

School's Closed, Now What?



On March 16, 2020, St. George School closed its doors and transitioned to remote learning in response to the global pandemic caused by COVID19.

To combat the spread of the virus, students, teachers, and parents remained home for the rest of the school year.

This book honors the grief and opportunity found in our shared experiences of remote learning.

A

is for asking questions

It is hard when we are at school online. If we were at school it would be easier.

William

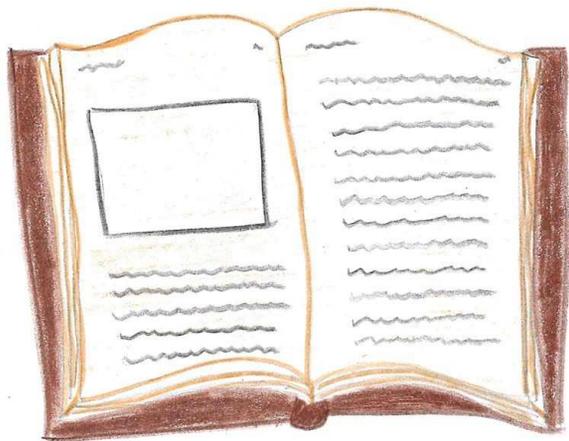


B

is for books

I can learn to read from a book. At home there are less books. At school we have more. At school there is a library. At home there is not. Books make me happy because I can read them.

Koby



C

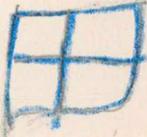
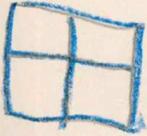
is for computer

Because of the coronavirus we are learning at home now instead of being at school. It is different learning on my computer. We do Zoom meetings. On Zoom I get to see my class. I like Zoom.

Madeleine

Instead of...

Regular School



We Learn on

Zoom

A	B	c	D	e	f	g
h	i	j	K	l	m	n
o	p	q	r	s	t	u
v	w	x	Y	Z		

D

is for daily

We have struggled with our daily routine and finding a new normal. It has been frustrating and sad for us all to not be in touch with teachers and friends in the school setting, but we have persevered and are making a new daily normal in our home.

Summer / parent

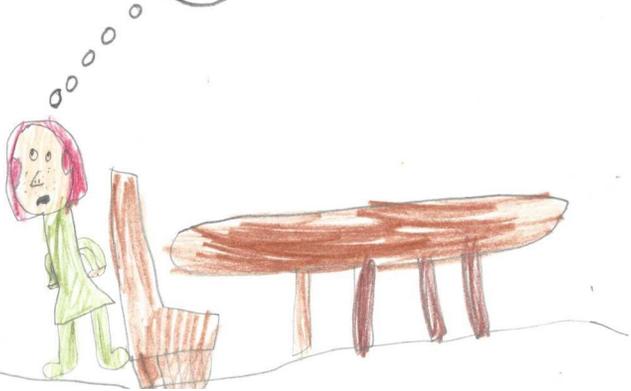


E

is for expedition

Expedition is sometimes hard while we are remote schooling because sometimes my Mom and Dad are busy and I'm confused. But I have to persevere and when I do that I always find a way to finish my work. And sometimes it's hard to focus when I'm sitting at my table - it's my desk right now. It is nice working from home because I can see my family more, but it's hard to not be able to see my friends when I think of them so much. Expedition is really fun from home but I would rather be working at school with my classmates and my friends and my teachers.

Nola



F

is for friends

Because of the coronavirus I don't get to see my friends. I can see my friends on Zoom but not at school. I feel sad. I hope to go back to school so that I can play with my friends.

