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Wow, yesterday was a blur. I was on the computer answering emails, communicating with parents, and creating a few more google classroom assignments. At the end of the day my eyes didn't like me at all. I had to make my screen really big so I could actually read what I was writing. Yep, feeling old!

Today, I responded to a few more questions from parents and students. It is interesting how serious some parents take distance learning vs others who don't. I had Zoom meetings today with my student teacher, her advisor, and my class. We had a lot of fun together. We had 14 students on today and are meeting on Monday. We reviewed multiplication strategies, fluency, and division. We then did our read aloud. I met a new student who hadn't been placed in any 3rd grade class due to the closure. I got her added to my Class Dojo so the parents could be updated on information. I also emailed the paper packets we had created thus far so she had that to work on as well.

My student teacher's advisor asked me if I felt that "distance learning" would be the new wave of the future. I told him I sure hope not!!!!!! This isn't what I wanted to do when I decided to become a teacher. I need the interaction with my kiddos and I think they need it as well. Most kiddos can't independently do work all day in a classroom with structure and teacher support. How can we ask them to sit in front of a computer all day or even a half a day? That just isn't reasonable.

I talked to another teacher friend I have in another district. They were told to start going over new material with the kids they did have connected. She is quite frustrated. I couldn't imagine having to do that. I'm glad I stuck to my pacing guide and now we are just reviewing material.

I helped my student teacher revise her required lesson and activities. I'm hoping to add that once completed to our google assignments.

I look forward to seeing my kids on Monday.

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