

## Exploratory Day 2024 Student Descriptions

<p><b>360 Chicago</b> (Ms. Arl, Ms. Watson, Ms. K) If you love heights and being able to see all of Chicago from above, come join us at the Hancock Building! Followed by fun games, and a movie that goes along with being up in the air.</p>
<p><b>A Classical Day in Chicago</b> (Ms. Quinn) Take in the beautiful sounds of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Sound Waves concert. Additionally, we will have lunch together in a classic Chicago diner, Pittsfield Cafe, and we will experience the art of local artist Pug Atomz on the walk back to school when we stop into the Chicago Cultural Center.</p>
<p><b>Adler Planetarium</b> (Mr. Thornton) Have a relaxing and informative day exploring the stars and planets at the Adler Planetarium. Take in the exhibits on space and science and a planetarium show on the hunt for new planets in the furthest reaches of the solar system.</p>
<p><b>All Around Lincoln Park</b> (Ms. Killian-Tarr) We will start our day by going to Peggy Notebaert Museum for a self-led tour and help to release a newly emerged butterfly into the butterfly sanctuary. After a picnic lunch in Lincoln Park, we'll head to Lincoln Park Zoo for a scavenger hunt, and lastly, a movie back at school.</p>
<p><b>Blackhawks Vibes</b> (Dr. Guzman) Black Hawks fans, join Dr. Guzman at the United Center for a fun day of Black Hawk vibe! A school bus will take us to the ice ring at Fifth Third Bank (where the Black Hawks practice), where you will skate for an hour! Then, you will get a tour of the United Center and have pizza for lunch!</p>
<p><b>Chicago Pizza Tour</b> (Ms. Kiesel) Students will travel around River North to explore Chicago's cuisine on a Chicago Pizza tour where they will hear the story of how deep-dish was invented and evolved to become synonymous with Chicago and analyze the difference between Italian ingredients vs American ingredients while enjoying some delicious pizza.</p>
<p><b>Chicago River Boat Architecture Tour and Seadog Lakefront Speedboat Tour</b> (Ms. Cuevas and Mr. Lindau) Joining the Chicago River Boat Architecture Tour and the Chicago Speedboat to learn about the man-made design infrastructure of our city right from the Chicago River where you will see more than 50 skyscrapers, bascule bridges, historic sites and the beautiful skyline right from the lakefront.</p>
<p><b>Chinatown Tour, Lunch, Paper Kites, and a Movie!</b> (Ms. Davis and Mr. Z) Take a tour that showcases Chinatown and Chinese American community's rich history and heritage with stops at Chinatown Gate, Nine Dragon Wall, landmark Pui Tak Center, Zodiac Square, etc. After the tour the group will have a group lunch in Chinatown, a Paper Kite Coloring Session and movie in the afternoon!</p>
<p><b>Classic Influence on Modern Pottery</b> (Ms. Stern and Ms. Anglin) Get ready to embrace your artistic side! We will go to the Driehaus Museum to explore some Gilded Age Art, and then we will head to Glazed Expression to paint your own pottery creation</p>
<p><b>Climb</b> (Mrs. Egan and Mr. Luck) Want to challenge yourself to reach new heights? We will begin the day at ClimbZone for a day of rock climbing, laser tag, and bumper cars. We will head back to school for lunch, talk about our experience, and watch and discuss the documentary "Free Solo."</p>

**Conservatory and Creativity** (Ms. Hockney and Ms. Roe)

We will spend the day admiring, documenting, and drawing inspiration from the beauty of nature on display in the Lincoln Park Conservatory. While walking through the conservatory, we will pause to photograph what we find visually interesting, which will then serve as inspiration for our afternoon of beginning our own creative journal.

**French Pastries and Art** (Ms. Martelli)

Embark on a captivating field trip with Ms. Martelli, our French teacher, to explore the globally acclaimed Art Institute of Chicago. Stop by Paris Baguette first, for a yummy French delicacy, then immerse yourself in the beauty of renowned masterpieces like Georges Seurat's "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" and Gustave Caillebotte's "Paris Street: Rainy Day." Delve into the enchanting realm of French Impressionism as we appreciate several other exquisite works during this enriching experience

**I scream, You scream, We all scream for ICE CREAM** (Ms. Scallon, Ms. Agbontaen, Coach K)

Love Ice Cream? Then this exploratory is screaming your name. Join us for a fun day of ice cream challenges, going to the Ice Cream Museum, and sampling Ice Cream! Our day will also include enjoying a VERY sweet movie.

