

I Survived Covid-19.....

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Dear journal,

Today I survived another day of Covid-19. It is Monday today so I had a lot of school work that had to be done through the distance learning, it was the first day of Waggle. Waggle is a learning website that has games, activities, etc. I also FaceTimed with my friends for a bit and we had a blast. I also went on a walk with my mom and my dog Coda, it was really windy but we were lucky we went when we did because when we got back an hour or two later, the wind REALLY picked up and it was so loud. We had found out shortly after that our neighbors had a tree fall on their house and made a huge gouge in their roof and took out their satellite and a few gutters. During all of this I was doing my math on Waggle and it was so crazy windy that it distracted me from doing my math.

I am feeling really sad. When governor Evers said that we wouldn't be going back to school for the rest of the year I felt torn. It hurt my heart, I was going to miss Sherman Elementary School. A lot of the other kids get to go next year but since I am in fifth grade I dont get to go back next year:(. I will miss my teachers and seeing their smiley faces and helping me learn. Especially Mrs. Brower, she was my teacher this year. She was the one who helped my classmates prepare for this crisis when we were still in school. I am grateful that she prepared us for this, I am also grateful for being alive. I am also grateful for having good WiFi to do my school work and to FaceTime my friends

and play Roblox on and to have iPads to do all of this stuff on. That's how I survived #coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic safer at home today.

2nd Day of I survived Covid-19 4/21/2020

Dear journal,

Today was a really good day! I got a lot of my school work done! And I got to reply to Mrs. Ferstenou's email to all of the fifth graders. I also am really close to finishing remaking my squishy that I got in a kit. Me and my mom and my dog went for a 1.5 mile walk today and the fresh air felt really good. On our way there we saw a tree company. Remember how I told you about yesterday during those really high winds a tree fell on my neighbors house? Well that's what the tree company was there for. So I figured it was going ok with them. When we got back from the walk I played outside with my doggie while my mommy filled the bird feeders. We were playing with sticks. It was silly and fun! Today I was feeling a lot better than yesterday. I was more happy and proud of myself. I was happy because I got to spend more time with my puppy outside, more than I did yesterday. And I was proud of myself because I got a lot of my school work done!

Oh yeah last night we did a really cool thing! We looked at pictures from when I was a baby and it brought back some really good memories and we had really good laughs at some of them! I saw some of the pictures of my old dog Ally too. She was eight years old when I was born and she was so nice to me and she loved me so much. She laid by my crib when I was sleeping, and she would sniff my hair and my hands. We've always said she and I have the same hair color and you could really see it in my pictures.

I realized today that this corentine has its ups and its downs. One of the ups is that I get to spend more time with my doggy and my mommy then I usually get to during actual school days. Another one of the ups is I get to stay home and sometimes get to stay in my pjs all day!

It's crazy to think that over a month ago we found out at school that school was gonna be closed and that we would be learning from home for a while. Now we know that it's gonna be this way for the rest of the school year.

What was your reaction to this news? I was excited at first. I thought I would get to stay home like snow days. But then it hit me a few days later that I would never be going back to Sherman Elementary school again. I felt sad, but then my mom and I are making it work with still learning and doing some cool stuff.

And that is how I survived #coronavirus safer at home distance learning today:).

3rd Day of I survived Covid-19 4/22/2020

Dear journal,

Hi today I did my usual 1.5 mile walk with my mom and dog, and did some hard math but I got through it. It was three digits by three digits or three digits by two digits multiplication some of them were one digits we did some worksheets and then we did waggles. My mom sat next to me and did the problems too and then we saw if we got the same answers. Even though it was harder math it was superfun. Mrs. Gunderson sent my mom an email to see how I was doing and to say hi! I was so excited to get that email and I was super excited to send her one back.

Looking back at my first few days at home, it was weird. We had to figure out how homeschool was gonna work for us and figure out all the stuff on the iPad. My mom and dad and I were able to organize the subjects and figure out a time schedule. My mom has even come up with some other fun stuff for us to do during these school days like: science projects, artwork, and quizzes.

We exercise every day usually going on walks, going on my scooter, and doing the elliptical. I love running around in the yard as well.

I don't mind learning online. I get to stay at home and stay in my pjs sometimes. I also like having my own schedule to learn at my own pace. I like spending more time with my parents and my dog. I like playing ROBLOX and FaceTiming with my friends. Because I usually don't get my iPad during the school week so it's like a special treat. I still do miss going to school and seeing my teachers and friends in person.

I was thinking today that we have had some really good luck with our weather. It's been really nice except for that crazy snow storm we had. We've been able to get outside every day that it's not raining. The fresh air make me feel minty, fresh and soooooo alive. Even though the air isn't really minty and sometimes it smells like farm animals out by our house. HAHAAHHA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

That's how I survived #coronavirus covid-19!

