

GALACTIC Class Offerings- 1st Grade Fall 2026

Class and Teacher(s)	Class Description/Period(s) Offered
Math Thinking Skills Mrs. Buchert	Put on your thinking caps and scratch your noggin... It's time to problem-solve and strategize. You will learn how to look at problems in new and different ways. We will use a variety of hands-on activities and games to arrive at solutions and gain an advantage in games. This class will lay the foundation for the varied thinking skills taught throughout the grade levels at GALACTIC. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Communication</i> ***Students will be assigned to one course each quarter. At the start of each quarter, class groups will rotate to the next course/teacher.
Kitchen Math and Science Ms. Schneider	Children love to explore and experiment with their food, and this class lets them learn important science concepts at the same time. So join us for an adventure in Math, Science, and Food as we learn about measurements, chemical compounds, fractions, patterns, symmetry, and more! All hands-on activities will involve using kitchen tools or edible materials. <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Critical Thinking, Self-management, Content</i> ***Students will be assigned to one course each quarter. At the start of each quarter, class groups will rotate to the next course/teacher.
Fairy Tales Mrs. Taylor	Thought fairy tales were only for preschoolers? Think again! In this class, students will explore fairy tales beyond the familiar versions they already know. We will read traditional stories, compare fractured fairy tales, and discover how the same stories are told in different cultures around the world. Through hands-on activities like art projects, simple building challenges, mapping, and responding from a character's point of view, students will think deeply about characters, settings, and lessons. After this class, you'll be living "happily ever after!" <u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication, Self-management</i> ***Students will be assigned to one course each quarter. At the start of each quarter, class groups will rotate to the next course/teacher.
WeDo: 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

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using LEGO Education technology. 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 share their work. 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!

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