

Hello parents and students!

I hope everyone had a great Easter. I hope you all were able to keep a few of your normal family traditions even though the pandemic is causing things to be quite different this year.

For the next several assignments, I would like the students to work on journaling. Writing in journals can be a powerful strategy for students to gain writing fluency. They can use it as a chance to practice spelling, punctuation, grammar, and using a variety of sentences that flow and make sense.

I would like the students to begin creating 2 journal entries per week. Journals can be hand written or typed (student's choice), but should all be kept together and dated.

The attached page contains a list of topics for students to choose from to write about in their journals.

Missing you all!

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Journal Topics

1. What has changed in your life since this pandemic began?
2. What is your #1 concern about how life has changed for you?
3. Write a letter to your future self 5, 10 or 20 years from now and explain how the pandemic changed life as you once knew it.
4. Explain in detail how the things that matter the most to you in life have changed because of the pandemic?
5. Describe your e-learning and "school at home" day. How is it different from your regular school experiences?
6. Imagine your ideal study space at home. What does it look like?
7. Write a about what you miss about school.
8. Have you taken any virtual tours of museums, parks or other interesting places? If so, explain how a virtual tour compares to an actual one.
9. How have your parents' schedules changed? Compare and contrast their day now with their typical day.
10. How are you feeling today about your home and family life?
11. How are you feeling about the world and how it has changed because of the pandemic?
12. What do you miss the most about life from before this outbreak?
13. What do you miss the least about life from before this outbreak?
14. What changes do you think this pandemic has caused that will still be around years from now?
15. Write what you think your teacher's day looks like now. Describe your teacher's day at home.
16. What do you think your principal's day looks like? Describe your principal's day at home.
17. Do you have animals at home? How has your being home during the school day changed their normal day?
18. When you are at school, what do you think your pet does all day?
19. Write a story and narrate your pet's day and how their life is different now that the entire family is home so much.
20. What do you know about coronavirus? What fears do you have?
21. Has your family experienced any shortages of items during these times? List out the changes in detail.
22. Are you feeling more stressed or anxious these days? Explain your answer in detail.
23. List out all the things that have changed in your daily life since the pandemic began? What have you learned from them?
24. What else has changed for you because of COVID-19?
25. What are you doing with all your extra time? Are you binge-watching Netflix or Disney+, creating art, writing, sleeping... explain your answer in as much detail as you can.
26. What have you learned about your family members that surprises you?
27. Distance learning is new for a lot of students. Do you like it? Why or why not?
28. What new technology skills have you learned because of distance and e-learning?
29. Do you like distance learning? Do you want to continue with it or would you prefer to go back to classroom learning?
30. Are you getting more or less exercise at home than normal? Why or why not?
31. How are you keeping up with your extracurricular activities?
32. Describe what your first day back to school will be like.
33. Do you have siblings? Do you like spending more time with them? Why or why not?
34. What is the littlest issue that you and your sibling(s) have fought about? Explain in detail.
35. If you wear a uniform for school, do you miss it? Why or why not?
36. Design your ideal school uniform and describe it in detail from head to toe.
37. Do you miss lunchtime at school? Why or why not?
38. What do you eat for lunch at home? Who do you socialize with at lunch?
39. What would you want to talk about with your friends at school during lunch or recess today?
40. How are you keeping in contact with friends? Be sure to include what you like and what you do not like about how things have changed.
41. Write a letter to your best friend and then send it in the mail to her.
42. If your school isn't returning this spring, what activities and events will you miss the most? What will you miss the least?
43. Field trips are something that you might be missing – what trips would you like to take now with your family?
44. What field trips would you like to take when school is back in session? Why?
45. What are your school values? How are you exemplifying them while at home?
46. Write your daily announcements for today's day of school at home.