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**Journal**

My life has changed so much during this pandemic. As a teacher, I feel that technology has been taking over my life for the past almost two months. Everything revolves around technology now when it comes to doing work related tasks. From online trainings to Zoom meetings and emails. I am not a technology person; technology has never liked me but I have managed to make that change. I miss being in my classroom with my students and coworkers. I'm heartbroken that I wasn't able to do a closure celebration with my students this school year. I think about them every day and I wonder if they are okay? I've been able to communicate with their parents, but it's not the same. I miss those beautiful faces and joyful laughs.

As a parent, I now have the responsibility of helping my son with his remote learning/homeschooling journey. It has been a challenge for both of us since I'm busy with my work most of the day. I go from teacher mode to mom mode every few minutes. Thankfully, his teacher has been so helpful by sending me worksheets for him and providing different educational websites to keep him busy. However, it's just not the same. Our routines have changed so much and both of us want to go back to school.

This pandemic has been difficult but it has taught me to be more grateful. I feel that now I'm more appreciative towards the littlest things. I'm starting to take the time to acknowledge things, which is something that I didn't do often before.

I'm so thankful that our district has been supporting us during this difficult time. I'm sure all the families are thankful that meals have been able to be delivered to them during this pandemic too. I'm so happy to be part of such a caring district; Fowler is family! We will get through this together.

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