

Mrs. Green's Enrichment News

Message From The

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Teacher You Can Do It!

This week we are going to start some projects that I think are both important and enjoyable. You will have some options when completing the work and I want you to think about being "flexibly creative". If you need to adapt the lessons to what works in your setting and with your current supplies, please do so and know that I want you to ENJOY this learning experience.

Project:

I Survived the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020

You may create either a digital chapter book; a paper and pencil chapter book; or a graphic novel.

I Survived Tips

The "I Survived" series of books describes accounts of real-life events through fictional characters using a first-person narrative perspective. You can do the same, combining your personal experiences with factual information through learned research. How? A good way is to journal about your thoughts, feelings, experiences and interactions. Also, you may add pictures to help describe events, whether you draw them by hand or take photos with a device. Then, use one of the websites we have used before in order to gather more facts and information about what is happening around you. Here is the link in case you've forgotten:

- <https://www.timeforkids.com/> -all resources are free and available digitally or you can print too

How do I work on this project from home?

This will be different since I am not present to help guide you in each step, but I know that you can still create something awesome! On my website, there is a link with a journal template that you may download and type in directly, print and write on at home, or just use as an example for topics and journal in a notebook or on paper that you already have around the house. If you are opting to create a graphic novel instead, use the journal entries as ideas for what to depict in each chapter. Remember, you will use a combination of the journaling with current images, pictures, and information from kid-friendly news sources. Also, do a little at a time!

Where can I get ideas and inspiration?

READ! Reading other examples of "I Survived" books and graphic novels is a great way to help inspire your own attempt. I think you might enjoy perusing the following link for inspiration:

http://laurentarshis.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/DDay-Book_web-V4.pdf

Sample Project Plan for Six Weeks of School

- ❖ Week 1: Think back to before we left for Spring Break and record early journal entries. *We were getting ready for trips, just starting to hear about COVID-19 in other countries, etc..
- ❖ Week 2: Make a list of all of the things that you love and have enjoyed about learning from home and having an extended break.
- ❖ Week 3: Make a list of the things that have changed in how you do daily life, school, get groceries, play with friends, etc.
- ❖ Week 4: Research; what are some factual accounts of the pandemic that you would want to use to inform your audience? Look on Time for Kids for your facts (and don't forget to site your sources).
- ❖ Week 5: Draft; work on writing and combining all that you have done so far to make into readable chapters that will be a unique book.
- ❖ Week 6: Edit; Get your book publication ready. Look for places that you could add more pictures or photos, add captions to explain images, look for places that you could improve your writing, etc.

Please note that this project is unique to you! We are living in a historical time right now and you can create the best project for your needs. Be sure to share your ideas with me!