

# Remote Learning Guide for Wixie



Using Wixie to  
engage and support  
at-home learners

# What is Wixie?

Wixie is an online creativity tool your students can use to write, record their voice, paint pictures, and tell stories. Wixie provides an engaging way for students to explore and respond to curriculum topics using either a blank page as their digital canvas or by completing a standards-based activity.

Wixie has been in use in face-to-face classrooms for over 10 years. Wixie works online and many districts have found it essential for remote learning. Whether you are in class, at home, or in a hybrid situation, Wixie is the perfect tool to for a face-to-face, remote, or a hybrid approach to learning.

*"Students love being able to show their learning in different ways through drawing, writing, images, storytelling as well as teaching their parents how to use this great application. Wixie was used extensively in grades K-2 as part of the weekly activities during remote learning and throughout grades 3-5 in a variety of ways."*  
--Debbie Ray, Instructional Technologist, [Anne Arundel County PS](#), MD

This guide is designed to help you get teachers and students started using Wixie for remote learning. For more information and ideas, visit: <https://static.wixie.com/parents>

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# Managing Remote Learning in Wixie

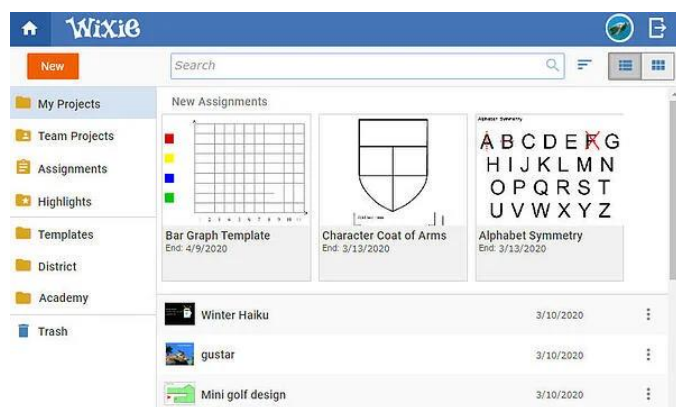
*Use templates and activities from Wixie's curriculum library to explore, practice, reinforce, and evaluate student learning.*

Wixie includes a suite of tools teachers can use to plan, implement, and evaluate student work. Teachers can manage assignments, track student progress toward curriculum goals, and assess student work using customizable rubrics.

The Wixie assignment tools make it easy to manage at-home learning. Assigning work to students lets them know how you want them to use Wixie and makes it easy to manage their work, provide feedback, and evaluate effort and achievement. Students don't have to manage files or upload documents to submit assignments!

## How Students See Assignments

You can create assignments for students that show at the top of their Wixie home page when they log in.



Assignments only show at the top of student's home pages based on the start date the teacher has chosen.

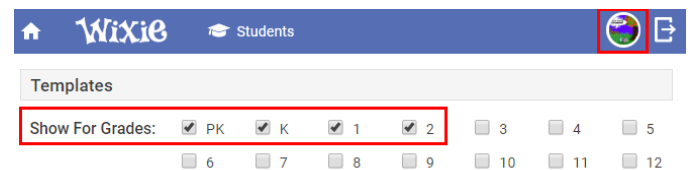
## Take Advantage of Wixie's Templates

Wixie includes thousands of standards-based templates designed to support student learning. Use these templates for formative assessments, practice, and to support performance tasks.

To find, edit, and assign an existing Wixie template, log in to your teacher account.

First, select your profile icon and choose Settings from the drop-down menu.

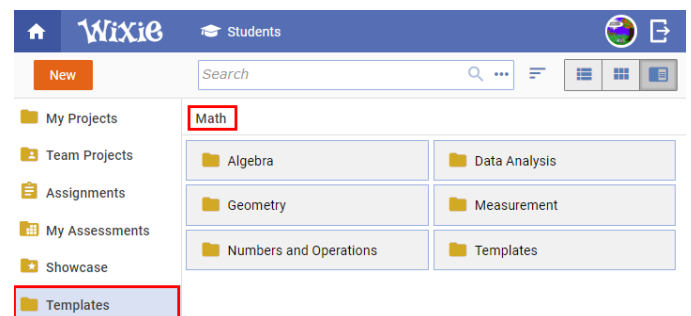
Scroll to the Templates area and select the box for your grade, as well as the boxes on either side for additional templates you can use for differentiation.



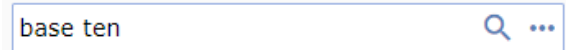
This will help narrow the results of your search for existing activities.

Use the Home button in the upper left to return to your teacher home page. The new grade level settings will be saved automatically.

