



MDPC REACH FALL 2025 Recreation Ministry

Recreational and Instructional Classes for CHILDREN, YOUTH, and ADULTS







Welcome to Fall 2025!

MDPC is delighted to present an expansive lineup of quality classes and activities for all ages—children, youth, and adults. Some are ongoing, some are repeating, and some are being offered for the first time. Pick something and jump in!

The REACH Ministry of MDPC exists as a center of activity where we express the love of Christ. This vibrant ministry offers quality recreational, educational, and sports activities that meet the needs of the congregation and reach out in Christian fellowship to the community at large.

If you have questions or suggestions for classes, contact Diane Seckinger, REACH Coordinator, at **dseckinger@mdpc.org** or 713-490-9568.

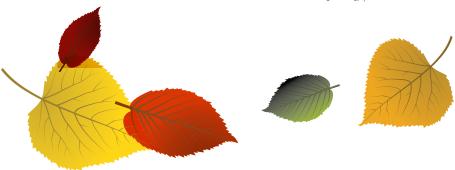
Registration and Payment Options

Register at least one week in advance of the first day of class.

- Go to reach.mdpc.org to pay by credit card or electronic check.
 A non-refundable bank service fee will be included.
- Use the form at the back of this booklet (page 16).
 Either bring the completed form to the REACH Office, located in Children's Ministries at MDPC, or mail it, along with a check payable to "MDPC," to the address at the bottom of this page, Attention: REACH Ministry.
- Contact Jan Keener or Cathy Moerer at reach@mdpc.org or 713-490-9564.

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For more information, contact us at reach@mdpc.org or 713-490-9564.

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ABRAKADOODLE

Tuesdays, Sep 2 - Dec 9

(No class Nov 25) 2:40-3:30 pm**

 Age:
 3-6

 Location:
 Room 206

 Cost:
 \$305*

**Escort from The Little School and The Yellow School available.

Abrakadoodle art programs are designed to build creative thinking and problem-solving skills in children. Our programs focus on the elements of art, art techniques, styles, art history, and the sequential development of skills. We provide specially trained, qualified, and pre-screened art teachers and safe non-toxic art materials that bring an engaging multi-arts experience to students. Come have fun and find your inner artist!

Contact Julieta de Cara: 832-348-9257



BALLET, TAP, AND JAZZ

Tuesdays, Sep 2 – Dec 9 Thursdays, Sep 4 – Dec 11

(No class Nov 25 & 27)

Pre-Ballet and Creative Dance & Tap

2:40–3:30 pm Age: 3–5 Cost: \$243*

Ballet, Tap, and Jazz

3:45-4:45 pm

Age: Kindergarten–3rd Grade

Cost: \$269*

Location: Rooms 171-172

**Escort from The Little School and The Yellow School available.

Children are grouped according to age and dance experience.

Uniform (3-5): Black leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes, any color ballet skirt, black tap shoes

Uniform (K-3rd): Black leotard, black jazz pants or tights with shorts, pink leather ballet shoes, black tap shoes

Recital at Christmas is no fee. May recital has a costume fee. Participation is optional, but encouraged.

Students will learn dance basics, correct body posture, and the mechanics of more advanced combinations and dance styles. Beginning dance at an early age promotes self-esteem, discipline, confidence, and a stronger body.

Super Stars Dance offers a dance program that is age appropriate, wholesome, and fun. Cat Wood, teacher, trained under Margo Marshals and worked with Susan Bates for 10 years.



BASKETBALL CO-ED SKILLS CLASS: HOOPS SCHOOL

Mondays, Sep 8 - Nov 17

(No class Oct 13)

5:15-6:45 pm • Grades 1–3 (Boys and Girls) 7:00-8:30 pm • Grades 4–8 (Boys and Girls)

Location: Gym Cost: \$369*

All coaching is in a Christ-centered environment, and teaches the importance of hard work, sportsmanship, discipline, and honesty. Each level has no more than 8 kids per coach.

