

# BLENDED LEARNING LESSON idea

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**Subject:** Language Arts

**Unit:** Writer's Workshop - Journalism

**Lesson Activities:**

Lesson Project: Typed class newspaper OR class recording of a newscast (either video or audio)

Before lesson: Have students engage in learning about aspects of journalism - who is a journalist; importance of trustworthy news; parts of a newspaper: articles, interviews, photo essays, comics, etc. Suggestion: Show an example of a newspaper.

Main Lesson Activities: Your students will each take on the role of a journalist as the class works together to create a newspaper. This newspaper will be shared with their classroom families & will inform their families about classroom happenings.

Steps:

- 1) Reinforce the "before lesson" concepts, especially the trustworthy piece. Pass out journalist badges. Share with students when they wear these badges, they are journalists.
- 2) Have class brainstorm topics to write about (ex: current units of study)
- 3) Divide students into 1 person - 3 person groups
- 4) Groups begin working on their pieces.
  - 1) Suggestions for group work:
    - 1) Students split up their unit of study into parts & write about their part. Split up some as writers & others as the illustrator for the article.
    - 2) Modification: have 1-2 people be photographer for the newspaper
- 5) Project Ideas:

Once they have an approved rough draft...

  - A. Type up their articles
  - B. Use a green screen to do a report of their classroom happenings
- 6) Compile all of the articles (great parent volunteer opportunity!) to create a class newspaper.
- 7) Export the newscast/newspaper to the students' family!

Materials:

- Writing paper
- Pencils
- Journalist badges (optional)
- Technology: Ipads, computers, &/or green screen

Opportunities for Technology Integration

- Interview a journalist via facetime/Skype
- View a newscast
- Have your students type the newspaper
  - Ipads for picture taking



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**Subject:** Language Arts OR Science OR Social Studies

**Unit:** Writing Workshop - Non-Fiction Research

• This would also work for any Social Studies/Science Unit

**Lesson Activities:**

**Lesson Project:** Students will create a research project. End of unit project ideas: use a green screen to create a report of findings; type up or write a research report or "All About" Book on topic.

**Before lesson:** Have students engage in learning about aspects of research- who is a researcher; primary versus secondary sources, etc.

**Main Lesson Activities:** Your students will each take on the role of a researcher as they research a topic of their choice.

**Steps:**

- 1) Reinforce the "before lesson" concepts. Pass out researcher badges. Share with students when they wear these badges, they are researchers.
- 2) Have class brainstorm topics to research about (ex: connected to current unit of study)
- 3) Divide students into 1 person - 3 person groups
- 4) Groups begin working on their pieces.
  - 1) Suggestions for group work:
    - A. Students each research separately & then come together to share their findings.
    - B. Students split up aspects of their topic and then research their sub-topic.
  - 2) Suggestions of research sites:
    - A. non-fiction books checked out from the library
    - B. Pebblego.com - it's a non-fiction website specifically for children
- 5) Project Ideas:

Once they have an approved rough draft...

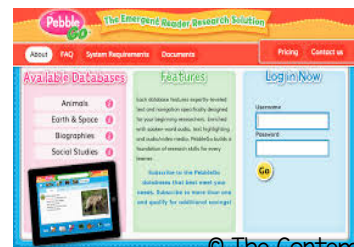
  - A. Type up a research report on their findings
  - B. Type of an "All About" book of their findings
  - C. Use the green screen to do a report of their research

## Opportunities for Technology Integration

- Interview a person related to the unit of study via facetime/Skype
- Research via the internet (with child protection enabled)
- Have your students type their research project
- Green screen/ipads for recording findings.

## Materials:

- Writing paper
- Pencils
- Researcher badges (optional)
- Technology: Ipads, computers, &/or green screen



# Blended Learning Lesson Activity Ideas

## Incorporate electronic simulations/games to teach skills such as:

- Economics - create your own virtual lemonade stand. There are versions of this on the internet for grades K-College.
- Life as a Pioneer - simulate what it was like on the Oregon trail by using the game "The Oregon Trail." Have students act it out in real life after they successfully finish their unit.



Have your students video themselves reading a piece of writing that they finished writing. Afterwards, send the video to their family or create a YouTube playlist that can house all of these student-made videos. Then let your students visit the playlist during reading time.

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**Subject:** Math

**Unit:** Current Unit Of Study

**Lesson Activities:**

Lesson Project: Math Rotation Stations

Before lesson: Introduce math rotations. These stations can be similar to Guided Reading - but for Math. Station ideas include small group instruction; hands-on activities; computer station; ipad station.

Main Lesson Activities: Students will rotate through Math rotation stations.

Steps:

- 1) Reinforce the "before lesson" concepts; rotation station instructions & expectations
- 2) Students will rotate through stations every 10-15 minutes (depending on your age group).
- 3) During the computer & ipad stations - students visit websites related to the unit of instruction. For example: during measurement unit, students are asked to visit the measurement section of Dreambox. Then when they go to the computers, they can visit any section of the Dreambox math.

## Materials:

- Materials for each rotation station depending on what you choose
- Manipulatives; ipads; computers; pencils; paper

## Opportunities for Technology Integration

- Have students visit one of the following websites/apps during their rotation station
  - Dreambox
  - Splash Math
  - Istation Math
  - IXL math
  - Reflex Math
  - ABC ya: Math

