

# GRADES 4 & 5

In addition to our CORE acting and musical theatre classes, 4th and 5th grade students have an exciting array of electives to choose from this year! CORE classes are designed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of either acting or musical theatre and are the same curriculum each term. ELECTIVE classes are for students looking for an in-depth exploration of a particular topic and change every term. Take both CORE and ELECTIVE classes for a well-rounded theatre education!



## CORE ACTING

**GRADES 4 & 5**

**Fall, Winter, and Spring  
\$135**

Building on the skills from 2nd and 3rd grade acting class, students delve more deeply into acting technique and are introduced to the basics of scene work. Both beginning and returning students feel right at home in this class, which culminates in an informal, in-class presentation and fulfills a pre-requisite for the Performance Block.

## CORE MUSICAL THEATRE

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**Fall, Winter, and  
Spring \$135**

Students add to their basic performance skills while continuing to study different styles of music and dance. This class culminates in an informal, in-class presentation of a musical theatre song and dance and fulfills a pre-requisite for the Performance Block.

## FALL ELECTIVES

### GOOSEBUMPS: WRITING SCARY STORIES FOR THE STAGE

**\$135**

If your student loves telling stories and looks forward to Halloween movies all year long – this is the perfect class for them! Our experienced faculty take students through the creative & collaborative process of turning their “scary (but not TOO scary) story” ideas into short scenes that will be read during their final Informance on the last day of class. Fun games, activities, and group collaboration make this class an exciting and nurturing way for students to experience playwriting for the first time. Some theatre experience (a class, camp, or production) is recommended, but not required before taking this class.

### MUSICAL THEATRE AUDITION

**\$135**

Auditioning for plays and musicals can make anyone nervous, but knowing what to expect is half the battle! Musical Theatre Audition introduces our students to the basics of the audition process so that they know what to expect if they audition for a production at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre or elsewhere. Students learn a 16-32 bar audition song, practice the best ways to learn an audition dance combination, and discover how to put their best foot forward when they read audition scenes.

## WINTER ELECTIVES

**THEATRE MAGIC:  
A SCI-FI ADVENTURE**  
\$135

Star Wars fans will jump at the chance to combine their love of all things sci-fi with their love of performing! Technical skills meet performance skills as students create Star Wars inspired props and costume pieces. These are used in a space-inspired play that students write and perform under the guidance of an experienced theatre professional.

**IMPROV GRADES 4 & 5**  
\$135

Students explore the basics of improvisation through games and activities designed to help them think on their feet and feel confident taking risks — all guided by a professional improv instructor in a nurturing, warm environment! Students at any level of theatre experience are welcomed in this class.

## SPRING ELECTIVES

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**THEATRE MAGIC:  
BACKSTAGE WITH  
JUNIE B. JONES**  
\$135

Get the inside scoop on Civic's production of *Junie B. Jones, The Musical*! This hands-on class explores how Civic creates "theatre magic" with props, costumes, lights, scenery, and sound. Students engage in creative projects, work with special guests from the Civic cast & production team, receive an exclusive backstage tour, AND every student receives 2 tickets for the April 30th, 7:30pm production of *Junie B. Jones, The Musical* on the Civic stage! (One ticket is for the student, one ticket **MUST** be a parent or guardian.) Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!



### School Terms:

**Fall Term:**  
October 5 – November 21  
(No Class on Halloween)

**Winter Term:**  
January 11 – February 21

**Spring Term:**  
April 18 – June 1  
(No Classes May 23, 24, 25)

**Performance Block:**  
March 7 – 29