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**G R A D E S 1 - 3**



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# PROJECT TERM 2020

## Grades 1-3

**Project Term for grades 1-3 is a two-week term that begins on Tuesday, May 26.** 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 he/she 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 ten 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 25**. 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 four 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 consider completing a parent volunteer form. ***You will receive this form when you receive your child's Project Term schedule in February*** Once all of the forms have been collected we will contact you if we are in need of your assistance in a specific class or for recess duty. Thank you in advance for your support!

## SESSION 1 COURSES

### **Around the World in 8 Days** *Erin Grob*

Our Earth is a beautiful Spaceship and a living home for us all, filled with amazing and diverse people and cultures. Together, we will expand our horizons and open our minds by exploring other cultures and their customs. So come along and broaden your perspective of our planet by traveling around the world with me.

### **Awesome Animal Research** *Elyse Cisler*

Our world is full of fascinating animals and there is a lot to learn about them. If you are interested in completing your own animal research project, this class is for you! Let's explore and learn together about an animal's habitat, life cycle, diet, and other fun facts. During class and at home, if needed, you will create a way to display the fantastic knowledge you learned. On the night of the Project Term Open House, you will have the opportunity to show off your research project.

### **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.

### **Crazy Cards** *Rayna Davids*

Playing card games is a lot of fun! In Crazy Cards students will be learning a new card game every day to play. Students will be making a Rules book to take with them, and get to take a deck of cards home at the end to play at home. I hope you will join me in Crazy Cards!

### **Creative Cartooning** *Alaina Kramer*

Come Draw Some Awesome with professional artist Wade Gugino! We are going to learn multiple aspects of the cartooning and comics trade. Starting with developing characters, we'll walk through how to create expression, action, environments, light and dark contrast, depth, comic strips, comic book page layouts and even a full four-page graphic story. You have to come ready to concentrate and draw hard every day for this course, but it will be really rewarding...it's the most comprehensive two week crash course in cartooning you'll ever take. Think you can't draw? Think again. Simple daily exercises will help you learn everything you need to know begin building your own characters, strips and visual stories in such a way that you can continue to develop on your own. Thinking visually helps your brain make connections, so let's exercise our visual brain muscles and tap into a fun and effective means of communication...cartoons! (A \$40 fee is needed to cover the cost of our professional artist leading this class.)

### **Fiber Art** *Kendra Kern*

Artists will explore a variety of textiles, materials, and techniques to create original works of art. We will use and create patterns in weaving, explore fabrics and basic sewing. Our skills in geometry, patterning, and measurement will be put to good use. We will find inspiration in nature, from mentor artists, and within ourselves as we dabble in this artistic expression.

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### **Fraction Fun with Food, Stories, and Games** *Kristen VanRavenswaay*

There are no better ways to learn about fractions than with food, stories, and games. In this course you will follow a recipe with different fractional amounts of ingredients, divide delicious treats equally between friends, play card games and read many books where fractions take a major role. Finding equivalent fractions, comparing fractions, writing and modeling fractions will be the focus of each day's lessons in this class. Come in ready to share ... in equal parts of course! A \$5 donation is recommended to offset the cost of the groceries needed for this class.

### **Hands on Hatching!** *Jim Levering & Stephanie Thomas*

In this class we will be learning how to incubate, candle, and hatch real live chickens. We will also learn what the baby chicks need to survive once they are out of the shell and how to properly care for them. We will be performing a few cool science experiments along the way as we explore the beginning of life.

### **Kids Care** *Rachael Naylor-Tatterson*

In this course, students will support and serve the local Holland community. We will be working with organizations that give back to those in need, for example Community Action House. The students will be practicing putting others first in this hands on course. We will get chances to go off-site to help our community. Students may count this time towards community service hours that may be needed.

### **Stay on the RightStart Path** *Fran Olesen*

This Project Term class is designed for those students who would like to further burnish their RightStart Math skills with materials and card games! Students will continue to enjoy lessons from the RightStart Math curriculum, and have fun with their math knowledge using RightStart Math Card Games and other math-inspired games. Teacher and parent recommendations will be given priority as class size is limited, but open to all!

### **Tech Safari** *Jim Levering & Courtney Phillips*

Do you love playing computer games and solving puzzles? Then this is the perfect class for you! During 'Tech Safari', you will be asked to go on a 'coding' adventure, explore the world of robotics, and work in teams to solve STEM problems. We hope that you are up for the challenge!

