



The Academic Week Ahead April 6 – April 10, 2020

English Language Arts

[Phil Girard](#)

While we work towards firming up what our online school will look like, students will have the opportunity to get back to some ELA basics this week. We'll be working on grammar lessons (that will be printable if preferred) and journal writing. If the grammar lessons can't be printed, that's okay, but I'd like to stress the need for screen-free time during the week. Students will still need to check their email for the assignments, but once they have them, the work can be done on paper, preferably far away from the nearest screen.

Literature

[Claire Alexander](#)

Please access email on Monday to see the new Vocab Activities that can be done, as well as the steps to start the novel study that we are going to be working on. This upcoming project will have a lot of freedom but also many opportunities for new learnings.

Social Studies

[Kelly Francisco](#)

In social studies, I am excited to launch a *virtual* project based learning project. Students will be learning about what life was like for ordinary citizens during the American Civil War. To get started, check out my virtual PBL board on Google Classroom. This project will have two main components. The first one will be a virtual team competition using the Classcraft platform. Students will complete an interactive Civil War Quest. They can get a jumpstart on creating their avatars this week if they like, however, more directions will be forthcoming next week. The second component will involve creating a virtual Greenspire Civil War Museum. Students will research daily life for different groups of people living during the Civil War. This week's assignments are posted in Google Classroom. Assignments include listening and analyzing student created playlists on Women's Suffrage and Abolition. Students will then begin research on the project described above. Thanks for your support and help!

Science

[Kris Galoci](#)

Welcome to what I am affectionately calling TGS Science Take-out! This week's learning menu will feature "Life in the Extreme". Students will begin exploring the ecosystem interactions, energy and dynamics of organisms that live in extreme environments compared to organisms that live under more common environmental conditions. I will continue to use the Google Classroom platform to disseminate activities and assignments. Students will have the opportunity to learn in the gamified classroom environment of Classcraft. Students will use the same character for both social studies and science. I will continue to use email as the main venue for communication, so please check that daily. Do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time through email. Thank you for your support during this challenging time!

World Language

[Marina Call](#)

Please check your emails on Tuesday for an invite to Mango Languages. This is a great program that can be used to learn Russian. Students will practice at least an hour a week. It combines speaking and listening to Russian. You will see how quickly you improve. Bonus! You will be given access to practice Spanish/Italian or any language you have ever wanted to learn, including "Pirate" Language :-) Students will receive a welcome email and be asked to change their passwords. Please check Google Classroom for instructions or email me at marina.call@greenspireschool.org

Health

[Katie Tomczyk](#)

This week's focus will be on 'gratitude'. For the next 5 days, I encourage you to write or draw 5 things that you are thankful for. Try to come up with 5 new things every day. At the end of the week, please share the picture or words with me via email. :)

Math

[Tejas Mehta and Emily Feaster](#)

6th Grade: Welcome to a new interactive online math class! We will all be moving to a digital platform going forward. Each morning, Monday thru Thursday, I will be on ZOOM teaching a math lesson. You will gain access to the video and class work through Google Classroom. We will continue to use CK-12 as our online math platform. Please join daily at 9:00 am for a live 30-minute math lesson. I will be able to answer your questions on the spot and it will be a great chance to see everyone. On Friday, it will be a chance for you to catch up on anything you missed during the week or to continue working in Khan Academy. Please email me if you have any questions or need help setting up a ZOOM account. Miss you all and I will "see" you soon!

7th Grade:

Welcome to a new interactive online math class! We will be trying out a video-conferencing platform this week. Each morning at 10:00 a.m., Monday thru Thursday, I will be on ZOOM teaching a math lesson for 30 minutes. You will gain access to the ZOOM video link and classwork through Google Classroom. We will continue to use CK-12 and Khan Academy as our online math platforms and please continue to check them for new assignments. The daily math lessons will be a great chance to answer your questions on the spot and connect with everyone. On Friday you can catch up on anything you missed during the week or continue working in CK-12 or Khan Academy. Please email me if you have any questions or need help using ZOOM. Hope to see you all soon!

8th Grade: Welcome to a new interactive online math class! We will all be moving to a digital platform going forward. Each morning, Monday thru Thursday, I will be on ZOOM teaching a math lesson. You will gain access to the video and class work through Google Classroom. We will continue to use CK-12 as our online math platform. Please join daily at 9:30 am for a live 30-minute math lesson. I will be able to answer your questions on the spot and it will be a great chance to see everyone. On Friday, it will be a chance for you to catch up on anything you missed during the week or to continue working in Khan Academy. Please email me if you have any questions or need help setting up a ZOOM account. Miss you all and I will "see" you soon!

Algebra:

We are seeking guidance from TCAPS on whether the Algebra test will be going on as scheduled or has been postponed. We will communicate that information as soon as we know, but until we hear otherwise, assume the test is going on as scheduled. **If you have not yet done so, please complete the Online Test Out Application at [Test Out - High School Programs - Programs - District Home](#) - the deadline is April 17.** Algebra students - we are going to try out a video-conferencing platform this week. Please join me at 11:00 a.m.

Monday through Thursday for a daily Algebra lesson. It will be a great chance to answer your questions on the spot and connect with everyone. You will gain access to the video through **Google Classroom**. Please continue working through the Algebra textbook, using the updated pacing calendar. If you would like additional resources, try out the interactive lessons on CK-12, or Khan Academy. Hope to see you all soon!