Open the Templates folder from the list on the left to browse folders and sub-folders.



You can also use the field at the top to search for templates using a keyword. Type your keyword and click the magnifying glass on the right to search.



Click the three dots to the right of the field to display more search options and find templates based on standards, grade level, and additional criteria.

### Advanced Search

Search by: ☐ Keywords ☒ Standard ☐ Grade Level

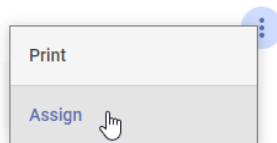
Math - Common Core  
1  
Geometry - G  
Select a Subtopic...

Search in: ☒ All ☐ Current Folder Math

Cancel Search

\*This screenshot shows Common Core State Standards for Math. If you are in Maryland, Virginia, or Texas, you will see the CCR, SOL or TEKS standards.

When you find a template you want to use, use the three dots next to the file to choose Assign.



At the Assign dialog, choose how long you want it available for students to begin, as well as exactly which classes, and which students you want to use the template.

### New Assignment

Count Forward

Start 03/03/2020 End 04/02/2020

View ☒ Classes ☐ Students Class 01-First Grade

<input type="checkbox"/>	All students
<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maria C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Martin C
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ava F

Close Save

[Video instructions](#)

## Viewing student assignment work

The fastest way to see how students are progressing on assignments is on the Assignment details page. To view progress on an assignment, select the Assignments folder near the top of the list on the left side of your Wixie home page.

My Projects

Team Projects

Assignments

My Assessments

Showcase

Templates

Select the assignment you want to monitor to see details.

Use the Class pull-down menu to select the class you want to view, if it is not already shown.

Students Assessment Standards

View ☒ Classes ☐ Students Class First Grade

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All students	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elsa Burlaza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Danielle Chen	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alejandra Deitrich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tara Gissler	<input type="checkbox"/>

Next to each student's name, you will see a circle.

- an empty circle means that they have not started working on the assignment.
- a solid grey circle means that they have worked on it.
- a solid grey circle with a check in the middle means the students has marked the project as complete. \*

\*To mark a project as complete, students go to the File menu and choose Mark as Complete.

To look at each student's work, click the spy glass button near the top of the page.



This will take you to the Students page and will show only the project work for this assignment.



Click through the students in your class list on the left to see their work.

[Video instructions](#)

## Providing Feedback

To provide feedback on a student's project, select the project. Use the + button on the Feedback tab to share your feedback.

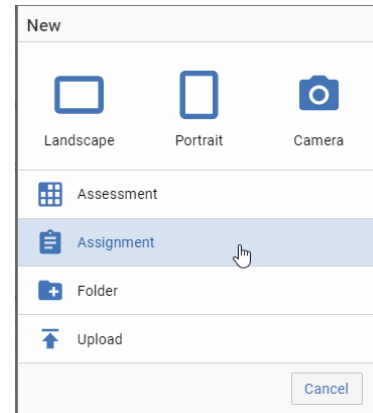


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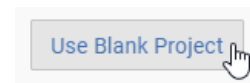
## Starting from a blank screen

If you want to have students start from a blank page, you can create a blank page assignment.

Click the New button at your Wixie home page and choose Assignment.



At the New Assignment dialog, click the Use Blank Project button at the bottom of the dialog.



Give the project a name, set the start and end dates, and choose the students. This assignment will show in your assignment list similar to those that you start from a template.

[Video instructions](#)



# Getting Students Logged in to Wixie

*Wixie works with a range of student information and learning management systems and logging in will be unique to your site.*

How students log in to will depend on how their site has chosen to authenticate users. Wixie can authenticate with:

- Google
- Clever
- LDAP
- SAML
- usernames/passwords

Reach out to your Wixie site administrator for specific instructions on how to log in to Wixie at your site.

You can find general log in directions for Clever, Google, and username password in the YouTube playlist: [Learning at home with Wixie.](#)

## Log in with a QR code


You can log in to Wixie using a QR code.

At your site's Wixie log in page, use the QR code button on the right.

Log in to your Wixie account

☐ show password

Or



Teachers can print User Cards for their students from a button on their Students page.

 [Print User Cards](#)

This will bring up a dialog to print the User Cards for the currently selected class.



Students then simply hold their QR code image in front of their device's camera to log in.




## Share QR Codes with Parents

Your account settings in Wixie include an easy way to send login instructions to families.

Go to the profile icon in your teacher account and choose Settings. Select the My Students link on the left side of the page and choose a student's name from the list.

