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I began my day with an ice coffee on my way to work. I was excited to go into work today, because I wanted a sense of normalcy, but it was mostly just depressing being in my classroom because it was missing the most important part- my kinder babes.

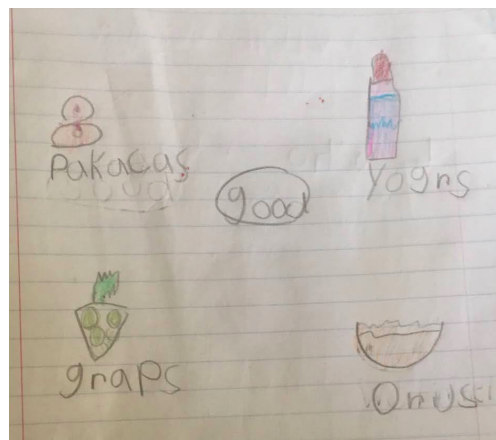
Mrs. Krenkel always goes all out during teacher appreciation week, and she did not let the quarantine stop her. She had an adorable little bag of goodies for us and donuts for breakfast. I brought the paper bags, name tags, and a couple books into the cafeteria and I packed up 17 bags for my kiddos. I did not have very many things to put in the bags because I had already dropped off almost all materials to my kiddos' homes back in March. For the next hour I cleaned up my classroom, got my data binder checked off, printed off kindergarten diplomas and certificates, and grabbed my pink and blue cards to fill out. I had 3 individual zoom meetings to complete while I was in my classroom.

From 10 to 11 I met with my twins. We practiced our sight words, reading CVC words, and identifying our 2D and 3D shapes. I had them write down the few sight words that were still hard for them and drew pictures next to them to help them remember the words next time they read them. These babes came into kindergarten only speaking Spanish, and I am absolutely amazed by how much they have learned!

From 11-11:30 I had another zoom meeting. We practiced the same skills and I was so happy for her because she knew all her sight words! She had a birthday party last weekend so she showed me some of the gifts she got. She showed me her new OMG doll and a unicorn that walks and makes noise on a leash. I asked her where I could get myself a walking unicorn!

Mrs. Krenkel spoiled us some more with pizza for lunch. Mmmm! Once again, she is so good to her teachers! For the next half hour or so I packed up my car and headed home because I had my whole class zoom meeting at 1. Once I got home I quickly posted the learning video and directions on class dojo.

My families are so dedicated to our zoom meetings. There have been many meetings where my kiddos are riding in the car with a notebook and pencil, just learning along! For our whole class zoom meeting I shared my screen and we listened to songs for our new sight words, good and who. I pulled up a mini reader from our reading program and students took turns reading the sentences. I am so sad we are not in the classroom during 4th quarter because this is when EVERYTHING finally clicks in little 5 year old brains and it is so much fun to celebrate their success. It is just not the same celebrating through a screen, but I am trying to show as much excitement for them as I can everyday. We ended with sharing time. I saw a baby sister, a Barbie car, a dinosaur, and many more. The challenge today was to write the sight word good in the middle of a paper and draw foods that they thought were good and label them.



A photograph showing a person's hands using a metal spatula to flip a pancake on a griddle. The griddle is placed on a table covered with a plastic sheet. A large red circle is drawn over the person's face. The background shows a window with a view of a building and a red fire alarm pull station.