

Spinning a Web with Charlotte

Combining STEAM and Literature!

Grades:	2nd (mature) - 5
Day of Week:	Thursday
Time of Class:	9:00 am – 10:30 am ET
Length of Class:	10 weeks
Semester:	Winter 2024
Tuition:	\$250.00

Class Dates:

Week 1: Week of January 8

Week 2: Week of January 15

Week 3: Week of January 22

Week 4: Week of January 29

Week 5: Week of February 5

Week 6: Week of February 12

Week 7: Week of February 19

Week 8: Week of February 26

Week 9: Week of March 4

Week 10: Week of March 11

Make-Up Days: Week of March 18

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Description of Class:

In this ten-week course, students will explore Fern, Wilbur, and Charlotte's world by reading the classic novel *Charlotte's Web*. Students will be actively engaged in reading, writing, and art activities.

Class will often begin with a game of Kahoot as a comprehension check. For this, it is best if the student has a second device (Smart Phone, iPad etc.) for about 15 minutes. If they do not own one, parents, please loan them yours. With this said, I will screen share the game so if students do not have a second device, they can use the "chat" to share their answers.

Most classes have either a STEAM mini-project or ART mini-project that meshes with what they read. Students will have the opportunity to present these during class.

Finally, we will move onto a class discussion about the novel which will include discussing the themes, comparing, and contrasting characters and discussing the various settings from the novel.

Parents should note that the novel is designed for students in grades three and four, so if your child struggles with reading you may need to read the assigned chapters out loud to your child, have your child listen to an audio version while holding the novel or read the chapters together. Additionally, students should have a good understanding of how to write complete sentences.

Parents should expect that assigned reading and mini projects could take up to two hours weekly depending on the speed of the child.

A detailed list of supplies will be sent out prior to the first class.

Textbook:

Charlotte's Web by EB White

https://www.amazon.com/Charlottes-Web-B-White/dp/0061124958/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1ZGGCA4GOXV82&keywords=charlotte%27s+web&qid=1674697534&sprefix=charlotte%27s+web%2Caps%2C217&sr=8-1

Please do NOT have students pre-read book!

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

Microphone / Headset for Class Discussions

Two Pocket Folder

Pencil / Pen
Colored Pencils / Markers / Crayons
Basic Art Supplies
Smart Phone / Digital Camera for Photo Journal

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Requirements:

Students are EXPECTED to participate in class discussions.

Weekly Homework:

Total homework time: approximately 2 hours weekly

This is for reading (or begin read to) as well as any informal journaling and craft activities.

Homework Policy:

It is expected that students will keep up with the reading to be able to fully participate in class.

Grading Scale:

Exceeds Expectations

Meets Expectations

Not Yet

Incomplete

If parents would like a traditional letter grade, please notify the teacher by week two of the class.

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction Author Information Illustrator Information Newbery Honor Book
Week 2	Chapters 1 and 2 Kahoot! STEM Challenge: Design a Pig Pen
Week 3	Chapters 3, 4 and 5 Kahoot! Analyze Characters: Fern, Mr. Arable, Wilbur, and Animals on Farm STEM Challenge: Build a Spider Challenge
Week 4	Chapters 6, 7, and 8 Kahoot!

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	STEM Challenge: Poster of Lifecycle of Spiders
Week 5	Chapters 9, 10, 11 Kahoot! STEM Challenge: Spider Web Message Challenge Long Term Project Assigned: Build a Farm
Week 6	Chapters 12, 13 and 14 Kahoot! STEAM Challenge: Dream Catcher
Week 7	Chapters 15, 16 and 17 Kahoot! Art: Poster to Advertise the Fair
Week 8	Chapters 18 and 19 Kahoot! STEAM Challenge: Design and Build a Working Ferris Wheel
Week 9	Chapters 20, 21 and 22 Kahoot! Discuss Theme Art: Thank You Card
Week 10	Farm Presentations Jeopardy Review