Carsen

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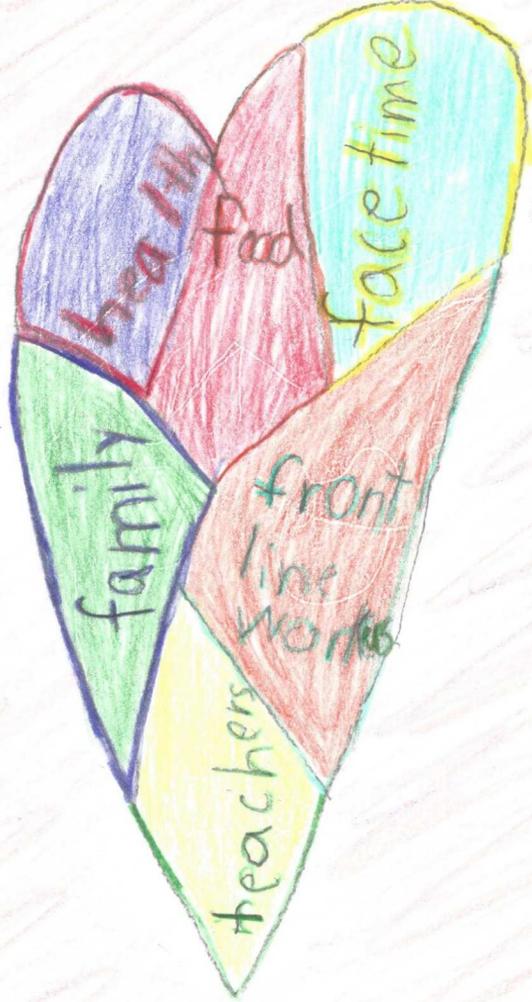


G

is for grateful

I am grateful for my family and our health. I am grateful I get to FaceTime my best friend. I feel grateful that we have remote classes to help us learn.

Dylan



H

is for house

My house is my school. My rose is I
get to play outside more and I get to
play more video games. My thorn is I
miss regular school.

Madeleine



Rose



Thorn

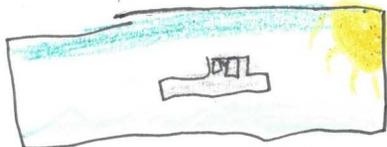


I

is for Internet

I am now learning from home using the Internet. Sometimes the Internet doesn't work and I can't do my schoolwork. I miss being at school with my teacher and my friends. When the Internet works I get to see my classmates.

Olivia



I

is for also for isolation

There are a few different types of isolation. Social isolation means a complete separation from others. I was fortunate to have my three children at home with me during this time, but as the days went by I started to feel socially isolated from my friends and family and it made me feel sad. People who have been diagnosed with the coronavirus have been told by their doctors that they need to isolate. This is called medical isolation. Just like social isolation, medical isolation can also make people feel sad, lonely, and scared.

Autumn / nurse



J

is for Juliette

Juliette is one of our cousins. We have been going over to her house instead of going to school. We go outside and we chase the chicks around. We go on hikes with her. I feel happy because we get to spend time with her.

Arabella



come on

coming

go wah

K

is for kin

We've been getting to see our Nana
alot because our mama has been
going to work a lot. Our nana's name
also starts with a K. Her name is Kim.
I feel happy because we get to see
nana more.

Adelaide



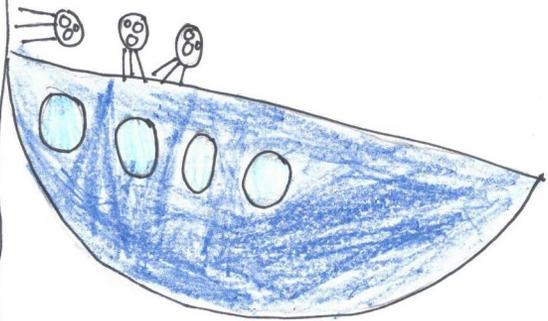
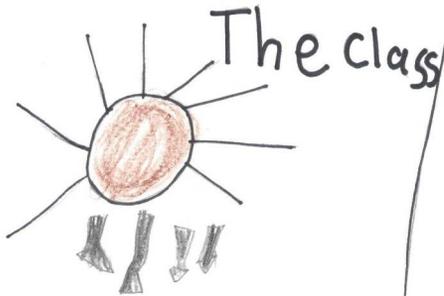
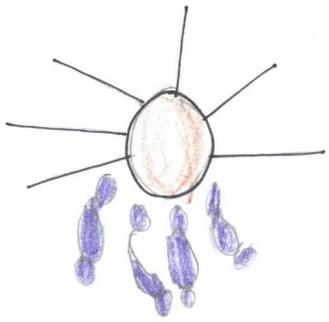
L

is for lost

I lost my friends. I lost my classroom.
I lost everything in the classroom. I
feel sad because I miss everything,
like seeing my friends in person.

Gracie

Liam Willa Macey Olivia Maddy Colin Maddy Kieran Ben Maddy Sky Bentley Lizz Harper Dylan H15 Steven



M

is for missing my friends

Not being able to see my friends is hard because I can't play with them. I can't wait for the coronavirus to be over so I can play kickball and basketball with them.

Elijah

RUN!