Marie A



Login

Username:

Password:

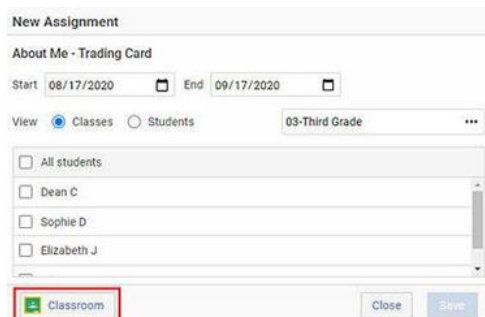
You will see the User Card and log in information and buttons you can use to easily share this information with parents.

# Using Wixie with an LMS

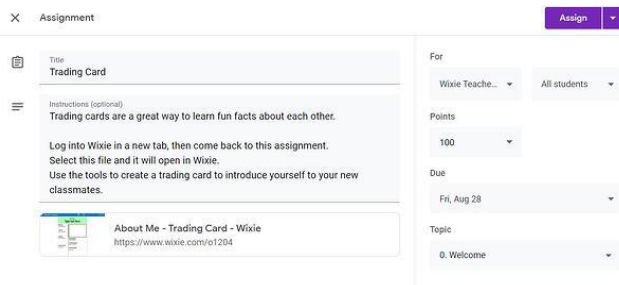
*Wixie has built-in connections to Google Classroom and can also be used with Canvas and other learning management systems.*

## Assigning through Google Classroom

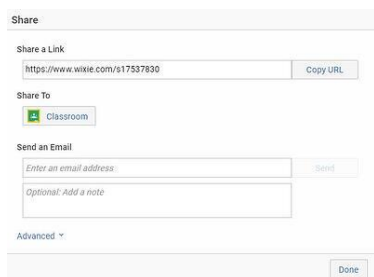
To connect a Wixie assignment to Google Classroom, find the file you want to use in Wixie, select the three dots, and choose Assign. Then, select the Classroom button in the lower left of the New Assignment dialog.

A screenshot of the 'New Assignment' dialog in Google Classroom. The dialog shows a title 'About Me - Trading Card', start and end dates (08/17/2020 to 09/17/2020), and a view selector set to 'Classes'. A list of students is shown with checkboxes. At the bottom, there is a 'Classroom' button with a green icon, which is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Other buttons like 'Close' and 'Save' are also visible.

Follow the directions in Google Classroom to connect to the correct class and complete the assignment.

A screenshot of the 'Assignment' dialog in Google Classroom. The dialog shows a title 'Trading Card', instructions, and a due date of 'Fri, Aug 28'. At the top right, there is a purple 'Assign' button. The dialog also shows a list of students and a 'Share' button.

To turn in their work, students go to Wixie's File menu and choose Share. At the Share dialog, they select the Classroom button and complete the steps to connect their work to the correct Google Classroom assignment.

A screenshot of the 'Share' dialog in Wixie. The dialog shows a 'Share a Link' section with a URL and a 'Copy URL' button. Below that, there is a 'Share To' section with a 'Classroom' button highlighted by a green box. There is also a 'Send an Email' section with a text input field and a 'Send' button.

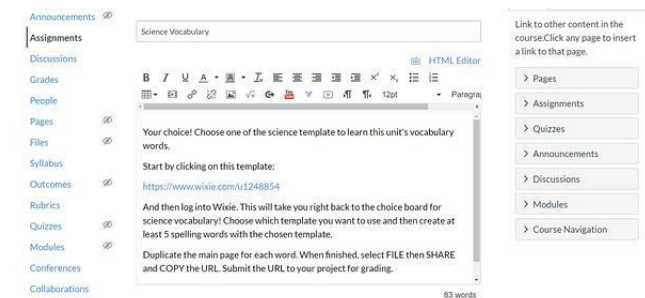
For step-by-step instructions, visit:

<https://web.tech4learning.com/using-wixie-with-google-classroom>

## Assigning through Canvas

You can use the URL address of a Wixie file you have a created or a template from the library to assign in Canvas. Copy the URL for the project using the URL field in your browser. You can also select the file, use the three dots to select Share and then copy the URL from the field at the Share dialog.

Log in to Canvas, choose your class and select + Assignment.

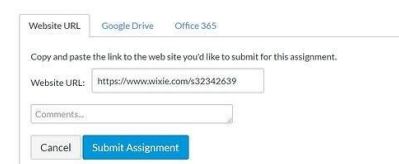
A screenshot of the Canvas 'Assignments' page. The page shows a list of assignments on the left and a main content area. In the main content area, there is a 'Science Vocabulary' assignment. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a purple 'Assign' button. The page also shows a 'Share' dialog with a 'Classroom' button highlighted by a green box.

Complete your and add a hyperlink to the Wixie file using the URL you copied. Determine how students will turn in the assignment, using Website URL.

