

Come and Watch our 21st Learning in Action

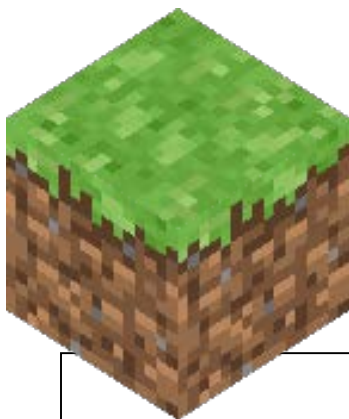
Differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all students in a positive engaging manner is important in our classroom. I also believe in helping students acquire skills they will need in their future such as: critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication, technology literacy, flexibility, initiative, social skills, productivity, and leadership. One of the most successful ways to do this is through game-based learning. One tool I use to do this is Minecraft. In class we use a special versions made for schools called MinecraftEdu.

Incorporating MinecraftEdu into the classroom is a great way for students to learn through active engagement in the curriculum while at the same time preparing students to be technologically literate and responsible cybercitizens. MinecraftEdu creates opportunities for all young people to develop confidence, creativity, and interest in science, technology, engineering, math, arts, and learning as a whole through making.

For our first big project we will be building a traditional Tlingit village to share with others around the world. This activity will be both fun and rigorous.

You are more than welcome to stop by during our project times and watch our 21st century learning in action. Our project times are listed below. You do not need to let us know ahead of time if you are coming, just come by the room for a few minutes or the entire hour.

MinecraftEdu Project Times & Dates



Wed, Nov 18th @ 12:05-1:00

Fri, Nov 20th @ 12:05-1:00

Mon, Nov 23rd @ 12:05-1:00

Wed, Nov 25th @ 12:05-1:00

Benefits of Minecraft in the Classroom

Minecraft gives students the freedom to create, pushing their imaginations to the limit and allowing them to be creative in ways not possible in the real world. Inherently about problem-solving, the game can inspire students' higher-level and critical thinking. Minecraft is also a very social game, where students can rely on other players for help in the sometimes-unforgiving Minecraft world. When students work together, it builds positive classroom climate, teaches the benefits of collaboration and facilitates teamwork in a way that's more organic than, say, being assigned to work together on a project. Students who might not get along in the real world can become allies in the Minecraft world. - See more at: http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/benefits-minecraft-classroom-students.shtml#sthash.gtSQy1DP.dpuf

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