



# GES-EXCEL Session 2

## Class Schedule

**November 3-December 18**

**Class size is limited! Enrollment is first-come, first-served.**

**Enrollment forms are dated as they are turned in.**

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Students receive a snack through our foodservice each day, but can provide their own. Students are to be picked up promptly following the class ending time. OMS students, who participate in Excel, who are from Gerald, may ride the bus from OMS to GES and arrive each evening about 5:45. Behavior expectations are the same as the regular school day. A student may be removed from a portion or all of the current session.

### **\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\***

Parent pick-up is at the east end of the building. If the doors are closed and you need to pick up your child, please ring the doorbell that is on Door C4 (closest to the AC Unit and 1st Grade Hall, the bench, and bike rack)

Door C4 is also where you enter for Open Library on Thursday afternoon.

After each session, there will be an attendance/behavior party. Activities and Locations will vary. Depending on the number of days that a class is held, a student must attend approximately 90% of the class. Students with 2 or more minors will not be able to participate as well.

Tentatively, the party will be on Thursday, January 8, 2026

**The GCR2 Excel Program is open to Home-Schooled and Private School Students in our district.  
Please pass the information along to a family that may be interested.**

If you need to contact me-please text or call my cell number.  
314-566-2731 or email [jgray@dutchmen.us](mailto:jgray@dutchmen.us)

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Please read the descriptions and offerings of classes closely.

### **Smart Start**

#### **Grades K-5 Monday-Friday**

**Available every day that we are in school. We will continue Monday, 10/27-12/19**

Smart Start-Brain Start (Kinder-5th) Convenient drop-off at the east end of the building, Door C4, between 7-7:30 am. Available every day- Monday-Friday, as it meets your family's needs. A safe & supervised environment for students to arrive early before school starts, offering activities, but not limited to structured play, quiet reading, homework assistance, and steam activities. open library, and breakfast.

### **Power Hour Tutoring**

#### **Monday-Thursday 3:30-4:45 1st-5th grade**

Our tutoring class is a fun and engaging space where students get extra support to boost their learning! We work on hands-on activities and targeted worksheets designed to build confidence and strengthen important skills. Our goal is to help every student feel successful and ready to shine in their classroom!

### **Mind Sparks-Igniting Curiosity**

#### **Monday-Thursday 3:30-4:45 pm**

The following classes are 3:30-4:45 pm and on various days. Some classes are 2x a week, some are just 1x a week. The classes are broken into K-2 (kinder-2nd), 3-5 (3rd-5th grade), and K-5 (kinder-5th grade). Please check the age group when selecting classes

### **Class Descriptions**

**1-Art Exploration-**Join our Art Explorer class and dive into a world of creativity! Students will experiment with a variety of art forms, making unique projects using clay, printmaking, papermaking, and painting. This hands-on class helps students try new art techniques, build skills, and express themselves in lots of different ways. It's the perfect place to explore your creativity and make cool art! **3-5 Monday**

**2-Bloomer Buddies-** Join the GES Building Beautification Crew and help make our school look amazing! You'll paint, plant, and create cool projects that improve our campus. Work with friends, learn new skills, and take pride in making our school shine! BETA Members can acquire volunteer hours. **3-5 Wednesday**

**3-Brick Lab-**Grab your bricks and bring your big ideas—because it's time to build, stack, and create! In our BrickLab class, you'll make crazy cool towers, speedy cars, wacky creatures, and maybe even whole worlds. Every week is a new challenge where imagination runs wild, and every builder is a champion. Are you ready to see what YOU can build? **K-2 Thur/ 3-5 Wed**

**4-Building Your Compass with Wayfinder Explorers-** A fun class where students play games, do hands-on activities, share stories, and learn how to be kind, confident, and great friends! Start building confidence, adaptability, and purpose, **K-2 M-or-TH and 3-5 M-or-W**

**5-Choir-** 3rd-5th grade Students will continue through December 18th. If your child is currently in choir, they will continue on **Tuesday & Thursday**. Please keep that in mind if selecting other options this session. 3rd-5th **New Session Opens In January**

**6-Creative Freedom: TV Studio Edition** In this class, students take the lead as directors, actors, and editors while exploring the basics of storytelling and video production. Using iMovie, they'll create short videos, interviews, and skits—bringing their ideas to life in a fun, hands-on way. **3-5- Thursday**  
(This will be offered as well during the 2nd hour, 4:45-5:30 on Thursday, for students who are in choir or other Thursday classes and want to stay 4:45-5:30 and participate.)