4th Day of I survived Covid-19 4/23/2020

Dear journal,

Today me and my mom and dog coda went for another walk. Wow the weather has been so great to be able to get outside. We are so lucky! We live out in the country so we don't really have a neighborhood. We do have neighbors around us though and we sometimes see them outside when we go for our walks. Some of the kids in my school live out by me too. It makes me feel a little less lonely sometimes even if I can't directly play with them right now, some of the adults are doing yard work. Anyways, there is a Kwik trip a little over a mile from our house and that is open. My mom usually gets our milk, eggs, and bananas from there. One time I got a free dark chocolate smoothie from there because my mom had a coupon! It was soooooooooooooo good! My mom goes to the grocery store every now and then and every time she goes she usually wears a buff around her mouth and nose. We usually use them when we go to Florida or when we go fishing because they protect from the sun, but they're coming in extra handy right now. It's my job to remind her to wear it every time she goes out. She doesn't like going out to any wear as much as she used to because she doesn't know what it'll be like or if she will be able to get the things we need. So far there hasn't been anything major that she hasn't been able to get for us. My parents are ordering things on AMAZON too. So the mail workers are bringing boxes almost every day now! My mom even ordered a scanning thingamabobber so she can share my extra work and assignments with all my teachers. She's even sent it to my babysitter who is finishing college to be a teacher. Her name is Miranda. I love her and miss her. She loves seeing all my work<3. Miranda graduates from college in May. She is finishing student teaching and had to get set up to teach distance learning just like all of us. She is sad that she doesn't have a

graduation ceremony but she is making the best of it. When I see our neighbors out it seems everyone is making the best of the coronavirus pandemic. They wave and smile and maintain social distancing. I make sure to wave as big as I can back and when cars go by on our roads when we are on our walks. I love trying to be the most positive no matter what the situation.

That's how I survived #coronavirus pandemic safer at home today.....

5th Day of I survived Covid-19 4/24/2020

Dear journal,

Today was another good day! We went for our usual daily walk, but we went 2.5 miles this time, this was the longest that I've gone this spring! Today was so beautiful, and the temperature was so warm! The sun was so bright, so we took advantage of the nice weather and after our walk we did some sidewalk chalk that turned out beautiful! My mom was with me and it was our art class for the week, we drew flowers, bugs, and a meadow. I got all my waggles and extra math pages done earlier than usual so I got to relax! Then I also wrote a summary about a video called DisneyNature National Geographic: Elephants, it was a really good video. I do not like this pandemic, I like that I get to stay home, and that I get to spend more time with my mom and dog. But I don't get to see my friends or get to go to the places I want to go so it's kinda a win lose situation. I do love being at Sherman School and being in my classroom, I miss everything that I could do before this pandemic, and seeing all the people that I could see before this pandemic. I want the world to go back to how it was before all of this. My

family is affected by this pandemic by not being able to go out to places to eat as a special treat, or getting everything we need at the grocery stores. We haven't been able to travel like we always do. My dad is having some trouble with loaning people money at his work because they lost their jobs because a lot of the restaurants and stores are closed. He is working really long hours so me and my mom make sure that when he gets home we give him extra cuddles. My mom is a nurse practitioner at Mayo Clinic Health System, and even though she works in health care her department is mostly non-emergency. She only works part time and hasn't had to work now because her department in the clinic takes care of bladder problems. EEEWWWWWW! This isn't a bad thing though because it means that she gets to spend her days with me and help me with my school! She says that's her primary job now. She makes up some pretty fun quizzes. I haven't been able to see my grandparents but I've FaceTimed them and make them pictures and send them cards. In all of this I have really learned the importance of family and spending time with my family. I've learned in distance learning that we should never take school for granite, in fact we should never take ANYTHING for granite.

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Week of 4/27/2020-5/1/2020

Entry 1 Tuesday 4/28/2020

Dear journal,

Today we didn't go for our usual walk because it was raining. So it was a sit inside and do school work kind of day. We had great weather on the weekend though and we went for our walks then and we got our bikes ready and we cleaned out the cars and the garage. I had an awesome time using the hose on the car mats but I did get my dad a little wet not on purpose. Hehehehehehe!

We've been following the news on the coronavirus but I don't think that the government announced anything recently. My mom and dad keep up with anything that changes but I am really hoping that when they do announce something that it will be that we get to go back to school because I REALLY miss school

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When Governor Evers did announce we couldn't go to school I took it ok at first but later it hit me that we wouldn't be able to go back to Sherman as a Student ever again. My family is handling all of these changes OK. I've cried a couple of times about not being able to go back to Sherman. My parents get sad when they see me crying because they can't take me back to school. Lucky that has only happened TWICE!! When I can't see my friends in person right now or because I can't go back to Sherman Elementary School ever again, they feel really bad. They give me lots of hugs, let me FaceTime my friends ALOT and my family and then they work extra hard to make my days as normal as they can be. But I still don't know why we can't go back to school because I think we would be ok, Eau Claire is not that infected, there's not that many cases of the coronavirus here compared with other bigger cities.

