

Dear fifth grade families,

Well, we are two weeks into a new world order and we're all still trying to sort out the daily life and routine. On the last day of school, when I was discussion journaling with the students, I didn't really have a full grip on how our daily lives would all change over these weeks. Hopefully, it hasn't added an undue burden to your family. I know we're all ready to return back to some normalcy of school. I hope to see the students as soon as these 6 weeks are up.

I've had a few emails saying we're done with the district packet, what now?

As Principal Nielsen mentioned, we are pulling together, both across Discovery and across 5th grade, various items to enhance things happening at home.

For our classroom, I am looking at the best way to bring the next Jimenez novel into a read aloud format. I already have the chapters available as a PDF....so it's just about attaching audio into the process. Once done, I will likely make the material available in Canvas and allow for student discussions.

In Math, they can keep working on Dreambox. I'll take a look at my Khan Academy account and set up a process or assignments for the class in that form.

Have students keep tracking CNN10. Carl Azuz is still broadcast CNN10 episodes from (I'm guessing) his house.

Crash Course...students find the web series entertaining....but some are better than others, depending on the subject and the host. Episodes are 10 – 15 mins long and they can binge watch if they like.

NOTE: occasionally the humor can be a bit bawdy and the word "Ass" shows up occasionally (used as an intensifier such as a 'long-ass time')."

Students have enjoyed the following Crash course series:

- World History
- Mythology
- Chemistry
- Philosophy
- Anatomy & Physiology (note: this touches on the reproductive system)
- Computer Science (it's dry...but it's an interesting look at the history of computers and how their root functions work)

These are a start if you're putting together your own home schedule. Also, I've noticed Disney + has a number of National Geographic specials loaded, if that of interest to you.

Talk again soon,

Mr. Crandall