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Middle School Reading and English Basic eLearning Guide – Week 4

Objectives

Reading Basic

- Students will use the Mindplay Reading Program for 120 minutes each week to continue their personalized reading instruction.

Language Arts Basic

- Students will analyze poetry in regards to figurative language, theme, and message.
- Students will participate in quick writes each day to support writing fluency.

For Parents

Reading Basic

- Have your student log in to Mindplay using these access [directions](#).

Language Arts Basic

- Have your student complete a quick write; write for 3-7 minutes on a [prompt](#) of choice. They can do so on a piece of paper or typing on a device so they can access some of these [accessibility resources](#) for reading and writing. For additional writing practice, please refer to the **noRedink** link in the “Resources” section.
- Have your student read each text and answer the questions. If your student needs assistance with reading, see the note about Readworks in the “Resources” section below.
- If students complete writing tasks, encourage them to read what they have written aloud and revise their work for clarity.
- Complete this process for Task 2. (Task 2 with [answer key](#))

For Students

Reading Basic

- Log in to your Mindplay. If you forgot your login info use these access [directions](#).
- Be sure your sound is on and you can hear.
- You should complete 25-30 minutes a day of Mindplay.
- Your Teacher will be monitoring your use and progress and will be communicating with you on any additional practice you may need.

Language Arts Basic

- [Task 1](#): You will complete a quick write; write for 3 – 5 minutes on a [prompt](#) of your choice. You can do so on a piece of paper or typing on a device so you can access some of these [accessibility resources](#) for reading and writing.
- [Task 2](#): Read “Fireflies in the Garden” to answer the vocabulary and comprehension questions about the poem at the end.
- Extension Activity:
 - Read or [listen](#) to a book for 30 minutes.
 - [Log](#) to keep track of reading.

Resources

- [CommonLit](#) is offering free [parent accounts](#). CommonLit offers leveled text and activities, as well as has built-in accessibility features. **If your student needs assistance with the readings, create an account, find an article, and click the “Read Aloud” button.**
- [Sora](#) is a free app with books and reading resources for students. Log in with SBISD credentials.
- [Noredink](#) is a free online writing platform. Students should start with the modules for “Body Paragraphs: Claims, Evidence, and Reasoning.”
- [Storyline Online](#) is a free online resource that reads books aloud.
- PebbleGo, access through your Clever Account, ItsLearning, or the Library Resource Page
- [Readworks.org](#) offers free student accounts. Readworks offers leveled text and activities, as well as it has built-in accessibility features. **If your student needs assistance with readings, create an account, find an article and click the “speaker” button.**
- [Newsela.com](#) offers free student accounts. NewsELA offers leveled text and activities, as well as it has built-in accessibility features. **If your student needs assistance with readings, create an account, find an article and click the “speaker” button.**