### **Writing a Moveable Feast** *Jamie Fredenburg*

This class will invite us to look close- REALLY close!- and observe the wonders around us. With our loupes as a tools, we'll be taking an ultra-close-up look around. We will record our observations to use later as fuel for poems, or fascinating details that are part of a story. But observing doesn't just happen with our eyes! We'll record experiences and observations about taste (new things to try!), smell, and sound. It will be a sensory feast! And we'll share the wealth with others when we write and share our thoughts.

## SESSION 2 COURSES

### **Cultures of the World** *Kendra Kern*

Buckle up and get ready for a race around the world! We'll visit cultures and communities from all over the globe and get a glimpse into their daily life, customs, traditions, and history. We'll learn what makes other people groups unique and have many opportunities to compare how groups of people meet their fundamental needs, noticing what we all share in life as well.

### **Fantasy Writing Workshop** *Adam Naylor-Tatterson*

Do you love exploring different worlds in exciting fantasy books and movies? In this class we will be creating and writing our own fantasy stories. Students will create interesting characters and imaginative settings in order to tell a unique and fun story. Students will take a look at some great pieces of fantasy from authors such as C.S. Lewis, Dav Pilkey, and Roald Dahl as inspiration. The sky's the limit in this writing class.

### **Helping Hands** *Alaina Kramer*

Do you want to have fun, help others, and earn community service hours all in one class? Then this is the class for you! You will plan a service project and help people in need right here in the Holland community. We'll clean up litter, make bird feeders and recyclable tote bags, learn about service dogs and how they help people, try our hands at sign language and much, much more. You will have a blast along the way! Come join the fun and let's join our hands together to help others in our community.

### **Legos and Landmarks Around the World** *Kristen VanRavenswaay*

Are you a master builder? Do you love geography? This is the course for you. We will spend each class meeting learning about a unique and amazing structure from around the world. The history, location, and meaning behind locations like the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower, the Egyptian Pyramids, and the Great Wall of China will be explored. Students will attempt to create these structures with Legos and other building materials. Have some Legos, Duplos, or blocks that you are willing to donate or share for this class, please let me know! Come with me on an adventure around the world's most phenomenal places.

### **Mythological Odyssey** *Jamie Fredenburg*

Gorgons, Jotuns, and Monkey Kings, oh my! Along with reading and listening to lots of fascinating stories, we will create mythology-inspired art, learn the where and when of ancient cultures, and maybe even pen a myth of our own. Join is on the odyssey!

### **Odyssey of the Mind Exploration** *Rachael Naylor-Tatterson*

Are you a problem solver, creative, like to work with a team, or interested in acting? This project term class will be exploring the main challenges and themes of the Odyssey of the Mind program. You will be put into a team and will work to solve STEM challenges, creative word problems, and acting activities. The teams will also be working on a skit that will be performed for the open house.

### **Pioneer Living** *Jim Levering & Brenda Seymour*

Students will explore and experience the life of a pioneer on the American prairie. Students will consider the similarities and differences between their lives and the lives

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of the early settlers. Students will learn about pioneer families, hobbies, and schools.

### **Run For Fun** *Anna Beird, Michelle Letherby & Karen Scranton*

Students will learn the importance of physical activity in their everyday lives. They will learn how to make running fun, challenging, and meaningful. They will receive and discuss daily tips on nutrition and running. Everyone will fill out a daily running/activity journal for the two week course. After discussion and stretching, students will head outside for a run/walk. We will have an initial mile run to get beginning times and fitness levels and end the two weeks with a mile race/run. Students will earn a water bottle and prizes throughout their two week training.

### **Scrumptious Smoothies & Salads** *Elyse Cisler*

Smoothies and salads can be healthy, beautiful, and fun to make. Are you interested in learning how to make your own? Join me as we become a classroom of chefs who create delicious blends of fresh smoothies and colorful salads. We will use favorite fruits including bananas and berries along with powerful greens including kale and spinach. By the end of the class you will gain skills and confidence you can use at home in your own kitchen. You will also be able to share your favorite smoothie and salad recipes with friends and family!

### **Soar Into the Solar System** *Rayna Davids*

Soar into the Solar System with me! We will be learning about stars, phases of the moon, all the planets, and more! Each child will also be doing a research project about a planet and making a project to share at the open house. Come along with me for an out of this world adventure!

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### **Yoga Me Healthy** *Erin Grob*

Mindful practice of yoga provides enormous physical and mental benefits. By practicing yoga, we build strength and increase flexibility. Yoga also improves our concentration and our ability to relax and calm our bodies. Please join me in Yoga Me Healthy where we can physically engage our body and mind, fostering cooperation and compassion throughout the environment around us. Yoga Me Healthy will provide you with a peaceful gift that will last a lifetime.