



To My Incoming 6th Grade Reading Class,

*You will be entering Middle School like no one else before you!!!!
Literally and figuratively!!!*

Each of my classes and the children who make up those classes are always so unique and manage to teach me so much more than I knew. BUT this year, you are truly different in every sense of the word. YOU have seen and witnessed our lives changing right before our very eyes.

For this reason I had no choice but to make our summer reading list UNIQUE to only this class. I hope you are as excited as I am.

Please read any 2 I Survived OR Dear America books from the series. While reading them I want you to put yourself in “the disaster/journey” alongside the main character. Ask yourself questions and write your feelings and questions along the margins of the pages. (This is the beginning of ANNOTATING a book. Something you will become a pro in Middle School.)

Now I am going to ask you to become an AUTHOR!!! When you are done with the 2 “survivor” books I want you to think of our own Covid 19 Coronana Virus pandemic experience that we have been going through.

How did YOU SURVIVE COVID 19 -- THE PANDEMIC OF 2020!! ?

Yep, just like your main characters you are going to tell the story through a children’s book (1st gr level) A children’s book does not have many words in it - just clear ideas and lots of pictures. I will hopefully get to show you some during our ZOOM meeting and I will definitely post some on my school page. Before you leave your world of education (10 years or so) I am sure you will be reading about this pandemic in Social Studies classes I hope you can refer to your children’s book to help you remember what it was really all about!!

ASSIGNMENT:

FIRST:

Read 2 I Survived OR Dear America books. (You can mix and match if you prefer). While reading take notes in your books. Write down your feelings using emojis, ask questions, react to what you are reading!!

Connect with your characters

What were their challenges?

How would you have handled the challenges differently?

Did they have anyone to talk to or to rely on throughout the ordeal?

NEXT:

Think about our own challenges we have had to overcome during The Pandemic of 2020. What were the challenges you faced as a boy/girl growing up in quarantine? I never had to deal with that before I entered Middle School! What did it feel like? What good came from it? Did you grow closer to your family? Did you take on new hobbies?

Become an Children's Author/Illustrator

Write and illustrate a book for a first grader

You can make it as simple or as elaborate ("fancy") as you prefer. Your goals are to:

A. Tell me about the pandemic (leaving school, being in quarantine, staying healthy, etc...)

B. How did you overcome and survive the pandemic?

C. What good came from the pandemic?

Remember a 1st grade level book shouldn't have too many words. 1st graders love powerful words with lots and lots of pictures. You may draw them yourself or you may get them online to tell about your story. There should never be white space on the pages. Color in your backgrounds!!! BE CREATIVE!!! Ask yourself ..."If I were in 1st grade would I love this book!?"

FINALLY!

For the 2 books you read, write a one paragraph BOOK REVIEW for each of the books. (2 reviews 2 paragraphs) What was wonderful/terrible about the book?

What did you learn from the main character?

Again WELCOME CLASS OF 2023!! You enter Middle School like none other before you!!!! Enjoy reading ... you will use it for the rest of your life! I look forward to many many happy pages with you.

Mrs.

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