Hi Everyone,

First, I want to tell you how nice it was to talk to most of you the other day and for those I couldn’t reach, I missed hearing your voices as well!

I hope you are all surviving this crazy situation we are in and following all of the guidelines from your parents/guardians and the health professionals. Social distancing and staying home are the key ways to beat this! We will get through it and look back on this time as a time we will never forget!

You have all heard that we are starting the Home Learning process as we can not attend school. This is a completely new adventure for all of us and we are going through this together, you and me! So, having said that, we are all learning through this.

The most important thing I want all of you know is that this is a **continuation of LEARNING**. It is “Home Learning” is **NOT** the same as “Home School” – I am not expecting you to replace our classroom with your home environment – your livingroom, family room or your kitchen table – this is a “learning” opportunity to **encourage** you to continue to learn when you are away from school.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN HOME LEARNING:**

**#1 Continue reading** – try to read at least 15-20 minutes per day, for sure! You have all heard me say, (over and over again, LOL), how important it is to keep up with your reading and how this will flow over into helping you with your writing as well. So really, really try to do this when you are home.

**#2 Invitation to** **begin a journal of this Coronavirus 19 Pandemic** - You guys are making history here so you should be documenting your experiences and feelings throughout.

For this part of your learning, you can use any platform you wish – writing in a journal of your choice, typing it in Goggle Docs and sharing it, type it up and email it to me, use Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, TikTok, or whatever social media you wish, you can make a video log for every day, it is completely up to you. Choose some way for you to document what is happening throughout this COVID-19 dilemma. You can document daily or every second day. Watch the news or read news feeds, look for stories where people share their direct experiences with the virus, check statistics and what the trends are, talk about your emotions, interview family members – even grandparents, finding out if they have ever gone through anything like this before, look for ways that you can look back on this journal and remember and share what you went through with people in your future lives.

\* And please feel free to share with me if you choose to do so. I’d love to see what you come up with. Or share it with someone at home or anyone you trust.

#3 **On-line resource called CommonLit** - This is a place where I will assign some reading assignments for you to complete. After you read the assignment, you will have a few multiple choice questions to complete and submit. I will assign one reading per week for you to work away at. This is a great way for you to…you guessed… keep up with your READING COMPREHENSION.

Please use the link below to enroll into English 9:

[www.commonlit.org/enroll](http://www.commonlit.org/enroll)

And use the class code: KZPVEK

**You will be asked to save your log in info – please take a picture of it so you do not forget it.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

I will be checking in with all of you every week, just to see how you are doing. I will also look for anything you want to share with me on a daily bases.

I encourage you to do a little schedule up for yourself. Set a time for you to do your home learning.

Here is a suggested schedule you may want to use:

**(IMPORTANT - 2.5 hours per day – this is for all of your classes):**

**English – approximately 40 minutes per day – 15-20 minutes reading, 10-15 minutes journal, 15 - 20 minutes Common Lit**

**If you have ANY questions about any of this information, please do not hesitate to email me. Or if you even just want to check in with me or talk about anything, I am here ☺**

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**Take care everyone and stay home and be safe ☺**

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