Heidi B. Horton, former professional women's basketball player overseas and in the WNBA, has coached children for 25 years and has two children of her own. She played for the LA Sparks, and was a first round, first pick for the Washington Mystics. Prior to that, Heidi, who speaks six languages, played six seasons in Europe. She also is a motivational speaker. The 2002 Disney movie *Double Teamed* is based on the lives of Heidi and her identical twin sister. Heidi has run Hoops School since 2001.



BASKETBALL CO-ED 3-ON-3 LEAGUE: HOOPS SCHOOL

Thursdays, Sep 18 - Nov 6

6:00-7:15 pm • Grades 3–5 (co-ed teams) 7:15-8:30 pm • Grades 6–8 (co-ed teams)

Location: Gym

Cost: \$236* (8-week session)

Referees, coaches, jerseys all provided by Hoops School.

This class is NOT for beginners. Players must know the essential fundamentals of basketball (running a basic offense, shooting correctly, etc.), and have experience being coached professionally (e.g., Hoops School Skills Class, at least one semester) or playing 3+ years of rec or church league basketball. This is a developmental league. No coach provided per team. Kids run their own offenses; and make adjustments during the game accordingly. Referees will act as "coaches" to ensure proper technique.

Two Divisions:

1. 3rd-5th Boys and Girls (Co-ed)Advanced 5th graders have option to move up to 6-8th grade. This division will be split into 3rd grade only & 4th-5th grade, if numbers allow.

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2. 6th-8th Boys and Girls (Co-ed)

Players can sign up in pre-arranged teams of up to 4 players OR as individual players. Individual players assigned to teams according to age/skill level. The first day of class is an assessment day for director and refs to properly allocate players to teams. The goal for each child is to improve in over-all court presence, offensive and defensive techniques and understanding of spacing, court-awareness, and game skills (passing, fakes, shot moves, team concepts on defense and offense).



COOK LEARN GROW

Wednesdays, Sep 10 – Nov 19 2:40–3:30 pm** Ages: 3–5

Location: Room 206 Cost: \$386*

**Escort from The Little School and The Yellow School available.

Cook Learn Grow is a mobile hands-on cooking and food literacy program. We use cooking as a platform to teach children life skills, develop self-confidence and creativity.

Contact Lori: lori@cooklearngrow.com



GINGERBREAD HOUSE

EVENT

Saturday, Dec 6 Registration will open Oct 2

9:00–10:30 am 10:30 am–12:00 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: TBD

Come and enjoy a wonderful event to start the Christmas season! Two hours of creativity and fellowship while designing a masterpiece for the holidays. There will be a snowstorm of icing and the largest candy buffet anywhere to help your family create your own special gingerbread house! This continues to be one of the most popular events for our congregation and community.

We highly recommend registering for this event early. We have a limited number of houses available that we pre-order.



LITTLE LEARNERS

Tuesdays, Sep 2 – Dec 9 Ages: 4–5 Thursdays, Sep 4 – Dec 11 Ages: 3–4

(No class Nov 25 & 27)

2:40-4:00 pm**

Location: Room 209
Cost: \$385*

**Escort available from The Yellow School

Contact: Susan Edwards: littlelearners.101@yahoo.com, 713-542-9329

Learn math and literacy through games!

Children love to play games. Our hands-on, interactive approach engages children with creative, meaningful play. The children think they are just having fun, but what is really happening is they are learning methods of sequencing, strategic thinking, and problem solving. We are singing the phonics alphabet, engaging in clip card challenges, cracking the code with picture clues, and building brain power with memory match games and amazing mazes! The result is dynamic interplay that enhances a child's natural learning process and is FUN!

Susan Edwards is a seasoned educator who cares deeply for the development of children. Her approach of creative activities in a fun and flexible classroom results in children who are curious, confident, communicative, and love to learn.



PIANO LESSONS, PRIVATE – JOHN FORD

Wednesdays, Sep 3 – Dec 17

(No class Nov 26)

2:00-8:00 pm

Ages: 3 and up Location: Room 215

Cost: \$132 (Four 30-minute lessons)

Extended times available Make-ups by appointment only Termination requires 30-day notice

Contact John with questions or to schedule lessons: czerny54321@gmail.com, 832-978-6566

John Ford has been teaching piano full-time since 1988. He is a member of the Katy Music Teachers Association and Past President of the Houston Music Teachers Association. He teaches acoustic piano, digital keyboard, duets, jazz, classical, pop, and ragtime. He combines games, theory, recitals, and guild auditions in piano lessons.