**7- Creative Freedom: Art Studio Edition** Unleash your inner artist in this exciting class where the canvas is all yours! You will choose your favorite medium and project, whether it's painting, sculpting, photography, or something else. With expert guidance, you'll plan and execute your own unique creation from start to finish, exploring new techniques and expressing your personal style. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting, this class offers the freedom to experiment, learn, and bring your vision to life! **3-5 Tuesday**

**8-Cooking Club** -fun, hands-on adventure where kids become little chefs! 🍎👨‍🍳 They'll mix, measure, and make delicious dishes while learning kitchen safety, teamwork, and creativity. It's tasty, exciting, and the perfect recipe for fun! **K-2 Monday and Tuesday (Sign Up for both days)**

**9-Diamond Art Club:** Get ready to sparkle! In this super fun, hands-on class, students will create eye-popping art using colorful diamond gems that shine and shimmer. Like painting-by-numbers but WAY more sparkly, Diamond Art helps kids build focus, patience, and creativity—all while making something they'll be proud to show off! From magical animals to cosmic galaxies, each masterpiece will light up like a treasure chest. No art skills needed—just a love for color, fun, and a little glittery magic!  
**3rd-5th Class 1- on Monday. Class 2- on Tuesday. 10 spots in each class. Choose only 1 day**

**10-Everyday Heroes Academy-** Personal Growth-learn to set goals; Healthy Living-celebrate what makes you strong and unique; Peace Building- use calm-down tools when big feelings happen. **K-2 Wednesday**

**11-Frosting Fun-** a creative class designed to introduce kiddos to the basics of cake and cookie decorating. Kids learn simple techniques to transform a baked good into a tasty, decorated treat. The class is a fun way for children to develop fine motor skills and express their creativity.  
**K-2 Wednesday-Only 10 spots available**

**12-FutureGen STEM Lab-** GES and MU Extension 4-H partnering for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) club. Ms. Nancy will provide extracurricular activities that focus on engaging students in STEM subjects through hands-on experiments, projects, and explorations, as well as the engineering process. Her goal is to foster a love of science and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. **3-5 Monday**

**13-Giggles & Glue-**a craft club where kiddos can create hands-on projects using various materials. The club's focus is on fostering creativity and confidence through age-appropriate activities, learning new techniques, and expressing themselves through art. Each session often features a new project or theme, sometimes incorporating upcycling or even literature. **K-2 Tuesday and Thursday**

**14-Read, Build, & Grow-** Join us for a weekly open library time every Thursday, where families can read together, check out books, solve puzzles, explore robots, and enjoy hands-on learning activities. It's a welcoming space to connect, discover, and grow a love of reading and exploration together. **Families must attend with their child(ren). Library Hours are 3:45-6:00 pm.**

Visitors must enter through the doors on the east side of the building by the bench and bike rack. Please press the doorbell, and we will let you in. **PreK-5th**

**15-Robo-Rangers: Build, Code, Create!** In RoboRangers, students will dive into the exciting world of robotics using Dash & Dot, EV3, Sphero, and Indi robots. They'll build imaginative courses and sets, learn the fundamentals of coding and engineering, and sharpen spatial thinking through hands-on challenges. This class fosters creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving in a fun, tech-powered environment!

**3-5 Wednesday**

**16-Robo-Rangers Little League**-In this fun and hands-on robotics class, students will explore the basics of coding and problem-solving using Sphero and Indi robots. They'll learn how to guide their robots through creative challenges by designing and building their own courses and obstacle sets. This class encourages teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity while introducing young learners to the exciting world of robotics and technology. **K-2 Tuesday**

**17-STEAM Explorers**-Explore the exciting world of STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! In this hands-on class, students will engage in creative projects and experiments that spark curiosity and build critical thinking skills. From designing simple machines to coding basic programs and creating colorful art, learners will develop teamwork and problem-solving abilities while having fun discovering how STEAM shapes the world around us. **3-5 Tuesday**

**18-The Imagination Station:** Where Stories Take the Stage. Does your child love to talk? Or are they a little shy? Either way, this is the perfect place for them to shine! The Imagination Station is where kids will learn the art of storytelling. We'll use puppets, props, and our own voices to practice speaking confidently, listening to others, and working together to tell a story. It's a supportive, exciting environment where every child's voice is heard. **K-2 Monday and 3-5 Thursday**