My family is impacted a lot by this coronavirus thing. My mom was never a teacher before so this was really weird for her to be teaching me now. She is a nurse practitioner but does not go into work now because she takes care of specific body parts and not coronavirus stuff. I guess that's good though because then she can stay home and take care of me and focus on my learning. My dad is working really hard running RCU and making sure all of the people that need money can get the money they can because this coronavirus has closed so many places and so many people are out of work or lost their jobs. He is working a ton but doesn't have to travel as much as he sometimes does so he is home every night now!! I love that he can tuck me in and give me kisses every night before I go to sleep! He does more meetings on his computer now and he does a video every week for RCU. Some of them are really funny! He had one where it was his birthday and he had a party hat on during his video. He had another one where he looked really close into the camera so you could see his eye really HUGE!!!! We all laughed and he said a lot of people at RCU laughed too! I also think my dog is impacted on this too. 1. because he is not usually used to having me around the house every day all day. 2. because he doesn't really get to go anywhere in the car and he loves to go for car rides! 3. Because he is going on so many walks and getting outside and playing with me 4. We are all home more now and haven't traveled even though for Spring Break we were going to drive him down to Florida and stay at the beach with him but had to cancel it because of my mom and dad's works and the virus. He doesn't really know that we were going to go and had to cancel though so I think he just loves having us all around more! This whole coronavirus thing is soooooooooo confusing!!! There's good things about it and bad

things about it, but I guess it would be nice if the world could go back to normal again. My mom and dad say that there will be a new kind of normal in the future which confuses me more because what is new normal if normal is just normal? I don't know but I know I still have my job of doing my school work, FaceTiming and playing Roblox with my friends, making cards and pictures for my grandparents, playing with my dog and all of the other fun stuff we find to do from before and now.

That's how I survived #coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic safer at home today.

Entry 2 Wednesday 4/29/2020

Today we've been hearing on the news that some states are starting to prepare for opening up more businesses. It's kind of funny actually that dog grooming would be open but not hair salons for us humans. My dad has credit union branches in both Minnesota and Wisconsin so it is challenging because both states have different rules. I have not gone with to the grocery store yet but I have heard there are new rules every days such as, only one shopper from a family can go to the grocery store, specific paths you must follow, limitations to how much you may buy, and a lot of people wearing facemasks.

Mom and Dad enjoy cooking at home a lot and they are good cooks so that hasn't been as challenging during the pandemic. We remodeled our kitchen and love to use it, I even help when my mom makes the best lasagna, but she hasn't made it yet in quarantine. My dad's nickname is Smokey Mc Smokerson because he likes to

smoke..... meat that is:). We gave him that nickname because of one of my favorite tv shows F.R.I.E.N.D.S. It was from one of those episodes.

In addition to making food, we do enjoy takeout from some places like Culver's and pizza from Ginos. We haven't been able to go to Subway yet, but can't wait till we can soon! We would also like to try Papa Murphy's and I can't wait to have Li'l Ceasers! I miss going to Cancun, because if this lasts until next Halloween (it probably won't) it's a tradition for us going there after trick-or-treating.

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Entry 3 Friday 5/1/2020

May Day!!!! Today is May Day! My mom found a planting pot for flowers that we could decorate for May Day! I thought it was a really cool thought! We're going to do this for my Art class. Also, yesterday I got my waggle done for the week so today I didn't have to do that YAY!!!! But I still had to do some easy math pages. I did 5th grade math today so it wasn't as easy as the 3rd and 4th grade workbooks. Speaking of waggle, online school is going really well. There have been some glitches on waggle that make me mad but I get through them, and next week we are doing a video chat. I don't really know all the details but I think it's going to be super fun! The memoir that we wrote was a fun project. it was cool and kinda emotional looking back at all my years at Sherman Elementary. My mom has kept a lot of my schoolwork and artwork from all of my grades, and we went through that to help with my memoir. It made me feel really accomplished looking back at my sloppy handwriting and how far I've come with it, it was also really cute to see my writing as a little kid, and my silly stick figure drawings. I

miss going to school but I feel like I am still learning a lot and hopefully will be ready for middle school next school year. I love that my mom and dad can help me more with my school work than before. My mom comes up with a lot of really fun things, and I'm surprised that she can come up with all this stuff! Sometimes I feel like I don't want to do what she is giving me and that I just feel like I want to scream for no reason, but then I realize that she is doing it out of care and love and I am learning a lot and we are doing so many fun things together!

That's how I survived #coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic safer at home today.