N

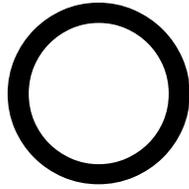
is for nervous

I have been nervous the whole time because if my sister or parents get sick so will I. I'm not that nervous now because I think coronavirus is going to be over soon and it's almost
SUMMER!

Liam



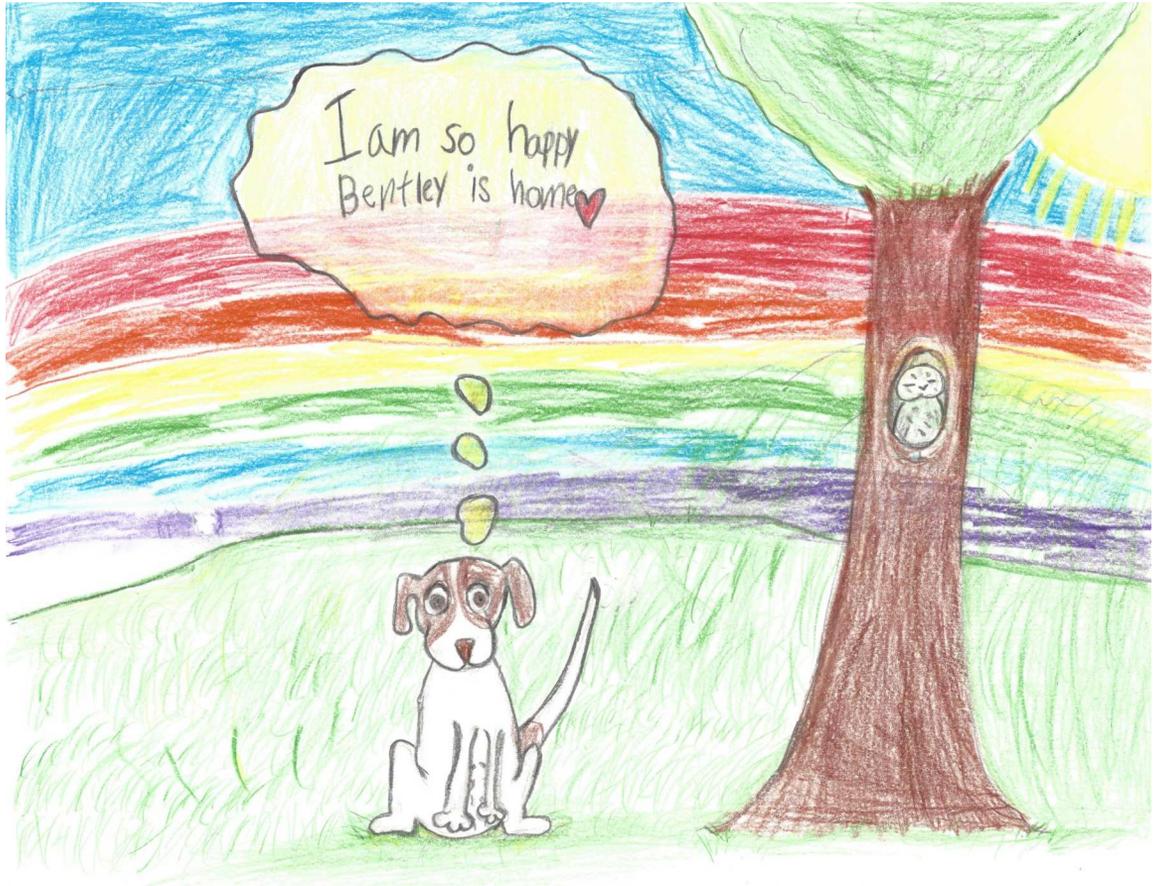
cough



is for opportunity

I now have the opportunity to stay home with my dog Abby. I think Abby is happy because she loves playing with me and sitting next to me while I do my schoolwork. I also get to play outside a lot.

Bentley



P

is for participate

It is hard to participate. We do not know what time our work is assigned. Because of that, it is very hard to know when to do work.

Benjamin



Q

is for quiet

Now it is more quiet. I miss talking to my friends. The quiet helps me sleep. School is louder and has more rooms.

Brady



R

is for rare

I chose the word rare because this has never happened before. Learning from home is rare. My mom being my teacher is rare. It makes me feel sad and happy because I miss my friends and teachers but kind of like staying home.

