Q-Bitz and Qwirkle Games

**INFORMATION**

### Overview of Q-bitz

*Q-bitz* is a game that will have you and your children scratching your heads, biting your nails and throwing your arms up in triumph! Each player has a tray and 16 identical cubes. In each round, one of 80 different pattern cards are turned face up. Players are challenged to simultaneously recreate that pattern using their cubes on their own tray. The first player to recreate the pattern shouts: “Q-bitz!” and captures that pattern card. After nine rounds, the player with the most cards wins!

### Set Up

Piece o’ cake. Players are each given a tray and a set of 16 matching cubes in one of four player colors. Each cube is identical and each has two specific matching shapes on opposite sides. (Triangles, circles and solids). A stack of pattern cards is shuffled and placed face down in the center of the table. Players remove all the cubes from their trays to begin the game. Cost is about $25

Overview of Qwirkle

At first glance, Qwirkle looks like a simple matching game, but once you start playing, you’ll soon discover that creative tactical maneuvers and a well-planned strategy are required to outscore opponents! The game consists of 108 wooden blocks with six different shapes in six colours. Using the blocks, players score points by building rows and columns that share a common attribute - either colour or shape. The key is in making strategic moves that will earn maximum points. The simple level of play allows younger players to get in on the action and helps to improve strategy, concentration and other critical thinking skills. Challenging fun for the whole family!

For 2 - 4 players. Cost is about $35

**IDEAS FOR LIBRRIANS**

Have out for classes to borrow/students to use in the Library/Learning Commons.

Parents often ask about board games for kids and these are two great choices that encourage critical thinking and design thinking skills and communication.

Use with buddy classes with older students showing/demonstrating to younger students.