Entry 4 Monday 5/4/2020

Today was a good day. We went for our walk but we waited until my dad got home from work so we could take our walk with my dad. We saw a fiddlehead fern in its early growing stage, it looked really fuzzy and it was curled at the top. I also really like the name of it, it's silly. Lucky for us there was a fully grown one right next to it so we could compare both of them next to it. My dog ate some grass, he does this and usually it doesn't seem to bother him but he must have eaten too much this time because he threw it up a little bit later. But we were still out on the road so we didn't have to clean it up.

I can't wait to have this pandemic be over, It's going to feel so good to be able to go out to the places I want to go. I want to be able to see my family, travel to my grandparents up north on the lake, and I want to go back to Disneyland. I miss having play dates with my best friends and I can't wait to get together with them. I would love to

go to a playground and swing really high and play on the monkey bars. I also want to be able to go to an action city and chuck e cheese again! Those places have so many good memories and they are so much fun! I want to go to birthday parties. I want to have my own birthday party in the summer. I want to go to one of the space centers. I was going to go to see NASA. I loved space ever since I watched a video of someone training to be an astronaut. But now I can't go there until this all blows over. I want to go to Florida like we were going to go for spring break.

I think this pandemic is going to change things, probably a lot of things. I wonder if I am going to be able to go back to school, or maybe distance learning is the future. I wonder if people will wear masks all the time and if they have to be worried all the time they go out to the grocery store. I think people are gonna be scared that they are gonna get some kind of sickness whenever they go out of their homes. I wonder if grocery stores are gonna continue to limit how many people are in there at a time. Maybe people will stop giving hugs and doing handshakes. I'll be so sad if I can't give people hugs. I love hugging all of my family, my friends, and my teachers and anyone else that is special in my life. This is such a crazy time in all of our lives and the most important thing is that we need to stick together... and wash our hands REALLY good!!!!!!!

That's how I survived Covid-19 today!

Entry 5 Wednesday 5/6/2020

Today was another day of the coronavirus. Today was also a frustrating day with waggles, there was more language arts than normal and the progress bar at the top of

my screen didn't move at all and I spent A LOT of time trying to get it to move by keeping doing each problem. *screams*

I wonder what it was like when the last pandemic spread throughout the whole globe? I've heard my parents say it was like in the 1900s...the Spanish flu??? I wonder what kids had to do for school back then since they didn't have technology like we do now. Did they even have school back then?? What was medicine like to take care of all the sick people when the illness was going around? They also didn't have the news to see what was happening during this time period. I can imagine that this was a hard time for everyone back then, I mean they didn't have a lot of stuff back then that we have now like iPads, medicine, medical equipment, face masks, games, etc. But they got through it so I think we definitely can too:).

The one thing I really want to do during this time in all of our lives is talk to the people who had/have the Coronavirus. I am not saying I want to know what it's like to have the Coronavirus because that would be horrible. But I want to know how they feel in that situation, are they TERRIFIED? They probably are..... because their life is at risk they should be scared out of their gourd. And they had to be apart from other people so they wouldn't spread it. Did they feel lonely or did the doctors and nurses make them feel less sad? How much could they talk to their family or FaceTime them like I do my family and friends? They probably don't feel good either. It's a sickness, so of course they don't feel good. I was sick during this time and it was super scary! I thought I had the Coronavirus! But I don't think I did, I mean where would I have gotten it if I hadn't left the house in so long! My mom said it's my allergies.....ugh. The only places I've gone is going for our walk and jumping on my trampoline. Which is super fun by the way. We

did go for our daily 1.5 mile walk today but when we left our house it smelled like cow poop. The farm across the street had put cow poop down for their crops to grow faster and better, at least that's what my parents said. It was fun otherwise. Today was a really good day even though waggle made me mad! I hope to have more fun tomorrow!

That's how I survived #coronavirus Covid 19 today..... 😬

Entry 6 Friday 5/8/2020

OMG! Yayyyy! Today my dad was off of work! This is super exciting! He doesn't really get off work a lot so I got to see him all day! I never get to see him in the mornings because he has to go to work early but I get to see him on the weekend because he is always off then. I do get to see him at night when he gets home from work. I don't mind that I don't get to see him in the mornings because I know that he is doing good things for people and helping them during this hard time. During this time also they say there is not an extra supply of blood, so my dad donated blood today, it made me weak in the knees when I saw the bandage that he was wearing. I'm so proud of him! Ok anyways we went for our walk today and my dad went with me mom and coda. We went to the orange mailbox and we went past the fiddlehead ferns on our way back, it was cold today so they were all curled up because it was so cold.

I really want to be able to talk to people like healthcare workers, truck drivers, grocery workers, and food processing workers. They are the people who are getting us the things we need during this. If I did get to say something to all of them I would say

“Thank you so much!!!” I would say that a lot. They deserve so many good things right now!

During this coronavirus I have learned a lot of things but the thing that is most important that I think everyone has learned is that we should NEVER take things for granite.