When you are done, select the Save & Publish button to both save the assignment to your Canvas account as well as publish, or assign it, to students.

To turn in their work, students go to Wixie's File menu and choose Share. At the Share dialog, they select the Copy URL button and then select Done.

Students then return to the assignment in Canvas and select the Submit Assignment button.

A screenshot of the Canvas 'Submit Assignment' dialog. The dialog shows a 'Website URL' field with a URL and a 'Submit Assignment' button highlighted by a blue box. There is also a 'Comments' field and a 'Cancel' button.

For step-by-step instructions, visit:

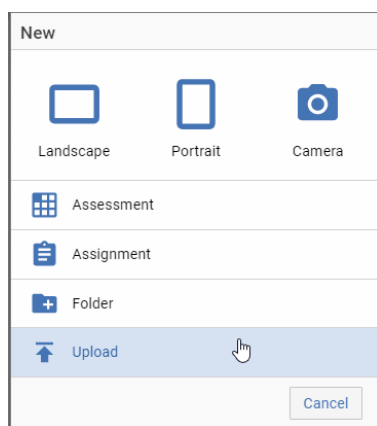
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# Converting PDFs into Wixie Assignments

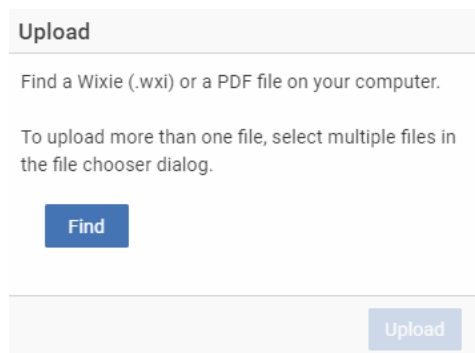
*You can import a PDF file into Wixie to quickly upload the print materials from your adopted curriculum into Wixie.*

If you normally print PDF files for student worksheets as part of your curriculum, you can convert these into Wixie assignments with the PDF converter. The PDF Converter in Wixie will make a page for each page in the PDF and put the PDF contents on the background layer.

Select the New button and choose Upload.



At the Upload dialog, select the Find button.



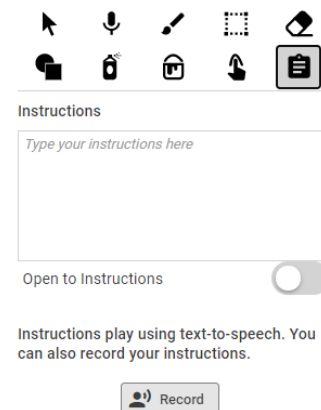
Use your device's navigation options to find the .PDF file you want to add. Use the Shift key to select more than one PDF at a time.

Once you have selected the document, or documents, choose the Upload button.

Wixie will convert each PDF into a separate Wixie project. You will see the new files in your My Projects folder.

If you open one of the converted files, you will see Wixie puts the contents of the PDF on the background of the page. Students simply paint, or add text, images, and voice recording to complete the assignment.

Use the Clipboard button on the tools to add instructions in Wixie.



If appropriate, use the Text tool to add text objects to the assignment so that students don't have to.

When you use the Home button and/or return to your My Projects folder, you can use the three dots and choose Assign.

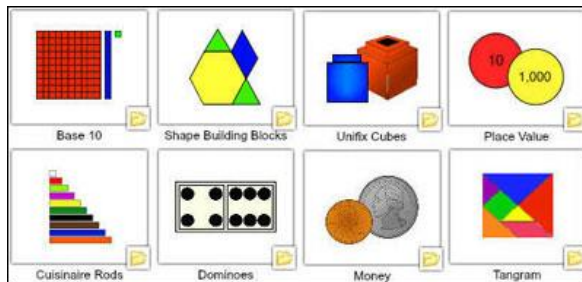


# Using Virtual Manipulatives in Wixie

*Help students build number sense and math foundations remotely.*

Math manipulatives have always been a staple of primary classrooms because they help students see and grasp the nature of numbers and procedures. Wixie helps you apply the usefulness of this powerful math teaching tool during remote learning.

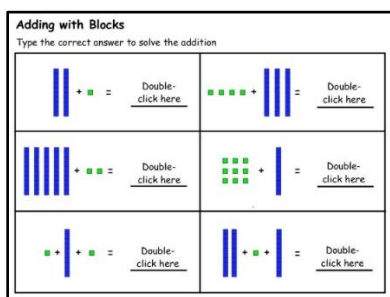
Virtual manipulatives mean you don't have to manage or distribute materials, and can focus on supporting student learning immediately after they log in.



