

Dear Parents and Students,

I am creating a plan for the rest of the year. My intention is NOT to overwhelm you but to inform you, help you understand my expectations, and reach out to me with any concerns you have.

1. Writing:

- a. Write **TWO** of the three blog posts by May 15th. That means that you don't have to do all of them to be Highly Engaged (HE), just 2 of them. If you want to do all of them, feel free. I will be giving you feedback with private comments and engaging you with general open comments.
 - i. Be the Expert (Over 50 of you have already posted this.)
 - ii. What's the Story?
 - iii. Share an Opinion
- b. Instructions: I will post 3 videos, one for each blog post, with simple guidelines and inspiration. I will also post examples in Kidblog
- c. Kidblog: Most of you are doing great with Kidblog, but I am hearing a few issues. "I can't get in; I don't like it; I don't want to do it." That's fine. I can help you get in if you want to, and we can set up a call for that. If you don't want to do it, just turn in your Google Doc instead of posting.

2. Grammar: Google Classroom Category - VERBS

- a. In Google Classroom, I am posting one grammar video each week about verbs, starting April 14th. Each video will have a quick quiz attached. Watch the video and take the quiz. Make sure to hit the TURN IN button when you are done.
- b. Timeline: You can work on these at your own pace.

3. Enrichment: Do you want more to do?

- a. Commenting: Commenting and responding to comments is always encouraged, but not expected.
- b. Our Community: We are EXPANDING! With social isolation, teachers have been reaching out to me to connect our classes. Look for classes on your sidebar from other places. Who knows what other kids you might connect with? Read their posts and leave a comment. You'll make someone's day, and maybe they'll return the favor. :)
- c. Write all 3 blog posts
- d. Work on the interactive review exercises I posted from our textbook. How many did you get right? Can you figure out why?
- e. Weekly challenges or prompts on Google Classroom Stream just for fun.

4. Communication:

- a. I will be on my computer every school day checking email, Kidblog, and Google Classroom. Feel free to email me questions, request phone calls, express a concern or problem, share a joke:).

- b. The best time to contact me is between 8:00-11:00 AM and 2:00-3:00, but I certainly will be checking email throughout the day.

Know that I love you all; I am flexible and open to your particular obstacles or issues. Just reach out to me. We can work together. Our goal is that the kids keep learning, whatever that looks like in these uncertain times.