Especially not being able to give people hugs right now, I saw my grandma and grandpa today and I couldn't give them a hug but that was hard because I'm a hugger! So we did an air hug instead:). We brought flowers for my grandma for Mother's Day and food for both of them! Yum! It was great to see them again, and it was fun to spend time with my dad! Also before I forget, tomorrow we are doing a drive by birthday for my best friend Parker! But it's a surprise so shhhhhhhh!

Now stay safe and wash your hands and DON'T touch your face!:)

That's how I survived covid 19 today!

Entry 7 Friday 5/12/2020

Dear journal,

Today was a normal day, except that I didn't go for my daily walk. Instead my parents went for a walk when they got back I got to jump on my favorite trampoline. I did get to jump on it earlier in the day too so that was fun. OH! Also, I crushed a lot of styrofoam yesterday so today my mom said I could write a poem about it, it was really good. And it was a limerick because today was National Limerick Day! When I told it to my dad a long while after he loved it so much! He had a huge grin on his face when I was reading it to him. I was soooooooooooooooooooooo happy that I made his day!

Speaking of making people's days, I have 5 things that make me happy right this very second.

1. My caring parents
2. My cute dog
3. My iPad
4. My American Girl Dolls
5. And finally, food (especially Mac & Cheese)

Those are all the things that make me really happy right this very second.

Even though those things and people make me really happy, I do miss a lot of people. I miss my friends, even though I get to see them in FaceTime, I haven't been able to see them in person. The only time I got to see them in person since we started quarantine was a Parker's birthday drive by and we barely got to stay. I also miss my family. I only saw my grandparents when we dropped off some food but that was only for like 5 minutes. I haven't seen my cousins at all. So I miss them soooo much! I hope I get to see them really soon! Now, stay safe, wash your hands really good, and DON'T touch your face!

That's how I survived covid 19 today. <3

Entry 6 Thursday 5/14/2020

Dear journal, today was a really good day, I got some free time in the morning and then I did 2 hours of school work, it wasn't easy doing Waggle today because I spent most of

those 2 hours doing language arts wobble and the progress bar on the literary structure wasn't moving, so my mom had to help me out a little bit and get me to at least 45%, and it was at 35% so we made some progress at least. My parents went for a walk also and the guy who was going to help us do our trail in the backyard was there, I'm actually sitting in my kitchen at the island and typing this, while they are on a walk. My goal is to get it done before they get back so I can have some free time later! I love free time!

I really want to tell a certain someone something. It's really important too, that person is..... the CORONAVIRUS... if I could say something to the coronavirus it would be to leave our world alone, it is not the China's fault that this happened. They were just practicing their culture, they didn't mean to create you. Fine I'll make a deal with you.... you can stay, BUT you have to leave us alone and quarantine yourself for as long as we have to, or maybe for the rest of your life just so you don't hurt and kill any more people, because I know you know that this is not nice what you're doing. Thanks!:)

So yeah that's probably what I would say to The Coronavirus... DON DON DONNNN!

Ok, I have to be honest here, if I had to go through another pandemic like this one I would probably handle it a little differently, for example: wash my hands extra, extra, EXTRA, good just to be on the safe side, and maybe try to cover my mouth more when I sneeze or cough. I could also maybe be a little more cooperative with my mom because she is trying really hard to teach me and I'm not always motivated or in the bestest mood. I like to procrastinate during the day 😊. These ideas might just keep me a little safer and sparkier than I am right now. Speaking of being safe..... stay home, wash your hands, and DON'T touch your face!:)

That's how I survived Covid-19 today!

Entry 7 Friday 5/15/2020

Dear journal, today was a really great day! My dad was off of work and I got all of my school work done during the week, so I got to have all day school work free, except for my reading and my journal that I'm doing right now. Remember how I was doing my journal when my parents were on a walk yesterday? Well I'm doing the same thing today. It saves me a lot of free time! When they get back I'm going to jump on my trampoline for my exercise then they can relax while I jump! It's going to be so much fun!!! Well anyways I'm hoping that tomorrow is going to be a really good day too, because it's the weekend! Also when I did my reading today my mom encouraged me to do an extra 15 minutes. I was proud of myself, but I didn't have any problem doing an extra 15 minutes because I really like the book that I'm reading right now. It's really interesting.

Speaking of interesting here's something interesting that I have in mind, one of my favorite things to do in the safer at home quarantine is spend more time with my family that I live with because I never really got to when I was in school so I should take advantage of a bad situation and make it into a good one! I wish I could see my extended family because I haven't seen them in weeks! I miss them soooooooooooooo much, and I hope that I get to see them real soon.

