

# PLTW Virtual Learning 6th Grade Intro to Tech

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6th Grade Intro to Technology Lesson: April 29 (Part 3 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:

Find a clip of a newscaster delivering a broadcast on Youtube.

Then, in your best newscaster voice, read one of your stories you've already written out loud. This helps you catch grammatical errors, and it's also some silly fun.

### 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:**

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Today we are going to finish writing the rest of your stories. Reminders:

- 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
- Your stories also don't have to all be the same length.

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Tamily 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

Ingredients: 2-3 eggs, a few slices of sliced cheese, a dash of milk

- Break the eggs in a bowl and whisk them quickly with a fork. Throw in a dash of milk and continue mixing.
- Rip the sliced cheese into small chunks with your bare hands and toss it in the mixed egg bowl.
- While you are doing that, be pre-heating your skillet and spray some Pam in there because chemicals weren't a concern for my family growing up.
- 4. Pour the egg and cheese mixture into the heated pan and then just keep moving the spatula around so it doesn't burn. It will look burned due to the cheese addition but it isn't and will still be delicious.
- 5. When you think it's probably done, then it's probably done so serve and enjoy!

With Hours Spent in Each, Which Reigns Supreme? Zoom, Teams, Facebook, or House Party? Having spent time in Zoom meetings, Microsoft Teams meetings, Facebook calls with my family and friends, and the app House Party with my friends, I can say that they are mostly all the

same with slight differences. Zoom has a time limit depending on your account, Facebook has a person limit, Teams costs money, and House Party I haven't used that much. Whatever lets your group of friends and family see each other is going to be <u>awesome in this</u> time!

Ms. Shelton Went Outside

Breaking all odds and expectations, Ms. Shelton has gone outside almost every single day to do exciting things like checking her mail and taking a walk at a local park while dodging off the path for all other humans.

## Self-Assessment:

Share the rest of your stories with your family members. Tell them which story you thought was the most fun to write.

#### **Extend Your Learning/Continued Practice:**

You have some great headlines and content in your newsletter now, but start thinking about some ideas about how you can make your newsletter look nice and interesting. What text features or Google Docs features do you think you can use to jazz up your newsletter tomorrow?