Wixie's Sticker library includes a wide range of virtual math manipulatives students can easily arrange and group to manipulate numbers and procedures.

## Wixie templates use manipulatives

Wixie's library of standards-based templates includes many templates that take advantage of virtual manipulatives for work with money, fractions, tangrams, shapes, and more.

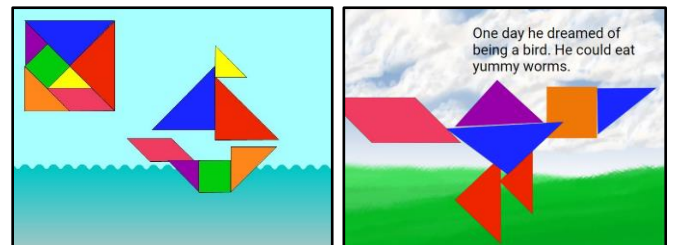


## Virtual manipulatives and “play”

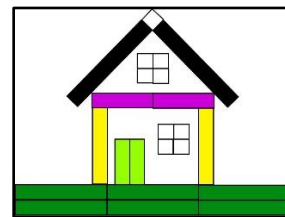
Many students have played with tangram shapes or puzzles at home. Moving and rotating tangram shapes to fill a silhouette helps students build and practice powerful math skills and understandings like

congruence, spatial visualization, looking for patterns, and transformational geometry.

You can also combine virtual manipulatives with storytelling. For example, you could ask students to use tangram shapes to tell the story of a “happy square who dreamed of being something different, something exciting!”



Asking students to use a range or combination of Cuisenaire rods to make equal lengths is a great formative assessment.



As they work to create images and designs, they begin to conceptualize not only how a unit of ten can have a range of factors, but how they can apply this knowledge of equivalent value and fractional value to achieve their vision.

Working with virtual manipulatives is a fun way to practice and apply number sense and math skills. Using virtual manipulatives in the classroom gives students the confidence to show off their mathematical thinking.

As you get started using virtual manipulatives rely first on existing templates, then watch your students work, so you can create your own virtual manipulative experiences that work to motivate, engage, and empower your learners.

# Capture and Add a Video to Wixie

*You can use your device's camera to capture a video in Wixie.*

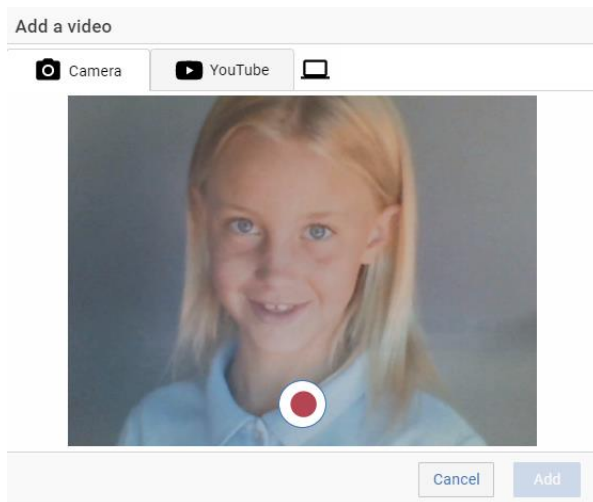
Video is a powerful way to provide more personal prompts and instructions in your Wixie assignments when you can't be face-to-face to support and encourage your students.

Recording video is also an easy way to have to students explain their work and respond to questions in Wixie without having to struggle to type.

Select the Video button on the toolbar.

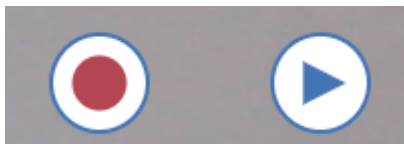


The Add a video dialog will default to the Camera option.



Use the Record button to begin recording. Press Stop when you are done.

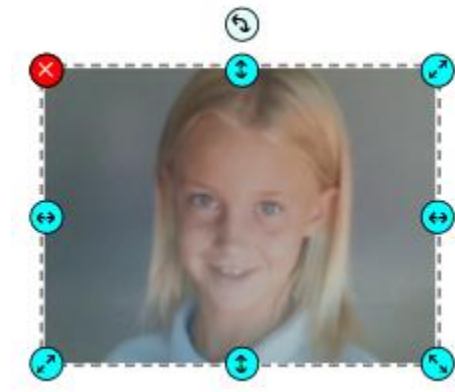
Use the Play button to review your video.



If you don't like it, use the Record button to record a new video.

If you like it, select the Add button to add the video to the current page in your project.

The video will show as an object on the page.