While we're on the topic "favorites" one of my favorite school subjects right now during online and home learning is, math. I know it sounds crazy but my mom picks out really

good worksheets for me to work on. Think Central and Waggle have good math assignments too that Mrs. Brower gives us but this week there were no math assignments in Waggle this week. My mom let me pick the pages this week so I felt like I was contributing even more to my distance learning. I feel that my math has gotten better, that makes me really happy though because my math skills were not as strong as when we started distance learning before the whole coronavirus. I'm proud of myself. Now that's it for my journal today. I'll see you next week, stay home, wash your hands, and DON'T touch your face! :)

That's how I survived #coronavirus 2020 Covid 19 today. <3

Entry 8 Tuesday 5\19\20

Dear journal, today was a really good day. I did a fun writing activity that my mom made based on the movie we watched, Maleficent. Honestly I think that it is now some of my favorite movies now. The movie was actually based off of Sleeping Beauty but from Maleficent's perspective. It also tells why she turns bad, it's a really good reason. But I'm not going to tell you the reason why she is bad because I want you to go watch the movies if you haven't already! Anyways today was also a good day with waggle, it didn't give me any troubles today that's because for language arts waggle I only did the skill boosts they put in today, then for math waggle I did 2 levels of math, then tomorrow I'll do 2 levels and then on Thursday I'll do 2 levels and then I'll be done. Oh I forgot to mention it but there are 11 levels of math waggle usually. So yesterday I did 4 levels of math waggle, 4 LEVELS! I'm so happy for myself!

I have this crazy idea... I want to invent something for the next pandemic that could happen in the future. I want to invent something that will help people if they need something, and can be at their beckon call 24-7. The robots or whatever my invention is, will do everything the nurses are doing now but way more! They will tell when the person is hungry or thirsty even before the person themselves knows it! It'll also be the person's legs, what I mean by that is if the person needs to go to the bathroom or something the robot can carry them there and it maybe would even work for people who can't walk or were born without legs. Whatever the case the robot has got your back (and your legs:))! The robots can't get sick either so the doctors and nurses will be protected and healthy to make all of the big decisions to take care of the patients! That's why I wish I could invent that robot or whatever it would be so I can save the world!!

I have some worries for the future of this country. I don't know why but I feel like this country won't be a free country after this pandemic. I fear we may not be able to go into grocery stores without wearing masks and staying an adult cows length or two baby cows length away from each other like my mom sees on the signs at Woodmans! My mom really doesn't like to go to Woodmans anymore because there are more people there than a lot of the other stores and the lines can be long. She says the workers are really nice though and are working SUPER hard to take care of everyone getting their groceries. Some of my favorite things she can only get at Woodmans so she goes when she has to to get those for me like my favorite pickles, veggie dip, Mac and cheese and rainbow carrots!! I heard from some of my classmates and other people that we may not be going to school next year even! And that's scary because it would be my 1st year of

middle school that I missed:(. I really hope that all of this is not true and it's just drama and gossip because I would be really disappointed and mad. But I think it's not gonna happen. I know this coronavirus has changed so much and I know some of these things will stay like wearing masks and social distancing but I really do want to go back to school and go to playgrounds, sleepovers, birthday parties, Blugold and Badger games and maybe even travel again even just to see my extended family like my grandparents up north. So for now I guess we'll all still just stay home as much as possible while the businesses start opening back up, wash our hands, and DON'T touch your face! That's how I survived Covid-19 today!

Entry 9 5\21\2020

Dear journal, today was a good day, and it's almost Memorial Day! When it's Memorial Day that means that I don't have to do any school work! Well besides my reading and my journal but still you get the point. And those are fun things! Anyways, today I read the Books of Elsewhere and it was interesting. My parents said that it might rain this weekend but if it doesn't then we get to go for a bike ride! I'll let you know what we do next week.

Speaking of letting you know stuff, I wanna tell you what my daily quarantine routine is because I think you'll think it's interesting...

So first of all if it's a weekday then I wake up and go into my parents bedroom and see if my mom is awake and usually she would be. By the time I wake up my dad is at work so I don't get to see him in the morning but I get to see him at night when he comes

home from work. Anyways then I tell my mom what I would like for my breakfast like pancakes or Nutella Toast usually my dad makes the pancakes the weekend before so I just have to put them in the toaster by myself. I have made my Nutella toast by myself one time but it got kinda messy when I tried to eat it because I put too much Nutella on the toast... so now my mom makes it for me, actually I haven't had Nutella toast in a while maybe I will have it tomorrow morning:). Anyways, then I watch something on my iPad while I eat my breakfast and then I get to have some free time until lunch, I don't do much with my free time I FaceTime my friends and play Roblox with them until I get hungry and then we have lunch and then it's school work time... I am trying to be more cooperative with my mom on school work because I don't have a really good attitude sometimes. But I am really trying to get better at it. Anywho back to the school schedule, after I get done with my school work I go for a walk or do my journal or by then my dad gets done with work and my parents go for a walk and I work on my journal then. Or I do my reading that I didn't do during the day. Then I get s'more free time and family time. The family time includes watching our favorite show, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. It's a really good show, they're sooo hilariously funny 😊! Hahahahaha!

