**Language Arts Activities for 6/7W and 7/8BD**

Hi everyone! Welcome to week 6! I hope you are all having fun with home learning. ☺ Please follow the chart below for your daily activities (see activities and journal entries suggestions below the chart – new ones were added). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact be at any time at **teena.allison@nbed.nb.ca**

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| **Monday** | \*Read 30 minutes\*Narrative on shoes. Pick any pair of shoes in your house. They can be anyone’s shoes. Describe them vividly and explain a day in their live before social distancing began. Where were the shoes going? What were they doing? How were they feeling? How do they feel now during social distancing? Be creative and write in paragraph form. |
| **Tuesday** | \*Read 30 minutes**\*Journal entry** – **Self-Reflection** (pick one of the prompts that are listed below called “Self-Reflection Journal Entries”). |
| **Wednesday** | \*Read 30 minutes\*What is your favorite playlist? You have 5 songs that represent you or your life. Write down what the songs are and why you chose them as your theme songs. Is there any special significance to these songs? Create the playlist. |
| **Thursday** | \*Read 30 minutes**\*\*Skype\*\* call** – you will get an invite with your school email. You will need to download Skype for Business to join. On this call, I will read from *“The Boy in the Striped Pajamas”.* I read chapters 6 &7 last week and put up the links for chapters 8 & 9 for you to listen to before Thursday. I will first give a quick recap chapter 6-9 and then I will read chapters 10 & 11 to you. **This will be at 1:00 pm.** |
| **Friday** | \*Read 30 minutes\*Choose an activity from the list below. **Or**\*Create a public service announcement that is 30 seconds long. This should be something that the world needs to know right now. Videotape it if you want and send it to me (optional) and I will upload it on my teacher page (with permission of course). |

**Daily Independent Reading: 30 minutes daily + one activity from the activities below, unless it a Self-Reflection journal entry.**

1. Respond in your journal using this prompt. Actor Robin Williams said, “Spring is nature’s way of saying,” Let’s party!” What do you think he meant?
2. Take a walk outside and look around for a bit! List 10 phrases about what you notice. Be descriptive in your journal and have fun. Example: Spring Awakening, birds chirping.
3. Make a list of community spring jobs you can do in your community or home. Use your journal to keep track of the jobs. We can all make a difference.
4. Journal the alphabet with words or phrases. Take notes on your surroundings in nature to guide you in doing this activity. Write words you see, hear, smell or think.
5. Go for a walk and sketch what you see! Paint or draw a picture with words.
6. In your journal create an acrostic poem, using letters in a word or topic to begin each line. All words and phrase must connect to topic. You can use spring.
7. Write a story to your family about what you like about Spring? Use your journal and share!
8. Pretend that you can go anywhere in the world for Spring break. Where would you go and what would you do there?
9. Make a collage of Spring. Find pictures that represent what spring looks like for you and your family in 2020.
10. What occasions did you celebrate so far during this pandemic? Make a list. Choose 1 or 2 and explain how you celebrated this year compared to how you would normally celebrate. Which was better?
11. Interview a parent or another adult. Ask them what their biggest change has been and what they are most thankful for.  Ask their top 3 moments from this experience.
12. Choose any TV show or movie. Write the title, characters, setting, beginning, middle, and end.  Write an alternate ending for this show or movie.
13. Make a T-chart. Write a list of things you like about learning at home versus at school.
14. What movies have you watched during the last 2 months?  What genre do you prefer? Make a list of all the movies you have watched this month and then choose 2 to compare.
15. Billie Ellish said “In the public eye, girls and women with strong perspectives are hated. If you're a girl with an opinion, people just hate you. There are still people who are afraid of successful women, and that's so lame.” Write a response stating if you agree or disagree with her and explain why.
16. Read your book while doing a wall sit. How long can you do it for? Try reading while doing a plank. Which is easier? Try to increase your time for both. Write a summary in your journal of what you read while doing the wall sit and plank.
17. Pick a page from the book you are reading. Change all of the nouns to things you see right in front of you in your house, then read it aloud.

**Self-Relflection Journal Entries:**

1. In your own words describe (keeping “sensory words” in mind) what is a pandemic?
2. What are the pros and cons of your current situation(s)? Changes?
3. What are some past time activities you have tried or are interested in trying during this time?
4. How do you feel about social distancing?
5. As time goes by, how have things changed at your house and/or with your social net?
6. If you were old enough to work, what area in this type of situation could you see yourself in?
7. What role has technology played for you throughout this situation? (Any changes?)
8. What are your thoughts, feelings, worries or ideas about living in this type of situation (quarantining, social distancing, self-isolation,……) and what changes have you noticed?
9. When it comes to supplies and being informed about current issues, have you followed and are able to understand what is going on locally, provincially, nationally, and/or globally? (Thoughts? How does or how has one affected the other?)
10. As time passes, what thoughts, feelings or questions come up about day to day life experiences throughout this time?
11. How interested are you in the solution (s) to the COVID-19 pandemic? (Thoughts, ideas, feelings…)

New topics:

1. How do you feel about the whole home learning experience?
2. Now that our province has gone through a period without any “new” cases of COVID-19, how do you feel about the changes being made to attempt going back to “normal”?
3. Now that the media has been reporting on the COVID-19 around the clock, what are some of the facts that you base your opinions on?
4. Do you feel Miramichi is practicing social distancing? What changes are you noticing out and about in town? How do you feel about them?
5. What are your thoughts on the newest news release about having a new case of COVID 19 in New Brunswick after having none for two weeks.