PROJECT TERM

LOWER ELEMENTARY

GRADES 1-3



BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL

PROJECT TERM 2027
Grades 1-3

Project Term for grades 1-3 is a two-week term that begins on Tuesday, June 1. Project Term is a valuable opportunity for Black River students and faculty as it provides hands on, experiential learning to each student while adhering to Black River's academic requirements. We are excited to offer a great list of classes and remind students that learning is fun!

Course Listings

Please read the course listings and discuss them with your child. Each child will be participating daily in two, one-hour long Project Term classes throughout this two week period. The Project Term schedule for grades 1-3 will be as follows:

- **Daily Schedule**
  - 8:00 – 10:50 Normal work time
  - 10:50– 11:10 Recess
  - 11:10 – 12:10 **Session 1 Project Term Class**
  - 12:10 – 12:15 Return to homeroom, prepare for lunch
  - 12:15 – 1:15 Lunch and recess
  - 1:20 – 2:20 **Session 2 Project Term Class**
  - 2:20 – 2:25 Return to homeroom
  - 2:25 – 2:40 Homeroom, prepare for dismissal

To clarify: each student will participate in two classes and they will have both of those hour-long classes every day during Project Term.

Course Selection and Registration

Once you have narrowed your choices down to the top twelve courses your child would like to take, please fill out the *pink* registration form and return it to your child's classroom teacher by **Monday, November 30, 2026**. We will do our best to make sure that each student gets to participate in his/her preferred courses, but we do ask that you provide five alternate courses for each session to allow for scheduling flexibility.

Parent Volunteers

We encourage parent participation in all stages of Project Term including preparation, assistance, and even teaching! Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in volunteering.

SESSION 1 COURSES

American Sign Language *Krystin Krasnowski*
Let's learn sign language! In this class, we will explore different ways people communicate. Students will learn to sign the alphabet, their name, numbers, animals, places, and other basics.

Basketball 101 *Adam Naylor-Tatterson*
In this class we will be working on the fundamentals of the greatest sport of all time, Basketball. Whether you are wanting to try out a new sport or you have been dribbling a basketball since you were two, join Mr. Adam for some fun drills and games to learn how to shoot, handle and pass a basketball.

Black River Olympics *Anna Hayes*
Go for the gold! Have you ever wanted to be an Olympic athlete? Learn about the history of the Olympics and participate in the games with other lower elementary students. Each day we compete in a new sport. From soccer to fencing, we will have lots of fun. In this class, we practice good sportsmanship, perseverance, and having a growth mindset.

Board Games and Card Games *Rachael Naylor-Tatterson*
Do you love playing games? Come join us for Board & Card Game Club! We'll play a variety of fun board games and card games, learn new games, and enjoy some old favorites with friends.

As we play, we'll practice strategy, problem-solving, teamwork, taking turns, and being a good sport. Then we'll put our creativity to work by designing and making our very own board games! You'll get to create the theme, rules, game board, cards, pieces, and more—and then test out your game with friends.

Get ready to shuffle the cards, roll the dice, create, and play!

Hot Off the Press *Christin Lankheet*
Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Black River's lower elementary students are creating a newspaper during Project Term 2027! They will be exploring the writing process by becoming journalists and writing about the events that have happened at school this year through interviewing their peers and teachers. It will be an exciting couple of weeks as they brainstorm the newspaper's sections and stories, conduct interviews, write and edit their articles, finalize the layout, and publish the newspaper. Pencils will be flying and fascinating stories will be revealed. You won't want to miss out on this exciting adventure! Check out Hot Off the Press today.

Legos and Landmarks *Katie Young*
Come learn about different landmarks from all around the world with Legos! Students will learn facts about new places and recreate them with Legos. We will create a book of

all the new places we have learned about and built.

Maps 101 *Melissa Meyer*
This class is for students who love pouring over maps, figuring out where things are, and creating maps of their own. We will take a look at the different kinds of maps, identify the key characteristics of a map, get outside and do a little bit of orienteering using a map, and create a map of our own! If you like maps, you will definitely want to find yourself located in this class!

Mystery Puzzle Making *Eldon Garvelink*
If you love Sudoku, chess, math puzzles, this will be the class for you! We'll learn all about different types of puzzles, logic games, and we'll even craft our own of each type!

