



PLTW Virtual Learning

6th Grade Intro to Tech

April 28, 2020



6th Grade Intro to Technology Lesson: April 28 (Part 2 of 4)

Objective/Learning Target:

Students will write and format a family newsletter to digitally share family news and stories with relatives and friends.

Warm-Ups:

Interview your family members to see if anything new and breaking has happened between yesterday and today.

Add any new headlines to your in-progress newsletter, or make any headlines you wrote yesterday more exciting or interesting.

Lesson Introduction/Background Information:

We are all separated from some of the people in our lives right now. Some of us have a house full of family that we are living with, and some of us have very few people at home. All over the world, families and friends have been staying connected with each other in new ways. This week, we are going to help keep your family and friends updated on what's going on in your home by creating a family newsletter in Google Docs.

Practice:

Today you are going to add an introduction and start writing the stories for your headlines.

Your introduction should go below your heading, and it should sound exciting and try to draw your reader in. Make it a different style of text than the rest of your newsletter, like putting it in italics.

Shelton Shenanigans
April 2020

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Archie and Buffy Crash Work Zoom Meetings

Ms. Shelton's Cousin in Law Returns from Deployment to Afghanistan

Practice:

Next, start writing your first story. Make it in your own style! It doesn't have to be formal because you are writing for an audience of friends and family, not a teacher or a boss. Focus more on the positives than negatives - people have enough negative news around right now, so let this be something that gives them a laugh. Your stories also don't have to all be the same length. Write the first half of your stories today.

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Ms. Shelton has been on a lot of Zoom meetings for work - two a day on average. In this time, sometimes people show off their children or their dogs, but in Ms. Shelton's opinion, there is simply not enough cat representation. However, in true cat form, have the cats cooperated? Not much. However, there was a major breakthrough in Monday's 8:15 call - Archie hopped up on Ms. Shelton's lap and remained there for at least 3 minutes! Hopefully there will be more cat sightings to report soon.

Ms. Shelton's Cousin in Law Returns from Deployment to Afghanistan

The extended Lindsay family got some very welcome good news on Saturday, when Ms. Shelton got a sneak peak of the information that was to be revealed to all on Easter Sunday - her cousin's husband is officially back from his Army Reserves deployment to Afghanistan. All family members are happy he is home safe and healthy, and he is happy that we can't go over and swarm him with hugs all at once right now.

Mystery Shelton Family Member Breaks Foot Riding Bicycle - Will She Reveal Her Identity?

Someone that Ms. Shelton is related to [had](#) a bike riding mishap in the last few weeks. That family member walked around for several days on her injury, assuring Ms. Shelton that she was fine. After a few days of pain, that mystery family member finally went to the doctor and it turns out she was walking around on a broken foot. Any guesses as to who is wearing the boot?

Ms. Shelton's Family Cheesy Scrambled Eggs Recipe

With Hours Spent in Each, Which Reigns Supreme? Zoom, Teams, Facebook, or House Party?

Ms. Shelton Went Outside

Self-Assessment:

Share your first few stories with your family members. Do they have any suggestions? Do they think it sounds like your voice, or like your personality is coming out in how you are writing the stories?

Extend Your Learning/Continued Practice:

Need an idea for another story for your newsletter? Try interviewing a family member! Here are some interview question ideas:

[Fun Questions to Ask Your Family Members](#)