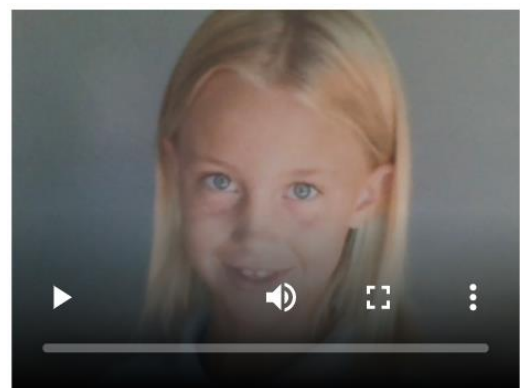


Move the cursor over the middle to move it to a new location and use the handles to resize.

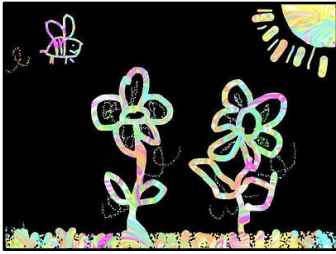
Use the Play button on the tool panel to watch while editing.



If you are presenting, the movie will have controls on it.



# Ideas for Remote Learning in Kindergarten



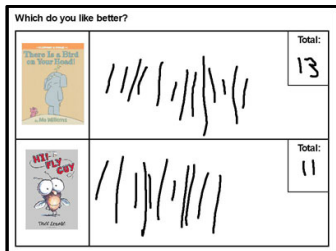
## Create a scratch art picture of spring

Students use the eraser tool in Wixie to create a scratch art picture of spring. Students simply log in to Wixie and search "scratch" for a range of scratch art activities. They can use a template like spring or flowers and erase to create a spring design. [More ideas](#)



## Sight word stories

Have your kindergarteners practice sight words by writing their own sight word story and combining pages into a class project! Search "I Go" from your teacher's home page to find and assign a template or make your own.



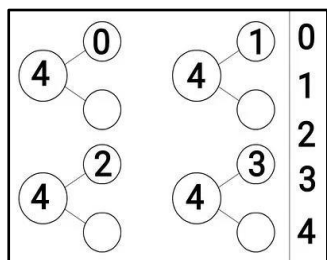
## Simple surveys and great graphs

Have students survey their friends, family members, and neighbors about a favorite book, sport, food, game, or at-home activity. They can collect survey findings using tally marks to practice counting. [Lesson plan](#)



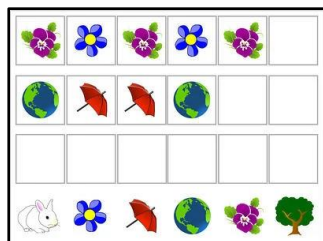
## Go on a letter hunt!

Encourage students to walk around their house or neighborhood and identify objects that begin with a specific letter. Students use their devices to capture images or write down what they found. Have students create a page in Wixie to share what they found using images, text, voice narration, or video. [Lesson plan](#)



## Use number bonds and five-frames

Wixie includes a wealth of templates you can use to get kindergarten students to visualize value and play with numbers. Search for "number bond" or "fact family" or "five frame" to find templates that support standards for Operations and Algebraic Thinking.

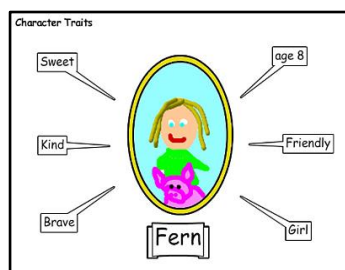


## Play with patterns

Learning how to identify and create patterns like ABA or ABBA helps build future math foundations, even algebra! Wixie includes several activities for building and practicing visual patterns. You can also have your child draw a pattern or use images added to a blank page.

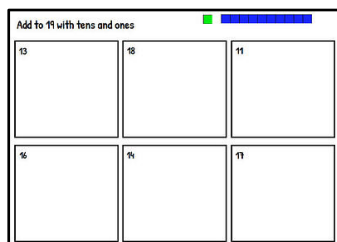
For more ideas for remote learning in Kindergarten visit: <https://web.tech4learning.com/ideas-for-at-home-kindergartners>

# Ideas for Remote Learning in First Grade



## Identify character traits

Ask your young learners to recall and retell key details about a character in a book you are reading. Search "trait" in Wixie to have them draw a picture of the character and type, or record, words about the character's physical traits, feelings, and actions. [Step-by-step](#)



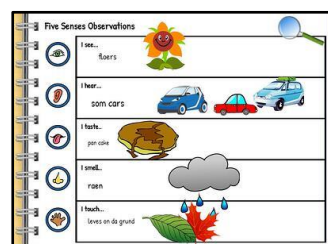
## Use virtual manipulatives

Math manipulatives provide a tangible way to help students see and grasp the nature of numbers and procedures. Search Wixie for "base ten" to find a range of templates that use base ten blocks to help students visualize place value. [More ideas](#)