**19-Science Exploration-** Where curiosity sparks discovery!   Kids will explore fun, hands-on experiments, learn how science works, and see everyday wonders come to life. It's exciting, educational, and full of "wow" moments! **K-2 Wednesday -or Thursday**

### **20-MindSparks-Kid's Comfort Zone 4:45-5:30 pm**

**Please circle the days and activity that your child will be staying for from 4:45 to 5:30**

**A-Engaging Skills-Building Choices** This daily schedule of small group activities provides students with engaging, targeted practice in key academic areas. Students will engage in a choice board of Reading and Writing, Journaling, Math Skills, and Self-Awareness. These hands-on, differentiated activities are designed to reinforce learning and promote personal growth. Be sure to circle the "A" on the registration form. **Grades K-5 Offered every evening from 4:45-5:30**

**B-Active Balance-** An engaging program to promote physical wellness and student teamwork. Activities include enhancing flexibility, mindfulness, and social interaction. There will be a blend of cardio and relaxation. Active Balance fosters an approach to staying active and healthy while having fun. Be sure to circle the "B" on the registration form. **Grades 2-5 Offered every evening from 4:45-5:30**

**C-Creative Freedom: Studio Edition** This is an extension of the class that starts at 3:45 on Thursdays for students to continue the process of TV Studio Edition -or- students who are in choir or other Thursday classes to participate as well. Students take the lead as directors, actors, and editors while exploring the basics of storytelling and video production. Using iMovie, they'll create short videos, interviews, and skits—bringing their ideas to life in a fun, hands-on way. 3-5- Be sure to circle the "C" on the registration form on Thursday, **3rd-5th, 4:45-5:30 on Thursday Only**

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Class size is limited, so please respond accordingly.

Student\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher\_\_\_\_\_ School\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

**Classes**

**Circle/Highlight the Class that your child wants to enroll in. You do not have to pre-register for Smart Start Mornings. Show Up as needed 😊 We are always available!**

| Monday               | Tuesday              | Wednesday            | Thursday             | Friday               |
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| Smart Start Mornings | Smart Start Mornings | Smart Start Mornings | Smart Start Mornings | Smart Start Mornings |
| Monday               | Tuesday              | Wednesday            | Thursday             |                      |
| Tutoring 1st-5th     | Tutoring 1st-5th     | Tutoring 1st-5th     | Tutoring 1st-5th     | No Tutoring          |

**Circle/Highlight the Class that your child wants to attend.**

| <b><u>Mind Sparks-Igniting Curiosity 3:30-4:45 pm</u></b>                                                  |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                            |
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| Monday                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                          | Thursday                                                                                                   |
| <b>K-2 Classes</b><br>4- Wayfinder Explorer<br>8-Cooking Club<br>18-Imagination Station                    | <b>K-2 Classes</b><br>8-Cooking Club<br>13- Giggles & Glue<br>16-Robo Rangers                             | <b>K-2 Classes</b><br>10-Everyday Heroes<br>11-Frosting Fun<br>19-Science Exploration              | <b>K-2 Classes</b><br>3-Brick Lab<br>4-WayFinder Explorer<br>13- Giggles & Glue<br>19- Science Exploration |
| <b>3-5 Classes</b><br>1-Art Exploration<br>4- Wayfinder Explorer<br>9-Diamond Art<br>12-FutureGen Stem Lab | <b>3-5 Classes</b><br>5-Choir<br>7-Creative Freedom<br>Art Edition<br>9-Diamond Art<br>17-STEAM Explorers | <b>3-5 Classes</b><br>2-Bloomer Buddies<br>3-Brick Lab<br>4- Wayfinder Explorer<br>15-Robo Rangers | <b>3-5 Classes</b><br>5-Choir<br>6-Creative Freedom<br>Studio Edition<br>18-Imagination Station            |

**20-MindSparks-Kid's Comfort Zone 4:45-5:30 pm** (Circle the day/activity)

**A- Engaging Skills-K-5th**

**B-Active Balance 2nd-5th**

**C- Creative Freedom 3rd-5th**

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| A—B    | A—B     | A—B       | A—B—C    |

**14-READ,BUILD, & GROW!! Open Library- Thursday 3:45pm-6pm**

You do not have to pre-register for Open Library-Show Up and Read, Build & Grow!

