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Dear students,

The end of the school year has passed so very quickly. This wasn't the way we all thought it would go. It seems like we were just beginning to find out groove AND learn a bit about each other; and now, it is time for me to say goodbye to you as you continue to progress in school.

I'd like to leave you with some thoughts, which I find useful in my life:

"Know the true value of time, snatch, seize, and enjoy every minute of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination, never put off till tomorrow what you can do today." - Chesterfield

"Life is NOT a Spectator Sport." -Dick's Sporting Goods

Use every day to the fullest. Read, try to make someone smile, help someone, say a kind word to someone, dream things you'd like to do and work to make them possible. And, at the end of the day, be able to say, "Yes, I used the day, well." Remember...YOU make your own HISTORY!

This last quote is an important one:

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men (and women) to do nothing." - Edmund Burke

It's not always easy to break from the "crowd", but speak up for someone that you feel is being mistreated. Don't stay silent, for it may be YOU that hopes for someone to speak up for you one day.

I know I am *just* your teacher, but we've spent five days a week together for the last ten months (both in person and virtually) and change is never easy. I hope you'll remember me. I hope my discipline made you stronger. I hope my kindness made you feel safe. I hope that my classroom was a place that you learned many things and made many friends; I hope it was a place you genuinely like to be. While I'm a little sad to welcome a whole new group next year instead of continue to know you more, I'll think of you succeeding where you are. I'll think of how you've grown and how you'll continue to do so. And I'll not only think of how much you've learned but also how much you've taught me as we've grown.

All the best,

Mr. Stockdale