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Started my Monday off great with breakfast, a walk with the pups, and a workout!

Around 8:30 I began to record my lesson for today. Our Monday reading lessons look a lot like they would in the classroom, following our Wonders curriculum. This week's essential question is all about teamwork, so I made a powerpoint that shows different photographs of kids working together. Our read aloud this week is, What's the Big Idea Molly. It's a cute story about a mouse and her friends brainstorming what to make their friend, turtle for his birthday. In the end mouse and her friends work together to create a season of trees book to give turtle. I had students think back to when we learned about the 4 seasons this year and when we made all the different trees in each season. It is so fun when I am able to connect present learning with their previous learning. Last, I introduced the kiddos to our vocabulary words this week. One of the words this week is opinion and the example stated, My opinion is soccer is the best sport. Since we have been practicing writing our opinion since online learning began, I challenged my students to write their opinion about the best sport and make sure to underline our vocabulary word, opinion in their sentence.

At 10:30 I had to pause editing and creating my learning video to have my first individual zoom meeting for the day. Last week, she did not remember 6 sight words that we have learned and today she showed so much improvement. She knew 4 of those sight words and only 2 stumped her! I shared my screen with her and we wrote down the 4 sight words-- what, said, good, who. We sing a song for the song what, "What, what is that smell? What, what is that smell? What, what is that smell? Oh no! It's stinky socks!" So, we drew a picture of socks next to the word what to help her remember the word. After practicing our sight words she read over 10 CVC words correctly and identified all her 2D shapes! When we got the the 3D shapes she was struggling to remember a cylinder, so once we thought about our 3D shape song and sang it together. She flew through those 3D shapes as soon as she started singing and made the comment, "Silly cylinder, shaped like a soda can!" She melts my heart. We ended the session sharing toy puppies and a toy troll that used to be a boy, but she turned into a girl by adding pony tails in his hair. Her mom was happy to hear about her improvement in just 1 week! She sent me the sweetest message back, "Thank you for helping her. It is hard to find teachers so dedicated like you."

For the next 2 hours I worked on my computer to finish the learning video and upload it. I also created tomorrow's lesson on our new sight words. Since I will be at work tomorrow for a majority of my morning I also recorded my learning video for tomorrow, edited it, and got my Class Dojo post ready for tomorrow.

I had my leftover Firehouse sub for lunch today! Turkey, bacon, ranch, yum.

At 1:00 I had my class zoom meeting. We began by practicing our sight words. I spelled the sight word and read it, and then the kiddos repeated me. I added images to the sight words to help the kiddos remember them. We added a bear by the word where for our song, "Where, where is the bear?" and I also added the sock by the word what, as I mentioned I did in my earlier meeting. I shared my screen with the kiddos and went onto the Wonders website to continue with the lesson. After introducing the word opinion, and showing the kiddos a powerpoint of different sports we went around and stated which



sport we thought was the best. Online learning is a blessing in disguise for listening and speaking skills with my ELD babies!

Right after our class zoom I had another zoom meeting with a student. We went through the sight words she struggled with the week before, read CVC words, and practiced our shapes. At the end of our zoom meeting she flipped the camera around to show me her wall. She and her family cut out all the sight word flash cards and taped them on the wall. I am always grinning ear to ear when families show me something like this. I truly have the most dedicated families!

Next, I worked on assigning a specific certificate for each of my kiddos. I went through a list of 80 different certificates and assigned each kiddo something special. We put the certificates and the kindergarten diploma in a protector sheet to give to the kids at pick up day.

At 4:00 I had my last zoom meeting for the day. Much like my first zoom meeting, she improved so much from last week on her sight words. I shared my screen with her and we wrote down the 4 sight words-- what, said, good, who. We drew a picture of socks next to the word what to help her remember the word. All those "w" sight words really mix my kiddos up! She read all 11 CVC words correctly and flew through the 2D and 3D shapes! She is amazing! We ended our meeting with sharing time. She shared some purple fuzzy toy shaped like a sphere her dad got her. I have never heard of it, but it made her happy!

I spent my evening taking our dogs on another walk, eating dinner (tacos), and watching tv. Tomorrow I get to go into my classroom to prepare bags for my students. It's going to be tough. :(

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