

GALACTIC Class Offerings- 2nd 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 4 class periods for 2nd grade.

Class and Teacher(s)	Class Description/Period(s) Offered
Superheroes Mrs. Binuyo	Here we come to save the day!!! Who is your favorite Superhero? In this class, you will study superheroes, create your own superhero, and understand everyday heroes. This is a SUPER fun class... so sign up! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Communication</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2, 3
Sculpture Mrs. Bruns	Let's be creative in 3D!! If you like drawing and painting, let's take creativity to the next dimension. We will learn about the elements of art: line, space, balance, color, and texture. We will use a variety of materials to create original realistic or abstract sculptures. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking, Self-Management</i> Course offered: Period 1
Fantastic Beasts Mrs. Bruns	Sure, dragons and unicorns are amazing, but did you know that there are REAL FANTASTIC BEASTS all over the world? Lizards that fly, mammals that lay eggs, and fish that glow in the dark! In this class, we will explore how animals are classified by their traits and discover the different adaptations animals use to survive and thrive. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Content, Critical Thinking</i> Course offered: Periods 3, 4
Spanish Mrs. Buchert	Travel with us, south of the border, to the beautiful land of Mexico. You will learn to locate Mexico on a map and become familiar with the geography and history of our neighbors to the south. We will sample the cuisine and create festive projects as we further explore this very rich culture. A strong emphasis will be placed on learning the language as we play games, sing songs, and participate in written and spoken lessons and casual conversation. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication, Self-management</i> Course offered: Period 4
Native American Artifacts Mrs. Davison	Native American tribes have a rich past and an interesting present that is worth learning about. In this class, we will explore early migration to the Americas. We will also learn about the customs and way of life of Natives living in six different regions across what is now known as the United States of America. To honor the tribe(s) we learn about each week, we will create an artifact representing what we have learned. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Content, Self-Management</i> Course offered: Periods 1, 2, 3
Africa Ms. Eckelkamp	Jambo! In this class, we will learn about the geography of one of the largest continents on Earth. Through virtual "field trips," we will travel region by region around an amazingly diverse land. We study the

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	people, culture, animals, and history of Africa. Join us for an awesome African Adventure! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Content</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2
Beaches Ms. Eckelkamp	Why are beaches and coastlines important? Why is the coast important to me, someone who doesn't live by one? Do the same plants and animals live at each beach? We will investigate coastlines, beach safety, weather, endangered sea creatures, and much more. By the end of this course, you'll be an official beachcomber. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication, Content</i> Course offered: Period 4
Was, Is, Will Be Mrs. Feazel	The first computer weighed more than 27 tons and took up 1800 square feet!! The top speed of the first cars made was only 10 miles per hour! It is amazing to look back through world history and see how much things have changed over time. In "Was, Is, Will Be" class, we will take it one step further. Let's first research impactful changes throughout history; these changes could involve technology, social protocols, art, sports, or anything else that captures our interest. Then, using that information and our own personal creativity, we will make predictions about what changes may be heading our way in the future. I am looking forward to working with GALACTIC's best historians and inventors to make this semester great! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Communication</i> Course offered: Periods 1, 2, 3
STREAM Ms. Fritz	A book is never just a story; it can be so much more. Get ready to embark on a journey through science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and mathematics - all based on storybooks! Throughout the semester, our activities will be inspired by these stories. Join us as we ignite curiosity and creativity, as explorers who love reading and learning! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Self-Management</i> Course offered: Period 1
Rainforests Ms. Fritz	In this class, we will be investigating the rainforest. Students will use research to create a classroom model of the rainforest, including flora and fauna. We will study the impact humans are having on the rainforest and why it is important to help save the rainforest. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication, Content</i> Course offered: Period 3, 4
Math Mysteries Mrs. Lauterborn	Math Mysteries makes math exciting by turning students into problem-solving detectives! Through engaging mysteries, puzzles, clues, and hands-on challenges, students will practice important second-grade math skills while solving a variety of fun cases. Students will strengthen their skills in addition and subtraction, place value, measurement, money, time, shapes, and problem-solving. Each mystery

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	encourages students to think critically, use mathematical reasoning, explain their thinking, and apply math skills in creative ways. This class provides a fun and interactive way for students to build confidence, develop perseverance, and see how math can be used to solve real-world problems. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Self-Management, Critical Thinking</i> Course offered: Period 2, 3, 4
Info Tech 2 Dr. O'Brien	In this exciting, hands-on class, students will learn how technology helps us communicate, create, and solve problems. Through interactive projects, students will practice basic coding, explore digital design, and use technology to organize and present information in creative ways. They will also discuss the importance of responsible digital citizenship, learning how to stay safe and respectful while using technology. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, Content</i> Course offered: Periods 2, 3, 4
Botany Ms. Skelly	Do you like getting your hands dirty and working with plants? This is the class for you! In this class, we will study plants from their start as seeds through their whole life cycle. We will conduct experiments and dissections of plants and their components. We will learn about plant diversity and adaptations. If you have a green thumb or just think plants are cool, please join us! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Content</i> Course offered: Period 1, 2, 3
Music and Motion Mrs. Taylor	Get ready to make some noise and get moving! In this class, students will explore how music comes to life, from sound waves and pitch to patterns, rhythm, and even fractions. We'll learn the symbols musicians and dancers use, experiment with different types of movement and self-expression, and discover fascinating instruments from around the world. To top it all off, students will design and create an instrument of their very own! <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking, Content</i> Course offered: Period 4
Engineers in Training Ms. Ziolkowski	Get ready to use your engineering skills to build, design, test, and improve structures and mechanisms. Engineering, programming, collaboration, and critical thinking are the major components of this challenge-based class, as students create and adapt models using LEGO Education technology. Like the first-grade WeDo course, this course asks students to use 2D plans to build 3D models, apply programming skills to make their creations meet specific goals, and employ the Engineering Design Process to create, test, adapt, and

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share their work. However, Engineers in Training gives students more autonomy and challenge and uses a different LEGO kit than the first-grade curriculum. No previous LEGO or coding experience is necessary to take this course, but students, as engineers, should be ready to try and fail OFTEN in their learning! This class is an exciting opportunity for young children to cultivate their interests in science and technology!

GALACTIC Student Expectations: *Critical Thinking, Collaboration*

Course offered: Period 4