Paper Engineering *Sarah Grace Waltz*
Can you turn a flat piece of paper into something that flies, spins, pops up, or holds weight? Become a paper engineer! Discover how folding, cutting, rolling, and connecting paper can create amazing inventions. You'll build, experiment, test your designs, and discover just how much you can do with a simple piece of paper!

The Wonderful World of Mo Willems *Jessica Roberts*
Come celebrate the wonderful world of Mo Willems with stories and activities to enjoy each day. We will read a Mo Willems story each day, and do a drawing or creative activity like comic strips to expand our imaginations.

Your Fantasy World *Emily Doty*
Have you ever wanted to create a fantasy world? To design a world, you'll draw maps, create mythical creatures, build characters, and write your own stories. Learn all about fantasy through books, games, videos, and more!

SESSION 2 COURSES

A Pirate's Life For Me *Adam Naylor-Tatterson*
Join Captain Adam on an imaginative voyage across the seven seas! In this eight-session adventure, students will become young pirates—creating maps, building ships, writing sea tales, solving clues, and discovering hidden treasures. Along the way, we'll learn geography, practice creative writing, and explore teamwork and problem-solving through hands-on projects and pirate play. All you need is curiosity, creativity, and a hearty "Arrr!"

BR Astronauts *Eldon Garvelink*
If you have a natural curiosity towards science and a creativity to go beyond, this class is for you! We will explore real life science and the fictional stories that it inspires.

Card Games *Jessica Roberts*
Come have some fun with us. Learn new card games each day, and play your way to fluency in math.

Endangered Animals *Anna Hayes*
Do you like animals? Do you have what it takes to protect them? In the Endangered Animals class, we will learn about endangered species and what causes species to go extinct. We will play fun games, make cool crafts, learn about so many amazing animals, but most importantly, we will do our part to protect a local endangered species: the monarch butterfly! We will raise caterpillars, tag and release the butterflies, and support their natural habitat.

Incredible Edible Book Art *Rachael Naylor-Tatterson*
What happens when books, art, and snacks collide? You get Incredible Edible Book Art!

In this hands-on Project Term class, students will explore wonderful picture books and nonfiction texts and then bring them to life by creating edible works of art inspired by what we read. We'll build butterfly snacks from apples and pretzels, dig into edible layers of dirt with pudding and gummy worms, create tiny ant-themed treats, construct scenes inspired by The Seven Chinese Brothers, make colorful creations inspired by The Rainbow Fish, and more!

And the best part? Our masterpieces are meant to be eaten! Come ready to read it, make it, and eat it!

Jewelry Making With Beads *Katie Young*
Do you like to be creative and work with beads? Then you will love this class! Come and learn how to make your own necklaces, bracelets and beaded key chains. We will work with different materials, learn new patterns and be creative!

SESSION 2 COURSES

Optical Illusions and Art Tricks on paper *Sarah Grace Waltz*
Can you trick someone's eyes with a drawing? Discover how artists make flat pictures look 3D, create patterns that seem to move, and make surprising optical toys! In this class, you'll experiment with shapes, colors, lines, and illusions to create amazing artwork.

Playscape Builders *Melissa Meyer*
Do you like getting your hands dirty? Do you enjoy finding different ways you can use ordinary objects? Do you like to build things?

If so, grab your hard hat and join this class! (Hard hats not necessary…)

This class will take a look at the different ways that you can use ordinary materials to build unique creations. Each day we will meet on the Playscape where we will get into teams and have a new theme to guide our construction. Since we will be using logs, kitchen tools, and other Playscape materials, these creations won't be able to come home with you, but the memories and ideas will! At the end of each class we will clean everything up and reset for the next day.

*Please note that this class will meet outside rain or shine, so please dress appropriately for the weather.

RAT Engineers *Emily Doty*
Do you have what it takes to be an engineer? Get ready for a hands-on problem-solving experience. Using everyday supplies, we'll design, test, and improve our creations to solve problems. Work with others to explore ideas and maybe invent something new!

Run for Fun *Krystin Krasnowski and Alaina Kramer*
Calling all runners, skippers, walkers and joggers! Do you love to move your body? Then come join Miss Krystin and Miss Alaina in Run for Fun! We'll learn about using movement as a way to keep our bodies and minds healthy, plus you'll earn fun prizes and play exciting games along the way. We'll keep track of our individual and team mileage, and learn strategies to help us grow as runners. Can we beat last year's record? Join us and find out.