

2020-2021 Diving Deep into Literature

A 3rd-6th Grade Literature Class

Loop B

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Class Description: In this class, students will develop a love of reading by exploring a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction, in a deep and meaningful way. Students will learn how to identify elements of both types of texts, as well as learn different reading strategies that will help them comprehend the text. This class will also offer an opportunity to discuss novels with classmates, helping students to gain new perspectives into a story. A variety of engaging projects, such as a wax museum and poetry slam, will allow students to apply their knowledge and skills in a fun and creative way.

This class is taught on a two-year loop. Students can take the class for two years in a row, as different novels are used to teach the skills each year.

Objectives:

- Identify story elements of both fiction and non-fiction texts
- Use reading strategies (ask questions, modify/clarify, predict, summarize, and evaluate) to help gain meaning from the story
- Read and understand literature from various genres
- Discuss texts with peers, using support from the text as evidence
- Use various comprehension strategies (compare/contrast, cause and effect, sequencing, author's purpose, infer, visualize, etc.) to better understand the text
- Research a topic from credible sources and present the information in front of others

Loop A Novels:

- *Because of Winn-Dixie*
- *Number the Stars*
- *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*

Loop B Sample Novels:

- *Holes*
- *Bud, Not Buddy*
- *The Westing Game*
- Various biographies

Sample Projects:

- Wax Museum: Students research a person of their choice, write a speech about the person, and perform the speech dressed as the person
- Poetry Slam: A fun way to end a poetry unit (done in April, during poetry month) where students read poems from famous poets, as well as their own poetry in front of the class

Cost:

Tuition is \$360 for the year. Half (\$180) is due the first week of class. The second half is due the beginning of the second semester.

Add/Drop Policy:

Students dropping the class within the first 4 weeks of the semester will get a refund, minus rent paid and the cost pro-rated for the classes attended. After 4 weeks, no refunds will be given.

About the Tutor:

Lisa has been teaching at KAT since 2015. Prior to teaching here at KAT, she taught 3rd grade at an elementary school in Arizona for one year and 4th grade at Dorr Elementary in Dorr, Michigan for two years. She also taught for one year online at Laurel Springs School, teaching students in grades 3-8. Lisa received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Grand Valley State University in 2007, majoring in English with a minor in Elementary Education. She also received her Master's in Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on educational differentiation in 2016 from GVSU. She has experience working with students from various age ranges and reading levels, and she strives to meet each student where they are to help them grow and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Outside of teaching, Lisa stays home with her three young boys, Titus, Asher, and Coen. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Kyle, playing with her boys, being outside, watching sports, and, on rare occasion, running. Lisa and her family live in Grand Rapids, where they attend Ada Bible Church.