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SOCCER SHOTS

Wednesdays, Sep 3 – Dec 10

(No class Nov 26) 2:40-3:25 pm**

Ages: 3–6 **Location:** Gym **Cost:** \$251*

**Escort available from The Yellow School

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Our caring team positively impacts children's lives on and off the field through best-in-class coaching, curriculum, and communication. Soccer Shots coaches are the best-trained in the business, and our expertapproved curriculum is age-appropriate and aligns with childhood education standards. In addition we provide an exceptional customer experience and ongoing communication with parents. We look forward to having you on our team!

"Musical Theater (Beginner/Intermediate)" (Grades: 3-5)
Have a blast delving into the techniques and creativity of musical theater. Specific emphasis on collaboration as students explore and create performance pieces. Strengthen imagination with daily improv games and creative exercises. Practice things like auditioning, vocal warm ups, acting techniques, performing a monologue, building a character, and performing solo and ensemble pieces.

Contact Emma: info@spotlightprojecttheatre.com



SPOTLIGHT PROJECT THEATER

Mondays, Sep 8 – Nov 17 Thursdays, Sep 18 – Nov 20

(No class Oct 13)

Intro to Musical Theater

2:40-3:40 pm** Ages 4-5 (Pre-K-K)

Musical Theater (Beginner)

3:45–4:45 pm K–2nd Grades

Musical Theater (Beginner/Intermediate)

4:45–5:45 pm 3rd–5th Grades

Location: Amphitheater

Cost: \$246*

**Escort available from The Yellow School

"Intro to Musical Theater" (Grades: PreK-Kinder)

Have fun singing, dancing, and acting out pieces from kid friendly Broadway musicals and Disney movies. Practice dance stretches, singing warm ups, and projecting your voice on stage. Strengthen creativity by playing imaginative theater based games.

"Musical Theater (Beginner)" (Grades: Kinder-2)

Begin learning the basics of vocal and acting technique used in musical theater. Strengthen creativity with theater based activities and games. Practice things like auditioning, learning lines, projecting on stage, creating a character, and performing a solo then apply these lessons by rehearsing songs and scenes from fun Broadway shows.



TUMBLING AND GYMNASTICS

Mondays, Sep 8 – Dec 15

(No class Oct 13 & Nov 24)

2:40-3:25 pm**

Ages: 3–Kindergarten

3:45-4:35 pm**

Ages: 3–5 and 6–8 yrs.

Separated by age. More focus on tumbling skills.

Location: Gym Cost: \$280*

Class separated into age groups.

**Escort from The Little School and Yellow School available.

Since 1976, the Tumbling Company of Houston has offered children success-oriented, positive learning experiences in a noncompetitive, Athletic setting. Class activities include age appropriate groupings and well-supervised practice of floor tumbling, vaulting, balance beam, simplified bars, obstacle courses, and movement games.

Robbie Hirst (Coach Robbie), director of the Tumbling Company, is a committed follower of Christ, devoted to his wife and five children, and holds a BS in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M. He's been coaching full time since 2001, when he transitioned from the engineering world of objects in motion to the developmental instruction world of children in motion.

Contact Coach Robbie with questions: 713-866-4822



VOICE LESSONS & MUSIC TUTORING – STEFFANIE DEAN WEST

Tuesdays, Sep 9 – Nov 18

4:00-7:00 pm

Ages: Voice: 12 and up

Music Tutoring: 4-11

Location: Choir Room

Cost: \$132 (Four 30-minute lessons)

\$92 (Four 20-minute lessons)

Make-ups by appointment only Termination requires 3-day notice

Contact Steffanie Dean West: sdean@mdpc.org



WOODWORKING

Tuesdays, Sep 23 – Dec 2

(No class Nov 25)

