

Wordsmithing for Minecrafters

Grades:	2 – 5
Day of Week:	Thursday
Time of Class:	3:00 – 4:30 PM EST
Length of Class:	10 weeks
Semester:	Fall 2021
Tuition:	\$250.00

Class Dates:

Week 1: Week of October 4

Week 2: Week of October 11

Week 3: Week October 18

Week 4: Week of October 25

Week 5: Week of November 1

Week 6: Week of November 8

Week 7: Week of November 15

No classes: November 22 – November 26 (Thanksgiving Week)

Week 8: Week of November 29

Week 9: Week of December 6

Week 10: Week of December 13

Make Up Week: Week of January 3

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Description of Class:

Prepare for an epic journey!

In this course, we will use the medium of Minecraft to explore the building blocks of grammar and take creative written adventures.

Class Approach:

Classes will include read alouds, grammar exercises, and immersive Minecraft experiences.

Goals:

Students will sharpen their word skills, as they navigate the worlds of grammar and creative writing – all through the lens of Minecraft!

Supplies/Resources Needed:

The Quest for the Diamond Sword: An Unofficial Gamer's Adventure, Book One
ISBN-13: 9781632204424

https://www.amazon.com/Quest-Diamond-Sword-Unofficial-Adventure/dp/1632204428/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=The+Quest+for+the+Diamond+Sword%3A+An+Unofficial+Gamer's+Adventure%2C+Book+One+ISBN-13%3A+9781632204424&qid=1611149762&sr=8-1

Writing for Minecrafters: Grade 4

ISBN-13: 9781510741218

https://www.amazon.com/Writing-Minecrafters-Sky-Pony-Press/dp/1510741216/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=Writing+for+Minecrafters%3A+Grade+4+ISBN-13%3A+9781510741218&qid=1611149810&sr=8-3

Minecraft (any version)

Weekly Homework:

Students should expect to spend 1 – 2 hours per week on homework, which will include creative writing assignments, grammar exercises, and Minecraft builds. Students will have the opportunity to share their Minecraft builds with one another during classes.

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	Begin <i>The Quest for the Diamond Sword</i> What is a sentence? Capitalization, Punctuation Persuasive Writing: Why Play Minecraft?
Week 2	Parts of speech: noun, verb, adjective, adverb Using quotation marks Fact vs. opinion Persuasive Writing: The Best Building Block
Week 3	Relative pronouns Verb tense: past, present, future Homophones: their/they're/there; its/it's; to/two/too; loose/lose Descriptive Writing: Building in Minecraft
Week 4	Prefixes and suffixes Antonyms and synonyms Run-on sentences Descriptive Writing: Characters
Week 5	Sequence of events Character development Process Writing: Guide to Brewing
Week 6	Compare and Contrast The Question Words: Who, What, When, Where, Why, How Similes and metaphors Process Writing: How to Use Redstone

Week	Topic
Week 7	Idioms and adages Main Idea & Details Sensory details Narrative Writing: Exploring a Cave
Week 8	Creative Mode: Story Map Beginning, Middle, End
Week 9	Creative Mode: Story Map Essential Elements (Characters, Setting, Plot, Conflict, Resolution)
Week 10	Project Presentations Course Review and Wrap Up