



Blogging 4Kids: Level One

Course Syllabus and Parent Lesson Planner

Course Orientation:

Description:

In this course there are 5 modules that cover all the blogging basics that any elementary kid should know. They will learn a new website (blogger.com) which teaches them the basics of writing and computer skills. Students will learn how to think on their own and how to come up with new and creative topics for writing. They will be able to express their own opinions and ideas within writing on their own personal blog site.

- Module 1 covers the introduction of this course.
- Module 2 is where the students will learn how to create their own blog and get a basic intro into blogger.com.
- Module 3 is where students will begin to write their very first blog entry. They will learn what all is involved with that and how a proper blog should be.
- Module 4 covers how to add outside content such as pictures, videos and links into their blog entry.
- Module 5 shows the students how to format their blog entry to look presentable when sharing online.

Course Length:

As an elective course, we recommend one module per week. Therefore, we feel that this course should take approximately 5-6 weeks to complete all modules, assignments, and leave time to study, and take, the final exam. (See Lesson Plan below)

Course Pre-Requisites (if applicable):

This course does not require any pre-requisites.

Course Requirements:

Computer/tablet/smart phone – Students must have access to a computer/tablet/smart phone with internet access and an internet browser. Simply STEM has been successfully tested using Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, and Safari. In addition, we have tested many versions of smart phone/tablet browsers as well.

Course Requirements (continued):



Internet Access – Although results may vary, based on connection type and speeds, we have tested our online videos on DSL, Satellite, Cable, and cellular connections. Our courses cannot be download and require internet access to view them.

COURSE SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

Gimp Software: Go to this link below and download the fitting software for Gimp to begin the course. This software is free.

<https://www.gimp.org/downloads/>

Microsoft Software: Please visit the Microsoft store where you can view the different Microsoft Office purchase options available.

http://www.microsoftstore.com/store/msusa/en_US/cat/All-Office/categoryID.69403900?icid=en_US_Store_UH_software_Office

We recommend the Office 365 Personal edition, as it's the least expensive option and you receive all of the Microsoft software covered by Simply STEM (including Microsoft Access).

Adobe Software:

Adobe offers special pricing for students/teachers. Please visit this link for info on their pricing:

<https://creative.adobe.com/plans?plan=edu&promoid=KTROQ>

TechSmith (Camtasia):

http://shop.techsmith.com/store/techsm/en_US/cat/categoryID.67158100

Course Grading:

Simply STEM requires all students to pass a quiz following each module with a score of 80% or higher. The student can retake the module if they aren't able to complete the quiz with a passing score. Typically, module quizzes will be 5 questions long. There is a final exam at the end of each course, which is a compilation of all the module quiz questions. The amount of questions for final exams vary. Students are required to pass the final exam with a passing score of 70% to complete the course. Grades can be viewed by viewing the completed courses in the Course Library or by viewing courses still being taken from the dashboard 'In Progress' tab.

Detailed student transcripts and course reports can be provided to you by simply requesting them from our Simply STEM support team at studentsupport@techknowcoa.com

Please find a list of acceptable file upload types below. If your course requires a different file type or your files will exceed the 250 MB limit, please contact us and we will assist you in setting up a Google Drive folder for project file uploads.



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.doc – Document Format	.jpeg – Picture Format
.txt – Document Format	.png – Picture Format
.rtf – Document Format	.gif – Picture Format
.pages – Mac Document Format	.bmp – Picture Format
.wav – Audio Format	.htm – Web Format
.mp3 – Audio Format	.html – Web Format
.xls – Excel Spreadsheet Format	.ppt – PowerPoint Format
.xlsx – Excel Spreadsheet Format	.pptx – PowerPoint Format
.numbers – Mac Spreadsheet Format	.mov – Video Format
.avi – Video Format	.psd – Photoshop Format
.wmv – Video Format	.flv – Video Format
.m4v – Video Format	.key – Software Format
.mp4 – Video Format	.3gp – Multimedia Format
.mpg – Video Format	.mpeg – Video Format



Lesson Plan:

Module 1 – Introduction	Week 1
Module 2 – Creating a Blog	Week 2
Module 2- Quiz	Week 2
Module 2- Assignment	Week 2
Module 3 – Writing a Blog Entry	Week 3
Module 3- Quiz	Week 3
Module 3- Assignment	Week 3
Module 4 – Adding Outside Content	Week 4
Module 4- Quiz	Week 4
Module 4- Assignment	Week 4
Module 5- Formatting Your Blog Entry	Week 5
Module 5- Quiz	Week 5
Module 5- Assignment	Week 5
Study for Final Exam	Week 6
Final Exam	Week 6