And that concludes my weekdays. Now my weekends are a bit different, First I wake up and go tell my dad that I am awake and he usually tells me that I should go do my reading so I do that and they are both awake when I get done with that so then my dad makes pancakes usually or something else depending on what I ask for. Then I eat and I get free time till about noon then we go get ready and then we may go for a walk or I will jump on my trampoline or anything outside basically, then we just hang out for the rest of the day. We never usually have lunch on weekends because my mom says, we

eat when we're hungry 😊. She doesn't say the emoji that I put after that but you get the point 😊. Anyways then we eat dinner at about 7,8 or 9 o'clock and then I go downstairs and pick out a movie and then we watch the movie and my dad will make popcorn or something in the middle of the movie. Finally when the movie ends and I go upstairs, brush my teeth and mouthwash and go to sleep 😴. Well that's all for this week, so stay safe, wash your hands, and DON'T touch your face!

That's how I survived Covid-19 today!<3

Entry 10 5\26\2020

Dear journal, today was a really good day! And it hit me that this is the second to last week of school! Yay! But that doesn't mean I'm off of school, my mom and dad said that I have to keep my skills up during the summer like reading and math but that can't be that hard right? Today I watched a short video on the John and Fay YMCA Tennis Center where I'm going to be doing my tennis lesson later this week and over the summer. But they have some new rules that the people need to follow if they're going to be opening up again. Basically you have to keep your distance with people and the lockers and showers are closed but some of the big stuff is they give you your own pack of tennis balls and you have to write your initials on them and you can't use other peoples balls. No touching them either. You can use your racket to give them to the other person or your foot but no hands. You also have to use the handicap door button to open the door and you can't use the handle. It's kinda sad to hear all of this stuff that you can and can't do anymore because we used to be able to open the doors with the handle and in fact we can't touch the handicap button either we have to use the ends of

our rackets to push the button. And we can't use the showers or locker rooms so it's basically just like a town on lock down in a way, I don't know how to explain it. We went to Target today to pick up some things, it's the first store I've been in this whole time besides my smoothie at Kwik Trip awhile back. My mom and I wore masks and all the workers wore masks, and some of the other shoppers. It made me feel like this country is so different now that we are in the middle of a pandemic. The mask made me feel like I was trapped, and it was really hard not to touch my face. I don't know how all the health care workers and essential workers wear them all day! It's hard to breathe in warm air. I really hope we don't have to wear masks every time we go out forever and ever, it's really hard to see people's smiles:(. But yeah that's how my day went today now I have to share something else with you though, while we're talking about things that are kinda bad I think I should come up with 5 things I never knew I was grateful for! Ok starting on number one.

1. My parents, I couldn't get through this without them.
2. My dog, who has kept the whole family calm because he is a therapy dog.
3. My iPad so I can FaceTime my friends and not go crazy.
4. My dad's job, he works so hard so we can be comfortable.
5. And finally God, he has kept our family safe and I love him ❤️.

These things are everything I'm grateful for during these times and they are all so important to me!

Speaking of important I also have another thing that I want to share with you guys, during these times you should stay positive and if your stressed right now I have some good ways on how to calm yourself down and help you through this.

is still such a positive moment for everyone because the U.S. hasn't launched a NASA rocket in a ton of years. Wow, NASA sure does take good care of their astronauts and makes sure they're safe, speaking of being safe, make sure to stay home, wash your hands, and DON'T touch your face! Maybe we'll get rid of this STUPID Coronavirus yet. That's how I survived Covid-19 today!

Friday 5/29/2020

Dear journal, the last couple days, I got out of the house more. I hadn't really been out much for almost 3 months!!! I went shopping with my mom at Scheels and Fleet Farm. And before that I went to the orthodontics. At the orthodontics we had to wait in our car and call to tell them that we were here, they had someone meet us at the door then. We stayed in the entryway to have our temperature taken, and used hand sanitizer. They were gonna give us a mask too but we already had ours. They kinda didn't want my mom to come in with me... BUT I'M ONLY TEN!!!! So I wanted my mom to come in with me. Everyone was wearing masks at all the shops we went to. Except for tennis only the front desk person. I also started tennis today. My instructor was John and he was really nice. I didn't get my own three tennis balls like they said in the video we had to watch before my lesson. We used all the big baskets, but I couldn't touch the tennis balls. He would be spraying the balls down after our lesson. I had to use a big tube thing to pick up the balls without touching them. It was hard not to touch the tennis balls and when some of them fell out of the top of the big tube thing I couldn't touch them but I did a little bit at the end. He said that he would be spraying them down so it was ok because I only touched a few.