Word	Picture	Definition
Surprise		unxpekt d evnt
Respect		treet pepel kind lik polic
Miserable		unhape
Opposite		be en difrent

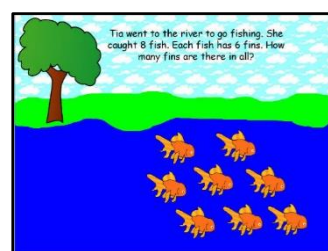
## Create a digital word wall

Students can use the "word wall" template in Wixie to create their own word wall. Assign the template to each learner, so they can add words they do not know from books they are reading or hearing. Have students look up the meaning in a dictionary or ask a parent or teacher to help them define and add a picture and even voice recording. [More ideas](#)



## Take a 5-senses walk

Go outside and walk around your yard or neighborhood. What do you see, hear, smell, touch, or taste? When you come back inside, search Wixie for "observation" and open the 5 Senses Observation template. Add text or pictures to show what you observed for each sense.



## Write your own word problems

Visualizing word problems in Wixie, using the paint tools to draw models or adding images from the media library, can help students better identify key pieces of a problem and the relations between them. [More ideas](#)



## Adapt your favorite pattern story

Read one of your favorite pattern stories and create your own adaptation. Wixie includes templates for favorites like Brown Bear, Brown Bear, It Looked Like Spilt Milk, Cat in the Hat, and more. [Lesson plan](#)

For more ideas for remote learning in first grade visit: <https://web.tech4learning.com/ideas-for-at-home-first-graders>



## Persuade for a pet

## Simple surveys and great graphs

## Create an animal riddle

## Design a habitat snow globe

## Design an animal diary

**September 21st**

Today we went to the Arctic. I think it's pointless.  
If only we could survive there!

(I did this when I was 2 years old. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and now)



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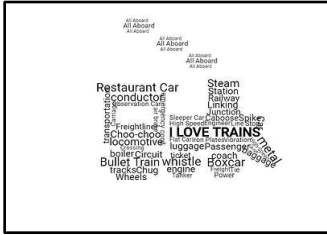


# Ideas for Remote Learning in Third Grade



## Create a book bento

Create a book bento to retell important details about a text or to visually celebrate your favorite title. Search "bento" in Wixie for a fun background, then arrange images about the book and add hyperlinks for an interactive collage.



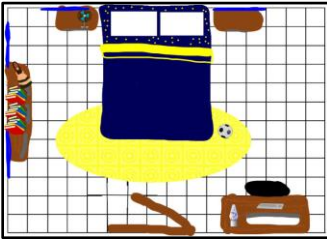
## Craft a concrete poem

Concrete poems are poems where the words are arranged in a shape that reflects the topic of the poem. Write your poem in small verses or stanzas and use the rotate handle above a text box in Wixie to adjust the direction. [More ideas](#)



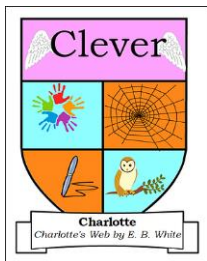
## Create visual arrays

Creating arrays is an excellent way for students to visualize multiplication and see how it is repeated addition. Students can create their own arrays by adding stickers to a blank page or search "array" at your Wixie homepage to find pre-made templates. You can also send students on a multiplication array scavenger hunt around their home.



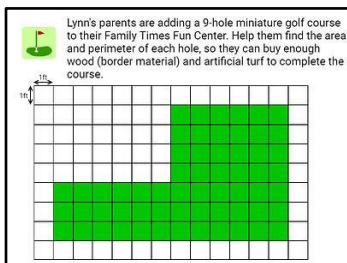
## Make a map of your room

Combine map-making and measurement skills by asking students to design a map of their bedroom or other favorite room in their home. Search "grid" and open or assign the small grid so students can use the squares to show size accurately. Bonus if they include a scale!



## Create a coat of arms for a book character

A coat of arms is a symbolic representation of a family's identity and values. Create a coat of arms for a book character for a creative way to showcase your comprehension of their traits. Search "coat of arms" in Wixie to open a template that makes it easy to color, add images, and write a motto. [Lesson plan](#)

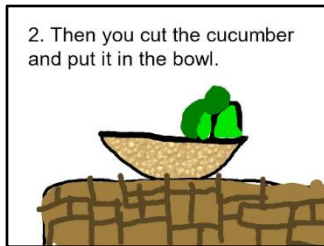


## Play with perimeter

Area and perimeter are easy math skills to connect to the world beyond the classroom. Log in to Wixie and search "Mini Golf Measurements" or browse Templates>Math>Measurement for a multi-page activity that has students use perimeter and area to calculate how much wood and turf are needed for several holes at a new miniature golf course.

