

Dear Awesome Students,

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While we are away from school, we'd love for you to stay safe, healthy, and inquisitive. Please listen to the updates from health officials. Let's do everything we can to get through this with minimal damage.

As far as your learning goes for English class. . . .

You've made great progress this year, and we are very proud of you. Many of you have improved significantly as writers, readers, and thinkers. We appreciate the effort you've made all year and the positive attitudes you bring to class each day. We feel truly fortunate to work with you, and we can't wait to see you again as soon as possible.

Please keep moving forward with your learning by doing the following:

- Read your latest independent novel.
- Read something else of your own choosing.
- Watch good, thought-provoking movies.
- Listen to song lyrics that explore the same themes we've explored in class—how our relationships and experiences influence us, how we need to find positive ways to adapt to changes, how we must make significant decisions in life.
- Write down your thoughts in a journal—about the books, films, and songs. Write about life. Write about the coronavirus and how it's affecting all of us. Write stories, song lyrics, letters, and movie scripts. Just write.

As you finish reading books or watching films, writing poems or songs, email us. Let us know whether you liked the books, what themes you found, and what you've been writing. We will check email regularly, and we will respond to you as soon as we hear from you. We will also check in by email, Remind, or phone *at least* once a week.

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We will continue to update you as we learn more and receive further instructions from the school district.

Check the class site frequently for updates: www.mrpowellscsclass.weebly.com

