

San Pedro LEAP Afterschool Program

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San Pedro's Learning Enrichment Afterschool Program (LEAP) is so much more than just an after-school homework station for our students. San Pedro is a Title I school, and all 162 LEAP students are second language learners who are bused to and from the San Pedro campus each day. LEAP children begin arriving for school at 7:40 a.m. each morning and remain on campus until the LEAP program dismissal at 5:45 p.m. Because of the long day and the equally long distance from their home neighborhood, four days a week, our second through fifth grade students receive homework support for mathematics, language arts, and reading. Six ASES Program Leaders provide homework and academic support to grade level classes. Additionally, three teachers who are part of the San Pedro staff deliver targeted intervention and support for students who are most at-risk.

Although academics are a primary focus of LEAP, there is an equally important emphasis on bringing cultural enrichment into the lives of students. When students complete their homework block, they are able to take part in a wide variety of engaging activities. At least once a week, LEAP students participate in very engaging STEM activities that permit them to develop their analytical, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. ELM, Enriching Lives through Music, generously provides both string instruments and music teachers for violin and cello three times a week. Fridays are totally devoted to enrichment and team sports. All LEAP students look forward to the end of the week because everyone has the chance to enjoy and take part in theater and music performances offered by the Marin Theater Company, the Branson School Drama Club, and music with Davidson Middle School's music teacher, Michael Mares. For the past four years, upper classmen from Marin Academy have written their own grants to support the tutoring work and art projects they bring to LEAP kids every Friday. Similarly, Art From the Heart teachers lead painting classes and help student develop an array of beautiful art projects. Thanks to Trips for Kids, students who seldom have the opportunity to ride a bike joyously circle the campus in riding teams. Meanwhile, on the field and blacktop, coaches from the Baseball Academy and Coaching Corps teach and oversee baseball, soccer, and street hockey games.



LEAP at San Pedro Elementary most certainly lives up to and surpasses its goal to provide high-quality enrichment, academic support, and homework assistance to at-risk students.