

My Perspectives

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As a teacher everyday I face a new challenge. I worry everyday that my students and their families are doing alright. I wonder if they need anything and if there is anything more that I can do to help, not just as a teacher but as a fellow human being. At the same time I am excited to try out new things like making YouTube videos for lessons and activities my kids can watch in order to have some connection with me when we cannot be face to face. This is definitely not something I would not have considered doing before the quarantine. It is something I enjoy so much I would like to continue to do it throughout the summer to stay connected to my students. I am also anxious as a teacher to find out what the future of schooling is going to look like for my students and myself. The many uncertainties make it challenging, scary, and curious at the same time.

As a parent it has definitely been a rollercoaster ride of emotion. I have watched my own children get upset in frustration over all the changes that are taking place. There are many times I have wanted to cry with them, but try to remain the rock in this uncertain time. I have watched them trying to make sense of what is happening in the world, but having difficulty comprehending the complexity of the problem. It has been a huge struggle for me to now balance my life as a parent, teacher of a classroom, and a mother homeschooling my children throughout the day. It has been nothing short of exhausting. I empathize with all parents in this journey we are now taking and try to remind myself as well as the parents of my students we are all doing the best we can. We cannot expect the world to pick up where it has left off when the demands are now so much higher than they have ever been before. I feel what the most important thing in this whole situation is that our children are happy, healthy, and cared for. The rest is a bonus.