

# NEWS WITH NICHOLS

English Language Arts

April 2020

## Suggested Online Learning Activities:

\* may change due to weather or class progress\*

Day	Monday 4/20	Tuesday 4/21	Wednesday 4/22	Thursday 4/23	Friday 4/24
Daily Reading Activity	Read 20-30 minutes	Read 20-30 minutes		Read 20-30 minutes	Read 20-30 minutes
			Check email, Teams, or my web page for this week's lesson on Figurative Language! Watch the video on Teams. Review the Power Point, then complete the Quizizz activity.	Office Hours for Mrs. Nichols 12-1:30pm; video chat on Teams	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*

**NHI's and Retakes were due on April 20 so that I could begin the process of grading all those assignments, then transferring and updating those grades into the Grade Book via the Hub.**

### **Extension Activities:**

During this time of pandemic, safety and health is the number one priority. If students or parents are concerned about keeping up rigor or standards, please know that it will be different because this is a stressful time and we all internalize that stress differently. 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.

### *Week at a Glance:*

Thank you for your patience as I have begun the process for grading all NHI's and retakes. Third quarter grades should be updated by Friday evening and posted to the Hub by Monday, April 27.

Students, our lesson this week is on Figurative Language. I used the Windows Video Editor to make the mp4 video, located in Teams. It's the same editor that we used to make our PSA's! Log in to Teams, click on Assignments, and check it out!

I enjoyed our first video chat through Teams last week. I will host office hours every Thursday, and the video chat times that I have now set should stick through the rest of this virtual school year. Students, as always, if you have any questions or just want to keep me updated, please send me an email. I try to respond within 24 hours or earlier!

My 6th Grade Language Arts Department will be sharing the same SOL standards review lesson and activity each week, in order to provide a smooth transition to online learning and equity for all. \* I will still continue to post a Book Talk each Friday on the YouTube Channel *NewsWithNichols*.\*

### ***Internet Links:***

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

*YouTube Channel:  
[\*NewsWithNichols\*](#)*

*Book Talk Friday 4/24*

# Upcoming Events

April 2020

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 Suggested Learning Activities emailed out	31	1	2 Post your Flipgrid responses	3 Book Talk: First Chapter Friday	4
5	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break	8 Spring Break	9 Spring Break	10 Spring Break	11
12	13 Teacher Work Day- from home	14	15 Wednesday ELA Lesson emailed and Posted in Teams- Context Clues	16 Nichols Office Hours 12-2pm	17 3rd Quarter Grades Updated; Book Talk	18
19	20 NHI's and Retakes are Due	21	22 Wednesday ELA Lesson emailed and Posted in Teams- Figurative Language	23 Nichols Office Hours 12-2pm	24 Book Talk; 3rd Quarter Grades Updated with Highest Score for Retakes	25
26	27 3rd Quarter Grades Posted in Mrs. Nichols' classes	28	29 Wednesday ELA Lesson emailed and Posted in Teams- Narrative Elements	30 Nichols Office Hours 12-2pm	1 Book Talk	2

## 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

### **Extra Practice Activities- Figurative Language:**

Finished the video and Power Point lesson and Quizizz on Figurative Language? Looking for more optional learning at your own pace? Try the **Figurative Language** activity lesson in **Study Island**. Or login to Readworks, read the article "To the Moon and Back," and answer the questions. Still want more figurative language? Complete your own examples with the list included in the Suggested Learning Activities document.



**Figure 1** Hiking the Broad Run Trail in Bristow with my youngest child, Kayla.

Message from Marsteller's Librarians:

Hi Bulldogs!

\*You still have time to vote for your favorite Virginia Readers' Choice book. Please send an email to Gilleskm@pwcs.edu by April 30 with your vote.

Here are the titles:

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling

*Restart* by Gordon Korman

*Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess* by Shari Green

*Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!* by Ammi-Joan Paquette

*Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink* by Tod Olson

*Watchdog* by Will McIntosh

*Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan

*The Red Bandanna: Young Reader's Adaptation* by Tom Rinaldi

*Braced* by Alyson Gerber

\*Please check out our library web page for free reading resources.

\*Also check out our weekly library activities. So far, a trivia activity, a brain teaser activity, and a book talk featuring one of the new Virginia Readers' Choice books for the 2020-2021 school year have been posted.

\*Please feel free to send either of us an email if you have any questions. Gilleskm@pwcs.edu and Williajl@pwcs.edu

Sincerely,

Ms. Gillespie and Ms. Williams