Advanced

(with instructor permission; must have taken II) 2:30–3:30 pm or 3:40–4:40 pm

Ages: 5–10

Thursdays, Sep 25 – Dec 4

(No class Nov 27)

Woodworking I

2:30-3:30 pm** or 3:40-4:40 pm

Ages: 5–7

Woodworking I Plus

4:45-5:45 pm

Ages: 8–10

Cost: \$297* **Location:** Room 170

**Escort available from the Yellow School Priority enrollment for current students; waiting list available.

Boys and girls learn basic woodworking skills while building small projects (no kits, and all supplies included). They learn to safely use hand tools as they progress through these leveled classes.

Linda Engelland has a BS in Education from The University of Texas at Austin and is an AMS Montessori-certified teacher. She has taught woodworking for children for over 20 years.

Contact Linda with questions:

woodworkingforyoungchildren@gmail.com



ART STUDIO & ART

Wednesdays, Sep 3 - Dec 10

(No classes Nov 26)

Location: Room 170

ART STUDIO

9:00 am–12:00 pm **(ost:** \$287*

This painting studio is for adults with intermediate to advanced level painting skills working in oils or acrylics. Students will receive input on paintings at the beginning and the end of class. The remainder of the time will be spent on individual projects working without instruction.

ART

1:00–4:00 pm **Cost**: \$430*

This class teaches oil painting for adults. Beginning students will learn the basics of color theory, composition, and shading. Intermediate students will be encouraged through class exercises and their individual projects. Instruction includes lessons, demonstration, and one-on-one guidance. This is for first-time art students, as well as those who are looking for a safe, supportive place to paint.

Bridget Wolk's love of art began in childhood and led to training in fine art, illustration, and graphic design. She has exhibited in many art shows, including a spotlight on alumni show at the Art Institute of Houston. She is an avid painter and member of the Prism Painter's Society, HAS, and HCAA.



CERAMICS

Mondays, Sep 15 – Nov 24

(No class Oct 13)

1:00-3:00 pm

Location: Room 170 Cost: \$231*

Supplies included

This is a hand-building class for adults with little to no experience. You will learn the basics of creating functional and decorative objects. You will learn simple building techniques, how to apply texture, and different glaze applications. She also enjoys teaching drawing and watercolor.

Beverly Lawson has taught art for over 30 years to people of all ages. She has illustrated two children's books.



DRAWING & WATERCOLOR

Tuesdays, Sep 16 – Nov 18

9:30-11:30 am

Location: Room 206
Cost: \$226*

Supplies included

This is a beginners' class for adults with little to no art experience. Everyone can draw! You will learn a fun and calming drawing technique that will increase your creativity and focus. You will also learn the basics of watercolor. Artists of any skill level will be successful in this friendly, relaxing class.

Beverly Lawson has taught art for over 30 years to people of all ages. She has illustrated two children's books. She also enjoys teaching ceramics.



YOGA

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Sep 3 – Dec 19

(No class Oct 13 & Nov 28) 9:15–10:15 am

Location: Rooms 171-172 **Cost:** \$10/class or

\$90/10-class card (expires after 3 months)

Participants must bring a mat.

Instructor: Polly Patton Christie

Tone the body and tune the mind! Increased strength and stamina, improved balance, and flexibility are yours through Hatha Yoga. Feel energized, refreshed, and relaxed, all at the same time, with a 5,000-year-old tradition of physical poses and flowing sequences linking breath and movement



YOGA (IYENGAR)

Fridays, Sep 5 – Dec 19

(No class Nov 28) 11:30 am-12:45 pm

Location: Room 171-172 **Cost:** \$10 per class

This class is designed for beginner and continuing adults as well as expectant mothers with healthy pregnancies. All equipment is provided but students may elect to bring their own mats.

Jimena Lieb practices and teaches lyengar yoga which emphasizes correct alignment of joints for maximum benefit and safety. In this class the use of props such as chairs, blocks, blankets, or straps may be incorporated to help students adjust or support themselves in the different postures and thereby achieve a range of motion that is effective and safe. Students will practice seated, twisting, standing, and some inverted postures to reduce stress, create strength and flexibility, and correct structural imbalances caused by poor posture, sports training, and daily activities.

