Blogging!

*As part of our short story unit, you will be creating and maintaining a blog. This is your opportunity to create something of your own that you will continue to add to. At the end of the unit, you will get to choose which blog posts you’d like to have evaluated.*

**Creating your blog:**

* Sign in to your school google account on google.wrdsb.ca
* Go to the Apps menu at the top of the Google site and choose “more” – then choose “even more from Google”
* Scroll down until you find “Blogger” (under the “Social” heading)
* Click on “New Blog”
* Create a title for your blog (this will be your display name at the top of your blog) eg. John’s Blog—***don’t use your last name!! (privacy reasons)***
* Give your blog an address/url (this will become your website address/url).  When naming your blog, keep it simple. You'll have to play with various options until one works. No spaces allowed; it will end in .blogspot.com

**MY BLOG**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.blogspot.com

* Write down your blog url on Mrs. Schnarr’s sheet
* Choose a template (you can always change this later)
* Click on “create blog”
* Your blog is now created and you find yourself on the Dashboard (main navigational page) of your blog

**Creating your first blog post:**

* Go to your main page/dashboard and click on “New Post” (the pencil icon)
* Answer the following question in complete sentences to introduce yourself:

What is your favourite TV show, book, or movie and why do you like it? Convince me that this is the best TV show, book, or movie and tell me why I should be watching it.

Don’t forget:

* Proper sentences
* Capital letters at the beginning of sentences and on proper nouns
* Periods at the end of all sentences
* Check your spelling!