

GALACTIC Class Offerings- 2nd Grade Spring 2025

*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
STREAM II Mrs. Bruns and Mr. Ashby	<p>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, and you will have the opportunity to choose which activities you like. Join us as we ignite curiosity and creativity as explorers who love learning!</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical Thinking, Self-Management</i></u></p> <p>Course offered: Period 4</p>
Creative Convention Mrs. Binuyo	<p>Have you ever wanted to create a new holiday? What about a new candy bar? Or game? In this class, you will work as a team to develop, design, and construct a solution to a lifestyle problem. Each team is scored on teamwork and creative problem-solving.</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Creative Thinking, Collaboration</i></u></p> <p>Course offered: Period 1, 2, 3</p>
Dinosaurs Mrs. Bruns	<p>Do you love Dinosaurs!? In this class, we will learn how paleontologists use fossils to classify and describe prehistoric animals. We will learn about how dinosaurs lived and possible ways they went extinct. We will also explore some new discoveries made by scientists and the tools they use to learn about animals of the past.</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Critical Thinking, Content</i></u></p> <p>Course offered: Period 1, 2</p>
Spanish Mrs. Buchert	<p>Travel with us, south of the border, to the beautiful land of Mexico. You will locate the country of 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 to explore this very rich culture further. 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.</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Communication, Self-management</i></u></p> <p>Course offered: Period 4</p>
Mindfulness Mrs. Davison	<p>Do you ever find yourself feeling overwhelmed by your feelings? You may not know just what it is that you are feeling at the time, and you may struggle with techniques for handling those emotions. Then this is the class for you. In this class, we will learn that emotions are part of being human, but emotions don't need to control us. We can be in control, which in turn will help us to feel happier and more at peace with ourselves.</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations: Creative Thinking and Collaboration</i></u></p> <p>Course offered: Period 1, 2, 3</p>

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<p>Africa 2 Ms. Eckelkamp</p>	<p>Jambo, friends! Due to popular demand, this class is being offered to you. Whether you took Africa in the fall or are new to studying the second-largest continent, you can join us in our study of maps and learning about Ancient Egypt. Find out why and how mummies were used, go on a virtual tour of a pyramid, and make models of each of these while learning about the pharaohs and queens who ruled the land over 3,000 years ago!</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking, Content</i></p> <p>Course offered: Period 1, 2, 3</p>
<p>My So-Called Life Mrs. Feazel</p>	<p>Finish this sentence... When I grow up I'm going to... Have you ever thought about what your life will look like in the future? What kind of job will you have? Where will you live? Will you have any pets? What kind of car would you like to drive? In My So-Called Life, second graders will have the opportunity to build the life of their dreams, and use research through technology to plan for their most awesome future! At the end of the semester, students will have a chance to present their So-Called Life Vision Board at project night, along with the research used to create their plan.</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Communication, Self-management</i></p> <p>Course offered: Period 1, 2, 3</p>
<p>Sculpture Mrs. Lauterborn</p>	<p>Sculpture is the 3D representation of painting and drawing. If you like to draw and paint, let's take creativity to the next dimension. Students will build paper sculptures, clay sculptures, sculptures out of recycled materials, and abstract sculptures. Students will learn about point of view, balance, textures, and color to create unique pieces that will be displayed at Spring Project Night.</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking, Self-Management</i></p> <p>Course offered: Period 4</p>
<p>Info Tech 2 Dr. O'Brien</p>	<p>Students will learn and practice some basic computer applications in this class which will help here at GALACTIC and at students' home school for years to come! Each class will start by learning correct typing and posture using a typing tutor site. Students will begin the semester using Docs/Word to create narratives and flyers. Then they will create presentations using Slides/PowerPoint to highlight learning from chosen classes in the GALACTIC program. As the semester progresses, students will be using transitions, sounds, and animation.</p> <p><u><i>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</i></u> <i>Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, Content</i></p> <p>Course offered: Periods 4</p>
<p>Insects Ms. Skelly</p>	<p>Did you know insects have been around for over 300 million years? Do you find creepy, crawly, critters fascinating? This class will give you a chance to observe and raise live insects. We will study a variety of interesting invertebrates and find out what adaptations help them survive. If you like learning about living things you won't want to miss this class!</p>

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<p>Rainforest Ms. Winkler</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i><u>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</u> Communication, Self-management</i></p> <p>Course offered: Period 3</p>
<p>Engineers in Training Ms. Ziolkowski</p>	<p>Get ready to use your engineering skills to build, design, test, and revise/improve structures and mechanisms. Engineering, programming, teamwork, and problem-solving are the major components of this challenge-based class as students create and adapt models using WeDo and Spike Essential technology. LEGO Education WeDo/Spike Essential provides a hands-on learning experience that actively engages children’s creative thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. This class is an exciting opportunity for young children to cultivate their interests in science and technology!</p> <p><i><u>GALACTIC Student Expectations:</u> Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Content</i></p> <p>Course offered: Period 4</p>