Jimena has had a regular yoga practice since 2007 and has studied with professional yoga teachers that are nationally and internationally known. She is a certified lyengar Yoga teacher and the Scheduling Director here at MDPC.

MDPC REACH Class Registration

Please print. Use one	form per student. Visit the REACH office	e for more forms, or reach.mdpc.org to re	gister online
Last Name		First Name	
Date of Birth			
Parents' Names (Mo	ther/Father)		
Phone (H)		(C)	
Address			
City		Zip	
Email Address			
Family/Friend to be	called in an emergency if parent/gua	ırdian cannot be contacted:	
Name		Phone	
Please list any know	n allergies or medical conditions:		
I hereby authorize t	he REACH instructor to release my ch	ild ONLY to the people listed below:	
Name		Phone	
Name		Phone	
Class Name		Page #	
Amount	Class Day(s)/Time	Dates	
Class Name		Page #	
		Dates	
If available, do you i	need an Escort from The Little School need an Escort from The Yellow School	ol to class? Yes No	
If yes, an Escort Fori in the The Little Sch	m for each class must be filled out an lool (formerly CDI), The Yellow School	d turned in to your child's school. Forms a , REACH offices, and at reach.mdpc.org .	ire available
	s payable to MDPC and note REACH N ffice, or mail to MDPC, 11612 Memori		
Check Number	Amou	nt	
Through my signature and have retained a co		General Release below, accept these terms and	conditions
		Date	

- In the event that my child is injured, or should require medical or dental attention while participating in a REACH class, I hereby authorize the church representatives or instructors to secure necessary medical treatment. I also acknowledge that ultimately I will be responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance provider
- I do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless MDPC and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claim of demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, which may be incurred by the above-named person
- ullet I give my permission for my child to attend this class in the event that only one adult instructor is present
- The REACH Ministry, MDPC, and instructors will not assume responsibility for a child who has not been brought into their classroom by an adult when they arrive.
- I understand that the REACH Ministry program is not licensed by the state.
- I give my permission for videos or photographs taken of the student to be used on the MDPC website or any MDPC publication.

Class Name_____ Class Day(s)/Time_____ Dates______
Parents are encouraged to contact the REACH Office with any questions or concerns at 713-490-9568.

CLASS POLICIES

All children MUST be walked into their classroom by an adult.

Parents and/or caregivers MUST return to the classroom to pick up the child. Children are only released to authorized persons listed on the registration form.

Please pick up your child on time. If there is an emergency, please call the MDPC Front Office at 713-782-1710, or Diane Seckinger, REACH Coordinator, at 713-490-9568.

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Class Cancellations and Refunds

A full refund, less \$25 administrative fee, credit card fee and any supply fee, will be given if you cancel 10 or more days prior to first day of class/camp.

In the event of an unplanned church closing, classes that are cancelled may or may not be rescheduled or refunded, per the instructor's discretion.

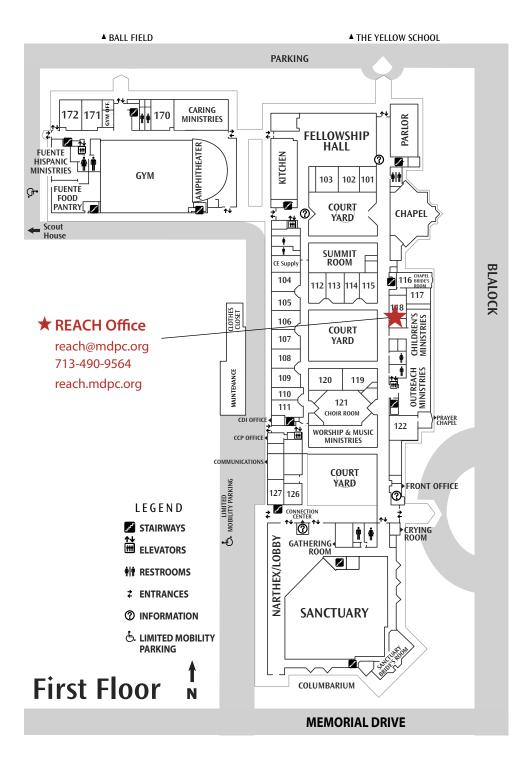
In case of inclement weather, MDPC's REACH Ministry follows the school closing of Spring Branch Independent School District. If they are closed, we are closed.

