

May 4, 2020

Good Morning Parents and Students,

We enter the month of May with some interesting new learning activities. The lessons which I am most excited about this week are in our narrative writing project. I was able to locate a great instructional video series that teaches the narrative writing process, day by day, just like I taught you in our “brick and mortar” classroom. By the way, I really miss learning with all of you, boys and girls, in Our Room 214! So much of our learning was centered around interaction and modeling. That’s what is fun about this narrative writing project, each day I will post the next lesson, you will watch a video, then as an added “plus” Mrs. Forsyth volunteered to work through each lesson and share about her life as another concrete example before you write. Then, you do that day’s part of the writing piece, step by step, day by day, which isn’t quite as fun as working at the back table together but each evening I will check your work and make comments and/or suggestions. Even if you accidentally don’t participate one day, no worries, I will label the lessons, (Day 1), (Day 2), (Day 3) and so on, just complete each assignment in day order! I really enjoy reading your writing lessons because then I get to learn more about you, narrative writing, stories about YOU! 😊

Last week’s zoom was super interesting and funny when we all shared our animals for which we are caretakers (pets), even a lizard and Alina’s cat she always talked about in class, really is FAT just like my cat, Buddy. This was a random share but so much fun I think we should make it a weekly tradition during our zoom check-ins, after mini-lessons and we talk about what we’re learning, enjoying, frustrations, etc. then we share something fun and personal. Guess I am still on the “animal” craze. Let’s share our favorite stuffed animal tomorrow (you must keep it hidden until the very end of our session and then just like last week. Mrs. Evans will be a regular member of our zoom meetings which means we can now create at least two breakout rooms. Sorry about Elden being alone with himself in a breakout room, I am getting better at managing the technology all the time!

Tuesdays – Check-in with Ms. Toneri every Tuesday from 1:30-2:00 p.m. (probably until 2:30 Tuesday)

Meeting ID: 939 8980 6366 Password: 923240 (Check Google Classroom for Specialist Links)

<https://everettsd.zoom.us/j/93989806366>

Parents, please know I am here to help and always ready to give you a phone call and/or zoom with parents (district directive states we should not individually zoom with students just like we would be with students alone within our “brick and mortar” classroom). If I can be of support to your family please email & let me know a couple of times to contact you. I observed not as many students participating in our google classroom and/or completing I-Ready minutes last week in comparison to the previous week. We are now taking attendance in terms of participation during Zoom Meetings/I-Ready Completion and Google Classroom participation. This is new district directive. I simply mark participation or nonparticipation in gradebook, no evaluative grading. I can help with food and other issues too, let me know or our school counselor, Ms. Debi DDoyle@everettsd.org; if you need help, not only do I care deeply about each one of you academically and hope you stay engaged in learning, also I care about you and your family personally. If I can help I will....

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