

## Kannin Boulware Extra Credit - TechWise Coding

On Friday, December 10th, I went to the innovation center, which is where most of TechWise Academies classes are held, and as soon as I got inside there were about eight kids waiting to be checked in with Brandon, one of the instructors. As soon as at least a couple Ryan came out to the lobby and took some of the kids to the room where they will be learning to code via Minecraft education edition on a laptop that was provided by TechWise.

About 15 mins later everyone is checked in and in the room, by now there are a total of nine kids in the class, Ryan proceeds to start the lesson as well as introductions for anyone who hasn't been there before. The lesson is about block coding in Minecraft education edition and being able to show them how code works as well as get them interested in it. He continued through the lesson about how to do certain things with the code such as make an aquarium with one click of an item or how to make something spawn 100 times with one click of an item.

I mainly just walked around the classroom and helped any kid that had a question as well as if they had a problem with their code because I used to be a software development major. By the end of the night, the lesson was over so Brandon and Ryan let the kids play on a server together as well as play on it with the kids so that they can have fun.

One of the main things I learned about while attending this event was how to make a lesson entertaining as well as keep the kids engaged with what they were learning. One of the ways that I will use this in my future educational career is that they even talked to me about getting a job there helping them out. I honestly don't know how to show documented attendance of this event but they can definitely tell you I was there. They also were taking some pictures and videos where I am in some of them.