care at no extra cost, and a credit for the missed class is applied to your account.



Questions?

**Contact Admissions at
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