Also everywhere there were heavy plastic barriers up at all the shops we went to and they were at the front desks at the orthodontics and the tennis center, in between the customer and the worker. It was a little hard to talk between the heavy barriers of plastic especially at the orthodontics and stores because we were wearing masks. I was excited to go out but there were many changes and so many things to be aware of and just different overall. This made it hard to remind myself that I had to social distance too!!!! OMG! It still felt really good to get out because this is all just to keep us all safe... speaking of being safe, make sure to stay home, wash your hands, and DON'T touch your face!

That's how I survived the Coronavirus today!!<3

Monday 6/1/2020

Dear journal, this week is the last week of school!!!!!!!!!!!!!! YAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I don't have any Math waggles, only some language arts waggles! Yippee! I'll still do some math pages but my mom said she'll keep them easier than usual. I'll do some writing as well. Although I haven't been keeping up with my reading that well and I feel bad about that, so I'm really trying not to do that anymore. This past weekend we went for a boat trip, the first one on Saturday was so we could visit some of my parents' friends. We went to Long Lake by Sarona. It was windy and it was a HUGE lake! But it was still fun. We saw a lot of Loons and Eagles. It was really fun.

And the second trip on Sunday was just for fun with our boat. We went to Long Lake by New Auburn and there was a little island that me and Coda went swimming in. The water was really cold and it was like 60 degrees there. I did go all the way under but

only one time because it was so cold. Most of the time I stood up to my knees. And since it was so cold I took a REALLY warm shower when we got home, the handle was all the way over to the hot side. Anyways I threw the stick to Coda like a million times and he has never ever played fetch for that long so it was really cool that he chose to do that with me. This boat ride was so much fun I can't even imagine how much we can go for boat rides this summer! We love to fish and thank goodness we can do this with this pandemic going on. We will probably use our boat a ton this summer!!

This past week there were some people protesting about the George Floyd death, it got worse as the week went on and happened all around the country. It's really hard for a ten year old like me to understand. 4 police officers were just being plain old boogers, and so many police officers were so good so they didn't make the good ones look any better. We should be kind and love everyone for who they are and no matter what the color of their skin is everyone is important. Just like the police the protesters were mostly good but some have been bad, hurting others and even burning a church that was an historic landmark. My mom asked who would set a church on fire? So I answered and said, "a big fat booger, and if I could pick them I would and then flick them all the way to Mars."

My parents say that sometimes things happen in 3's so maybe we are on our way to some good things since the stupid coronavirus would be the #1 thing, poor George Floyd's death would be the #2 thing and these stupid boogers that are rioting and not protesting peacefully would be #3. So, lets all love and be kind to one another, do the right things, and stay safe... speaking of being safe... make sure to stay home, wash your hands, and DON'T touch your face!

That's how I survived the Coronavirus today!!<3

Tuesday 6/2/2020

Dear journal, yippee, today is the last week of school! I know I already said that but still! I'm so excited it's summer!!!! We had an assignment to write letters to 2 or 3 teachers. I started doing that and then realized maybe I should be writing letters to each teacher that I've had at Sherman! It's been fun remembering each teacher and some of the wonderful things they taught me and all the fun things I did with them. With all the months of this pandemic and the recent George Floyd death and peaceful protests and then violent riots everywhere I've realized that there can be so much wrong in the world and hard times in the world that it really is important to just simply be kind and do the right thing. Speaking of doing the write thing I think about the core values at Sherman Elementary. Be safe, be respectful, be responsible, be honest, and be cooperative. All of my Sherman teachers have helped make these values a part of who I am today so I really want to thank them all and hug everyone at Sherman so this was such a cool assignment for me. I just wish I could give them all one more big Ella hug but that would not be safe with the coronavirus stuff. Speaking of being safe... make sure to stay home, wash your hands, and DON'T touch your face!

That's how I survived the Coronavirus today!<3

Wednesday 6/3/2020

Dear journal, today is my last writing in my I survived the Coronavirus journal!!!! We only have 2 more days of school after today! YIPPEE!!!!!!! Summer is here! The weather is

great outside, we went for a walk and we got to talk to some of my neighbors. Things are opening up a little more and people know how to social distance now so they can socialize out of their homes. I was FaceTiming my cousin earlier today and she had a friend over! That means that I can start to have playdates again and maybe even sleepovers!! I can't wait!!!! It felt soooooooooooooooooo good to talk to people without it being on a video screen. It's been like three whole months of having to stay inside and away, not being with others. Now we have all this stuff figured out like face masks and plastic shields and social distancing. They didn't have all that stuff back when the last pandemic was over 100 years ago. We've learned so many things now to keep us safe and get through tough times like these. There will always be new things to learn though with anything we encounter but hopefully we got this coronavirus thing down and know how to deal with pandemics. Speaking of being safe... make sure to stay home, wash your hands, and DON'T touch your face! And remember to always be safe, be respectful and be responsible. That can get you through anything! With a boatload of love to everyone in the world and Big Ella hugs from me.....

That's how I survived the Coronavirus!!<3

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