Hayzen



R

is also for rules

We have a lot of rules to follow during the coronavirus. One rule is that we have to stay six feet apart from our friends. We can't go to restaurants. We have to wear masks when we are outside or around others. In our store, we can't have more than five people in at a time. Before the coronavirus, I went to Orlando and went on the Jurassic Park river ride and many others. Because of the new rules, I could not do that today. These rules make me feel sad, angry, and even depressed. I really don't like that school is out. I miss my friends.

Steven

6 feet



S

is for sad

I chose sad because I'm now working at home and not getting to see all my friends and teachers. I miss working with my friends in the classroom. I miss helping my friends and playing with them. I miss getting to see Ms. Babb and I miss her teaching. I miss specials a lot.

Iris



T

is for teachers

Teachers are the main part of remote schooling. What I mean is that teachers give us work to do. They help all the kids and most of all they have Zoom meetings. And I miss seeing their faces not-on-Zoom though.

Nola



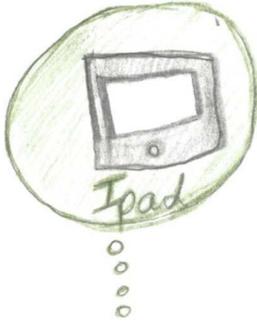
U

is for uneasy

Sometimes it's uneasy to homeschool because I'm always on my iPad. It's uneasy because I miss my friends. It's uneasy because our new normal doesn't feel normal at all. Life in 2020 feels uneasy a lot of the days.

Dylan

? home school



6ft
←→
apart



stay home

~~NO sleep overs~~

Wear a mask

V

is for virus

A virus, named COVID19, has made a lot of people sick. In order to remain safe, teachers and students from all over the world have had to work from home. How was I going to teach my students with many of the materials I needed still at school? So many questions without immediate answers! I miss the interaction with other teachers and I miss my student friends - laughing and learning as a team. I am hopeful that we can be together again very soon. Virus, virus, go away...you are NOT here to stay!!

Mrs. Brickel | Ed-Tech



W

is for wish

I wish that I could see my dog Denali, the twins, and Ms. Babb. I wish I could see my classmates. We have something going around that's not good for us and we don't want to take the risk or touch it.

Our moms and dads are having us homeschool. I feel sad about it.

Skylar

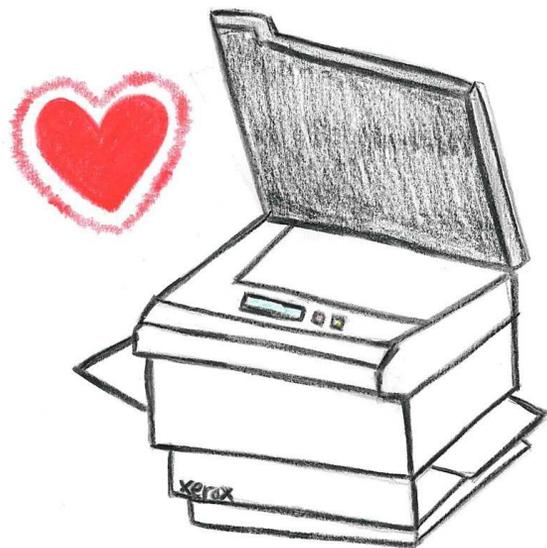


X

is for xerox.

Making xeroxes of student materials is always a social event. The copy machine is located in the teacher room at school, so you can always count on a smile, a hug, or a conversation while xeroxing. But with school closed and access to the building limited, the teacher room is empty. Waves of nostalgia wash over me when I walk into the teacher room to make copies now. I stand alone xeroxing, longing for the teacher room that was.

Ms. Babb



Y

is for you

You now have to learn from home. I miss everything about school. I use nature to learn at home. School is longer and bigger!

Brady

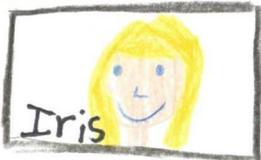


Z

is for zoom

I chose Zoom because that helps me see my friends and teachers. I Zoom with Ms. Babb every week and it makes me excited and happy. I like to see my friends even though it can get very very loud.

crew



Iris



Alison



Koby



Nola



Nurse



Brickle



Sky



Addie



Arabella



Dylan



Liam



Elijah

Thank you to the families who helped make this book a reality.

The student work produced for this project is a credit to your dedication to your child's academic career.

Thank you for helping these students find their voices and for encouraging them share their voices in this book.