Injury

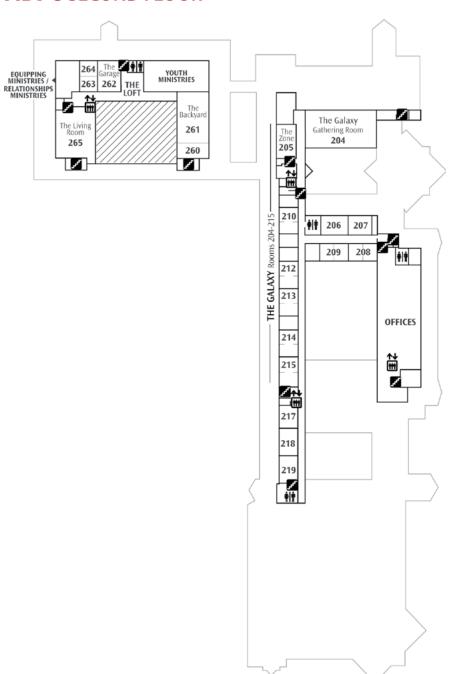
Every effort is made to insure the safety of all children participating in REACH classes. In the unlikely event that an injury occurs, appropriate first-aid medical attention will be provided and an accident report will be completed.

If the injury is minor and your child returns to full participation in activities, you will not be notified until you return to pick up your child.

If the injury requires emergency treatment, we will provide and/or obtain such treatment and notify you as soon as possible.



MDPC SECOND FLOOR



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Contact REACH Ministry:

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The Little School	713-490-9267
The Yellow School	713-784-0820
Food Service Ministries	713-490-0916
Multicultural Ministries	713-953-2550 X113
Young Adult Ministry	713-953-2550 X163
Outreach Ministries	713-490-9551
Relationships Ministries	713-490-0931
Reach Office	713-490-9564
Sports Office	713-490-9568
Worship & Music	713-490-0946
Youth Ministries	713-490-9291

Sunday Services

8:30 am, Sanctuary
9:45 am, Sanctuary
11:15 am, Sanctuary
11:15 am, Chapel
6:00 pm, Chapel
Blended Worship • A mix of traditional and contemporary music
Contemporary Worship • Led by MDPC's praise band
Traditional Worship • Hymns led by a full choir
Spanish-language
Portuguese-language

2023 Fall Closure Schedule

MDPC's offices and campus will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- · Labor Day, Monday, September 1
- · Columbus Day, Monday, October 13
- Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday-Friday, November 27-28
- Christmas Holiday, Wednesday-Thursday, December 24-25



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WELCOME TO MDPC!



Thank you for exploring the many outstanding options offered by MDPC's REACH Ministry! Believing that God is involved in all aspects of our lives, our staff puts together a wonderful potpourri of ways to experience Him more fully through recreation and personal enrichment. These programs are especially designed for your and your family's enjoyment. To that end, we genuinely hope you'll always feel comfortable during your moments spent at MDPC.

We invite you to experience the many other fine opportunities here for you and your family. Consider visiting a Sunday worship service, which offer a chance to encounter God in a way that is both authentic and intimate.

Check out mdpc.org for up-to-date information and to explore the myriad ways available to grow in God's grace through the life and programs of MDPC!

Brett Hurst, MDPC Relationships Minister



MEET MDPC'S SENIOR PASTOR

If you're looking for a church home, now is a great time to check out MDPC. With a heart for service and a gift for preaching, senior pastor Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson is leading this church during an exciting time in our history. Our country and our church are facing changes, challenges, and opportunities, and, with strong, focused leadership, MDPC is poised to embrace a vibrant future. Come experience it with us!

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