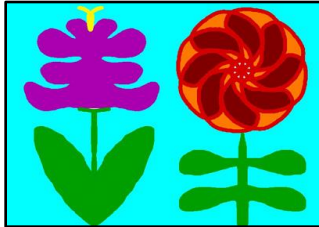
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# Ideas for Remote Learning in Fourth Grade



## Design your own how-to video

How are you spending your time when you can't hang out and play with friends? Create your own how-to and share it with friends to give them a new idea for a fun at-home activity. [Lesson plan](#)



## Draw with symmetry

Challenge your 4th graders to draw using the symmetry (mirror setting) options in Wixie. For example, ask them to create a spring scene with different flowers. Students can use both mirror and radial symmetry options. [Lesson plan](#)



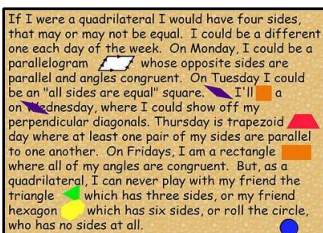
## Conduct an interview with a figure from history

Research a historical event and share your new-found knowledge and opinions as you conduct a fictitious interview with a person who was there. [More ideas](#)



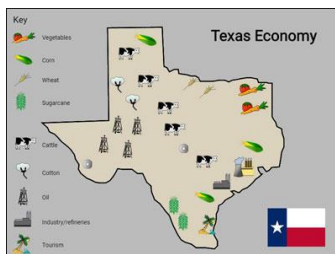
## Create visual versions of poetry

Open a new blank project, type a poem from your favorite poet or one you have written, adding stanzas to each page. Add illustrations and record yourself reading it. [Lesson plan](#)



## Craft an if/but comparative

Comparing and contrasting is a powerful learning tool, as shown by educational research. Have students craft an If/But comparative report to showcase how two topics they are studying, such as animals, book characters, or geographic regions, are similar and different.



## Make a map

Wixie makes it easy for students to combine painted artwork and icons to create political, physical, resources or economic maps. Start from a blank page and use the Image button to browse the Map Icons folder in the Stickers library to show geographic or economic features.

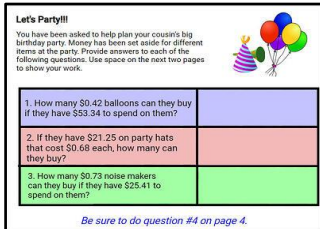
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# Ideas for Remote Learning in Fifth Grade



## Raise awareness with a public service announcement

Have students use Wixie to combine images with voice narration to raise awareness, inform, and change behavior. When developing a public service announcement (PSA), students have a chance to practice and apply persuasive writing skills in a real-world, authentic context. A short PSA targeted at a particular audience also encourages students to focus on writing organization, as well as voice and word choice. [Lesson plan](#)



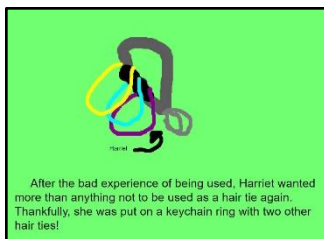
## Plan an event

Planning a party and getting others to (help) pay for it requires students to practice and apply both math and argument skills. Search Wixie for "party" to find a template you can assign or choose an event, like an end-of-the-year class party (face-to-face or virtual!) and ask students to plan the event and share how much it will cost. [Lesson plan](#)



## Inform with Infographics

Research information or collect data on a science topic. Create charts and graphs, analyze the information, and create an infographic to display your findings. Share your infographic to raise awareness on Earth Day! [Lesson plan](#)



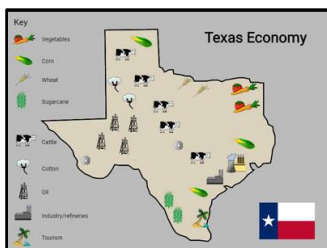
## Publish a personification story

Have students personify an object, use Wixie to write and illustrate a story about it, and publish their work as an eBook! [Lesson plan](#)



## Historical Newsletter

To help students better understand the perspectives of those experiencing the revolution, have them develop newsletters that recall and retell historic events. [Lesson plan](#)



## Create a neighborhood field guide

Ask students to go outside, or even look out a window, and simply observe the plants and animals there. Have them find a plant they find beautiful, or an animal that interests them. Use the paint tools in Wixie to carefully record their observations along with text labels and insights to share what they notice. [Lesson plan](#)

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