

GALACTIC Class Offerings- 3rd Grade Fall 2026

***Students sign up for classes on the first day of GALACTIC each semester. Class periods may not be finalized and are subject to change before the first day of classes. There are 3 class periods for 3rd grade.

Class and Teacher(s)	Class Description/Period(s) Offered
Create Your Own Book Club Mrs. Binuyo	What book do you want to read? How will you share what you are learning about the book with each other? What will be your final product? These are some of the questions you will use to create your very own book club. So, gather up all your friends, grab a bean bag, and let's dive into a good book. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Communication, Self-Management</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2
Poetry Mrs. Bruns	Let's have fun painting with words! In this class, you will read poems, sing poems, dance poems, and write poems. We will learn about how poetry is a storytelling style that can make people feel strong emotions. We will learn about some inspirational poets and how their words give us strength and hope. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 1
Asia Mrs. Bruns	Do you love things like Nintendo, TikTok, kung fu, and fried noodles? All these awesome things come from the continent of Asia. We'll take a tour of Asia's regions: admiring landmarks, experiencing languages, enjoying stories, and creating artifacts along the way. In this class, we will learn how Asian culture has inspired American Culture and study the people, culture, and history of different regions of Asia. (Countries studied this semester: Japan, Laos, Uzbekistan) <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Content</i> Course offered: Period 3
Visual Arts- Drawing Mrs. Buchert	Grab your favorite pencil and dust off your best eraser because you will be working hard to create many personal masterpieces in this class. What? Are you not quite a master? That is not a problem! We will be learning techniques that professionals use. Whether you have become an accomplished artist or are still struggling to draw a straight line, you will learn at your own pace and receive support and guidance along the way. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Self-management, Content</i> Course Offered: Period 2, 3
American Sign Language I Mrs. Davison	Have you ever seen someone speak by only using their hands? Did you ever wonder what they were saying? People who are deaf or non-verbal often use sign language to communicate using their hands. If you would like to learn a new language that does not require speaking with your voice, but instead communicates using your hands and facial expressions, then this is the class for you. There will be an American Sign Language II class offered second semester, in which we will build on our learning from semester I. ASL

	I will be required for students to take ASL II in the second semester. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Communication and Content</i></u> Course offered: Period 2, 3
Math Mania Ms. Eckelkamp	Have you ever wondered how some people always seem to win the “Guess the Amount of Candy” contest? Do you know how far it is to get to your favorite place to eat? How can you figure out the sale price of the newest video game you want to buy? These are some of the questions we’ll explore in this math class. We will participate in creating and playing games that involve strategy, estimating, measuring with the Metric System, calculating, and analyzing data. Come share your math knowledge and challenge yourself to learn more with our Math Maniacs. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical Thinking, Content</i></u> Course offered: Period 1, 2
Grossology Mrs. Feazel	From the moment you wake up until you go to sleep, your body is hard at work... WAIT A MINUTE!!! Your body is hard at work every second of every day! Even when you are asleep. From breathing to digestion, your body is a hard-working machine that never takes a break. In Grossology class, we will be delving into the wide world of body functions... Yes, even the gross ones! We will conduct research, build functional models, and present what we have learned. Say what you want, but this class is “SNOT” boring! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Content, Self-Management</i></u> Course offered: Period 2, 3
Ornithology Ms. Fritz	Have you ever thought, "This is for the birds"? Well, this class really is! We will be studying the science of Ornithology! We will look at how birds have evolved, find out how they are affected currently, and make some predictions about their future. We will investigate their adaptations, structure, nesting habits, and much more! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Communication, Content</i></u> Course offered: Period 1, 2
Agriculture Mrs. Lauterborn	Agriculture introduces students to the important role agriculture plays in Missouri and in their everyday lives. Students will explore where food, clothing, and other agricultural products come from while learning about plants, animals, soil, water, natural resources, and farming. Through hands-on activities, students investigate how crops grow, learn about Missouri livestock and agricultural products, explore farm-to-table connections, and discover how farmers use science and technology to produce food while caring for natural resources. Students will also learn about careers in agriculture and the many ways agriculture contributes to Missouri communities and the economy. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical Thinking, Self-Management</i></u>

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Hydroponics Mrs. Lauterborn	What, no soil? Hydroponics is the technique of growing plants without soil. In Hydroponics, students will design experiments to compare plants grown in soil and those without. They will also explore the where, why, what, when, and how of Hydroponics. Throughout the class, students will learn about different hydroponic systems and grow a variety of vegetables and herbs that they will use in creating their own recipes. We will be using the food we grow in class to create meals for ourselves and others to enjoy.. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical Thinking, Self-Management</i></u> Course offered: Period 3
Spy Club Dr. O'Brien	Welcome to the world of secret agents! In this hands-on, adventure-filled class, students will step into the role of spies as they sharpen their observation, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. Young agents will learn the art of codes and ciphers and practice memory and logic challenges. We explore real-world examples of espionage, strategy, and technology—learning how spies throughout history used intelligence to solve problems. The course will culminate in a Top-Secret Mission Challenge, where students put their spy skills to the test, cracking codes, solving puzzles, and completing a final operation. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical thinking, Creative thinking</i></u> Course offered: Period 1, 3
Bridges Ms. Schneider	Arch, Bascule, Beam, Cable-Stayed, Cantilever, Suspension, Truss... Puzzled?? These are the types of bridges you will study AND build using K'Nex. In a small group, you will have the opportunity to test each bridge's limits and conclude which bridge designs are the best. Your team will also build an original bridge by following your very own designs recorded on a blueprint. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, Self-Management</i></u> Course offered: Period 1, 3
Artstravaganza Ms. Skelly	Pablo Picasso said, "Painting is just another way of keeping a diary." Sign up for this class if you are interested in learning about famous artists and their work. We will experiment with lots of art mediums like painting, model magic, and chalk. Join this class so you can fill your "diary" with oodles of amazing projects. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Self-management, Content</i></u> Course offered: Period 1, 2

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Tales Around the World Mrs. Taylor	Do you know the tale of Tikki Tikki Tembo? Are you interested in learning about a variety of countries and cultures from around the world? This may be the class for you! In this class, we will explore stories full of magic, myth, and traditions from various times and places in the world. We will research the people and countries and read fables and traditional tales. If you like to learn about history and geography, this class is for you! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication, Content</i> Course offered: Period 2, 3
Intro to Scratch Coding Ms. Ziolkowski	Coders wanted!! Scratch is a computer programming language that makes it easy and fun to create interactive stories, games, and animations and share them online. This course introduces computer science using the programming language Scratch, developed by MIT. This class will focus on learning the basics of coding and exploring how to use conditionals to make your projects work more efficiently. Beginners are welcome! You will learn EVERYTHING you need to know to make a successful project of your choice in this class. Please don't worry if you've never coded before. You'll catch on super quickly! Experienced coders are also welcome. There will be many projects and resources to challenge you! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2