Hi families! Phew! We made it through our first week. Thank you for working so hard with your child this week. I have learned so many new things and am ready to apply them next week. My personal goals for next week are: to give more feedback to students, have a zoom session and start our counting collections. I appreciate your patience and the kind words many have sent this week. I have been impressed with how the students are helping each other online by answering questions on google classroom for one another. It has been amazing to see how helpful they are, even when they are not together. I hope that you and your family are healthy and staying safe during this time.

**Counting Collections:** Next week I am going to add in a counting collection flipgrid each day (Monday-Thursday.) Counting collections are where students grab a collection of things; it could be socks, candy, marbles, cars, noodles, etc. They find the best way to count their supplies and then they will make a video to share what they counted, how many things they counted and how they counted them. This is something we do in class often, however typically I have a whole bin of supplies. Finding supplies might be something that students need support with. I will be creating counting collections for each day and will have them posted before the students get to the flipgrid. You can watch mine and see how I am going about my collections. In our class, we typically count collections that are anywhere from 40-100 items.

The student directions are below:

1. Find a set of something in your house (it could be anything that is school appropriate: socks, markers, beads, cereal, leaves, sticks, rocks, marbles etc.)

2. Set up your counting collection and find the total amount BEFORE you record.

3. Make a flipgrid post explaining how you counted your collection.

4. Comment on two classmates posts with positive feedback. You can use the sentence stems: "I like how you used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ strategy" or "I thought you did a great job with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

Below is a link to my classroom website where you can learn more about our counting collections for next week. <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/34148>

**Writing:** Students will be starting their brainstorm of a fictional narrative (this is something we have learned in class but are now looping back to it.) The students will have interactive brainstorming slides, each slide will start with an example, and will then give the students the opportunity to brainstorm for their story. I remind the students on the slides to make sure all their brainstorming slides for the week build on each other. They will use these slides at the end of this week and moving into next week to create their full fictional write.

**Zoom session:** We will be having a live zoom session on Tuesday from 11:00-11:30. Please be on the lookout for instructions next week on how to use zoom. This will just be an informal meet up zoom for the kids so that they can see each other and connect in real time.

**Schedule/Week at a Glance:** Please check out the Remote Learning Support 2020 document on my website for an updated schedule and week at a glance for next week. I am going to create a schedule that you can use if you want, or you can continue on how you have been this week. Some families have asked about how to structure their learning time, so I am going to create an example. Overall this is your choice how you set up your day, please do what works best for your family and your child.

Link: <https://www.everettsd.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=2786>

Please feel free to email with any questions you may have. I am here to help! Happy Friday and I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

-Kendall Landis