

Writing Topic Week 1 Choice Example

What Have I Been Doing and What have I learned (Since school has been closed)

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Things I've learned during three weeks at home due to social distancing measures: (Your writing doesn't have to be this long, this is just an example)

First of all, I've learned how much I love my community of Barnaby River. To have to stay at home and on my property is a little easier in such a wonderful community as Barnaby River. We have amazing neighbors who remain active outside, still helping their neighbors while respecting physical distancing. To relax, stay active and keep my brain happy skiing, snow shoeing, and now walking and biking in the wonderful community, has really benefited my physical and mental health.

Also, I have come to the understanding that I love time with my family, but home schooling is tough. Reading books, watching movies (yes I am inundating my kids with Star Wars movies), playing games indoors and outside, have all been a nice change to rushing from place to place. While this is a nice time with kids, setting up a school with routines, and school expectations, as my partner and I continue to work from home, it isn't easy. One day while I was on a school staff skype meeting, before I could notice, my 7 year-old just decided to go watch cartoons on Netflix. Some how Math Dream box turned to Sonic the Hedgehog. This won't be easy, but as teachers, students, and parents we can get through this together, and support each other.

Finally, love my job and miss my students and the school. No, really, I miss all of you a lot. Yes, even calling out in the hallway for people to get into class. School and teaching is so much more than just teaching academic skills for you to practice and work on. I've learned that you have to be in a classroom to notice faces and to ask "how are you doing?" or "are you ok?" This for students is even more important as "please finish this assignment." Relationships of knowing we care about each other matters

most. Yes, even sharing our interests and humor, as silly as it may be at times, is so important. We will try to do this through videos, and virtual classroom space on Microsoft Teams during all this. Mr. Bosma always knew this, but I think now I have learned how important communicating with each other really is.