

NEWS WITH NICHOLS

English Language Arts

May 2020

Suggested Online Learning Activities:

* may change due to weather or class progress*

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8
Daily Reading Activity	Read 20-30 minutes	Read 20-30 minutes	Check email, Teams, or my web page for this week's lesson on Main Idea. Click through the PP, watch the video, and practice on Quizizz.com using your class code.	Read 20-30 minutes Office Hours for Mrs. Nichols 12-1:30pm; video chat on Teams	Read 20-30 minutes Book Talk posted on YouTube channel <i>NewsWithNichols</i>

Mrs. Nichols' Lesson:

*Posted Every Wednesday Morning;
Book Talk Posted on YouTube
Every Friday Afternoon*

Mrs. Nichols' Office Hours:

*Thursdays, 12-2 pm
Video Meeting on Teams-
1st Pd: 12-12:20 pm
2nd Pd: 12:20-12:40pm
3rd Pd: 12:50-1:10
5th Pd: 1:10-1:30*

Extension Activities:

Taking time to READ each day is the most important way to build a love for reading while improving vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Take some time to write in a journal. Additionally, **OPTIONAL**, ungraded activities and access to Study Island, Readworks, and IXL will be made available for your student until the end of the school year. I have provided extra optional activities for this week's lesson on Main Idea. It will require extra time from the student, so please remember that it is optional. I do not want to stress out parents or students!

Week at a Glance:

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! Parents, I would like to take a moment to THANK YOU for all of your support from home. You have been wonderful "substitute" teachers, taking what we are planning virtually and implementing it at home. Please know that I appreciate you so much! Be kind to yourselves during this time!

This week's lesson is geared towards Main Idea. Remember, it is the topic that is *mainly* being discussed by the author, or the most important idea. We use context clues and text features to find the main idea. Students, you will either watch the video or navigate through the Power Point, then answer the questions on Quizizz. Your class Quizizz codes can be found on the Suggested Learning Activities Document and in the Posts on Teams.

It's Okay

- * To not know how to homeschool your own child
- * To not know how to work from home
- * To give kids more screen time than usual
- * To make a colorful daily schedule or just wing it
- * To not magically feel motivated to work out at home or take on a new hobby
- * To not feel okay

This is not normal for any of us.
Please be kind to yourself.

Internet Links:

[Study Island](#) [Quizizz](#) [MMS Weblinks](#)
[Free Rice](#) [Flipgrid](#) [Office 365- Email, Word, Etc.](#)

YouTube Channel:

[NewsWithNichols](#)
Book Talk Friday 5/8

Upcoming Events

May 2020

Subject to change due to weather, government announcements, or class progress

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Interest Writing Club Meeting 3pm- Persuasion hook and Thesis	5	6 Wednesday ELA Lesson emailed and Posted in Teams- Main Idea	7 Nichols Office Hours 12-2pm	8 Book Talk: First Chapter Friday	9
10 Happy Mother's Day!	11 Interest Writing Club Meeting 3pm- Persuasion Supporting details and conclusion	12	13 Wednesday ELA Lesson emailed and Posted in Teams- Organizational Patterns #1	14 Nichols Office Hours 12-2pm	15 Book Talk: First Chapter Friday	16
17	18 Interest Writing Club Meeting 3pm- Persuasion Paper in One Go! New Prompt	19	20 Wednesday ELA Lesson emailed and Posted in Teams- Organizational Patterns #2	21 Nichols Office Hours 12-2pm	22 Book Talk: First Chapter Friday	23
24	25 Interest Writing Club Meeting 3pm- Intro to Debates	26	27 Wednesday ELA Lesson emailed and Posted in Teams- Summarization	28 Nichols Office Hours 12-2pm	29 Book Talk: First Chapter Friday	30
31	1 Interest Writing Club Meeting 3pm- Debates take place!	2	3 Wednesday ELA Lesson emailed and Posted in Teams- Affixes	4 Nichols Office Hours 12-2pm	5 Book Talk: First Chapter Friday	6

Tentative ELA Review Lesson Schedule:

- Week 3 (April 14) Context Clues
- Week 4 (April 20) Figurative Language
- Week 5 (April 27) Narrative elements
- Week 6 (May 4) Main Idea
- Week 7 (May 11) Organizational Patterns #1
- Week 8 (May 18) Organizational Patterns #2
- Week 9 (May 25) Summarization
- Week 10 (June 1) Affixes
- Week 11 (June 8) Goodbye to our 6th Grade Year

Extra Practice Activities- Main Idea:

Finished the Power Point lesson and/or watched the video?
Finished the Quizizz on Main Idea? Looking for more optional learning at your own pace? Login to Readworks, read the article "Healing Paws," and answer the questions. Still want more main idea? Complete your example passage. Use the Resource 1- Main Idea graphic organizer to help you check your work! Feel free to send your paragraph to Mrs. Nichols for feedback!



Can you believe it? We are already heading into the month of May! **I updated our calendar to reflect the new review lessons for the month of May.**

Interested in persuasive writing? Let Mrs. Nichols know! I started an interest persuasive writing group for the month of May. **It is optional and interest -based only.** I will provide feedback on all writing. We began with the prompt, "Should students be able to grade their teachers?" We will move to debates at the end of May!

For all of the mothers and mother-figures in our lives, thank you for all that you do!
Have a very Happy Mother's Day!



Message from Marsteller's Librarians:

Hi Bulldogs!

Thanks to everyone who voted for your favorite 2019-2020 Virginia Readers' Choice book. The overwhelming winner was *Restart* by Gordon Korman.

* Here's a list of the Virginia Readers' Choice books for the 2020-2021 school year:

- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- *The Benefits of Being an Octopus* by Ann Braden
- *It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* (Adapted for Young Readers) by Trevor Noah
- *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Deep Water* by Watt Key
- *Breakout* by Kate Messner
- *Game Changer* by Tommy Greenwald
- *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman
- *Resist: 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice* by Veronica Chambers

*Please check out the weekly book talks and activities:

<https://marstellermms.pwcs.edu/cms/One.aspx?portalId=413784&pageId=8496005>

Sincerely,

Ms. Gillespie and Ms. Williams