**In the Spotlight: Improv class at Second City & Karaoke Party** (Ms. Pugliese, Ms. Ramirez, Ms. Freund)

Did you know many celebrity comedians got their start right here in Chicago at the Second City Theater? On this field trip, visit Second City for an improv acting class focusing on fun improv exercises and games. Afterwards, students will take center stage in our school auditorium, showcasing their talents at our karaoke party.

**Indoor Skydiving at iFly** (Mr. O and Mr Ripes)

Experience the feeling of freefall as you float on a cushion of air. There's no parachute, no jumping, and nothing attaching you to planet Earth. It's just you flying in the air. Super fun, super safe and super cool!

**Innovative Interventions for Physical Health** (Ms. Cashman)

On this trip, we will increase our awareness and understanding of the world of disability and recovery at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab. We will learn how to navigate different types of wheelchairs, watch how artificial limbs are made from 3-D printers, and dialogue with Para-Olympians as we learn how to operate their adapted bicycles and more. We will also try some of the state-of-the-art techniques used for patients to re-learn or strengthen how they walk, talk, move, and more. It is a wonderful day of STEM learning with lots of movement and 'exploring'!

**Join the Journey: Explore Mind-Bending Marvels at the Museum of Illusions** (Mr. Predmore and Ms. Hasija)

Calling all curious minds! Are you ready to embark on an unforgettable adventure? Join us for an exploratory day at the Museum of Illusions, where reality is redefined, and perceptions are challenged at every turn. Immerse yourself in a world of wonder as you journey through rooms filled with mind-bending optical illusions, gravity-defying exhibits, and interactive puzzles. Discover the secrets behind how our brains interpret the world around us and prepare to be amazed!

But the excitement doesn't stop there! After our trip, the fun continues with illusion games and board games, followed by a captivating show right here at school. Get ready to expand your horizons and unlock the mysteries of perception with us!

**Kayaking the Lake** (Ms. Medina and Mr. V)

Looking for a water adventure? Join us for an exciting day of kayaking, where you'll learn new skills, practice your technique, and paddle on beautiful Lake Michigan. We will also take a break and enjoy lunch, games, and ice cream on the beach.

**Let's Get Crafty!** (Mrs. Fitchett)

Do you like getting crafty? We will spend our morning in the Learning Lab using the Cricut and Design Space

to make our very own vinyl creations on blanks! After lunch, we are going to explore the art of using the cream gel technique to make our own picture frames at POP Craft in Chicago.

**Let's Play Ball** (Ms. Madden and Ms. Burke)

Bring your A-Game to Ms. Madden and Mrs. Burke's exploratory. Here's the game plan:

- Tournament style games
- Hussle to the Chicago Sports Museum
- Picnic and kickball in the park (be sure to bring your own water bottle and lunch)
- Refuel with a treat on the way home

Hands down, this exploratory is a slam dunk. The ball is in your court – are you up for the challenge?

**Pottery Painting** (Ms. Marston and Ms. Anu)

Students will take public transportation to La Grange (Ms. Marston's hometown!) where they will paint pottery and enjoy pizza at the park! The day will start with a bus ride to Union Station, a train ride to the suburbs, then walking around downtown La Grange!

**Special Olympics of Chicago Spring Games** (Ms. Damper)

This group will have the privilege of volunteering during the Spring Games for Special Olympics Chicago. This outdoor event assists an athletic competition for children and adults in Chicago with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Street Art Experience** (Ms. Wenc)

Join Mrs. Wenc for a spray-paint focused group workshop led by the artists at Studio WIP. You will learn all the steps for making your own 16x20 inch canvas to take home and enjoy as a memory of our day together!

**The Death of Bear McGinty: A 1950's Murder Mystery Party** (Ms. VanSickle and Mr. Lubell)

Use your best acting, improvisational, and sleuthing skills to solve the murder of Bear McGinty in this immersive, one-day-only experience by Mr. Lubell and Mrs. Van Sickle! We'll play drama games, visit the crime scene, and enjoy some milkshakes as we strive to accuse the guilty party.

**Travel to Lincoln Park Zoo (Ms. Goodman)**

Students will meet with Ms Goodman and determine the best way to get to Lincoln Park Zoo, spend time there, and head back to FXW, enjoy pizza and play board games while watching "Growing Up Wild" nature documentary.

**Writers and Artists** (Mr. Jasenof and Ms. Appelson)

Calling all creatively-minded writers and artists! The first stop is the interactive American Writer's Museum for a custom tour just for FXW students. After a power lunch at Gordano's Pizza, we're off to The Art Institute of Chicago to explore legendary works of art.