Tech Lab is where Cottage and Computer Technology collide!

Hello! My name is Kellie Libke and I have the privilege of being the Tech Lab teacher for Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students here at EDUPRIZE. I have been teaching the Tech Lab special since July 2017, however, my connection with EDUPRIZE began in 2012 when my oldest started Kindergarten.

In Tech Lab, cottage study is enhanced through computer programs found in Microsoft Office and educational websites. Students will become more fluent in Word, Paint, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Excel. They will also learn how to navigate the internet through specific online websites that can be used for both research and educational games.

Our earliest learners (like our Kinder friends) will focus mostly on how to use computer technology and navigate computers. Early learners (like our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders) will learn the basics of how to use a computer with online educational games and get to know a couple of our favorite programs like Paint and Word. Our more experienced learners (like our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders) will begin navigating the more advanced features that are offered in Paint, Publisher, and Word. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will also begin to explore PowerPoint. Expert learners (like our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders) are ready to learn and build on their advanced computer skills through programs like Publisher, PowerPoint, Paint/3D Paint (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Excel (6<sup>th</sup> grade). Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders this year will also create and explore with 3D Printing.

A little about me... I graduated with my degree in Elementary Education from Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin. In addition to being a licensed Elementary teacher in Arizona, I hold a Career & Technical Education certificate and completed training courses such

as "Teaching Computer Science Fundamentals". Finally, I am CPR, AED and Basic First Aid certified. I love learning and expanding my knowledge base!

In my free time I enjoy reading, baking, hanging out with friends & family and spending time with my husband and two boys. As a family we enjoy cheering on Phoenix Rising, hiking, swimming, riding bikes, playing board games/electronics/cards, traveling and exploring... pretty much anything we can do together!

I look forward to another year of fun and learning with our EDUPRIZE students!

