

# 1 trying SOMETHING NEW

Students share some new things they tried in quarantine.



"I started skateboarding. I used to do it a lot in sixth grade and I just got back into it and started learning new tricks. I go to skateparks sometimes and my favorite trick is a 360 spin."  
- Isabella deLoera (8)



"I tried a new Mexican style of clothes. Bootcut jeans, shiny belt, and boots. My dad dresses like that sometimes and I liked it so now I go out like that to parties."  
- Nancy Ballesteros (8)

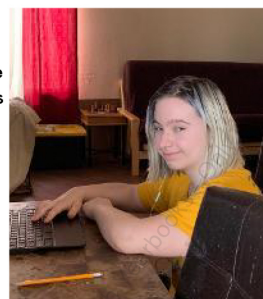


"I learned how to make bracelets, you tie a bunch of knots together, it doesn't take that long and it is easy to learn it. If you mess up one part you have to restart it. I also did some drawing recently, I did some flowers and other things around me."  
- Hailey Abreu (7)



"I started to get more into art and make-up. I've liked make-up since I was 6 and I've always watched those famous people do their make-up and that inspires me to do mine, or at least try."  
- Katelyne Pennington (7)

The struggles of online learning is a bit complicated. One of the main problems I faced was motivation, I felt somewhat disconnected from school because of being online.



- Ashley Drury (8)

# 3 WRITING THE BOOKS

"I started writing when I was in foster care because I was constantly bored and I had nothing else to do. I started writing more horror-type stories. I feel like my stories are good, but need work. I think later on in life I might actually pursue my writing and can hopefully make it into a side job."

- Dakota Sears (7)



# 2 HITTING THE BOOKS

"I only read one book about the Stanley Hotel, but I kept reading it over and over again. 'Doctor Sleep' is a really long book so it took about a month (to read) and it was kind of stressful because I had to keep renewing it at the library."  
- Lucy Sinclair (7)

"'Darling in the Franxx' was an interesting manga book that was about this girl that went crazy with horns. I read it for about a month and read it about 10 times."  
- Lucas Foster (7)

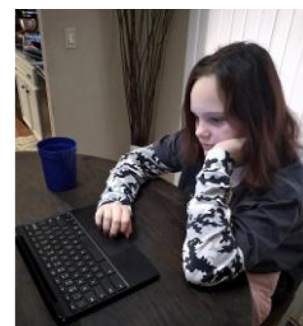
"I read 'Harry Potter' since I've already watched the movies. I like it when they introduce the characters and when they all meet each other."  
- Bailey Zanella (8)

"I had recently moved from Washington, so I was already used to communication from online devices. It was pretty normal for me with my friends and family from Washington, but people here are completely new. I didn't really know anyone here, so I

couldn't create a relationship with anyone. I just like to talk to people, see people in the real world, not just over a device. While it is a good substitute, I've always talked to people face-to-face."  
- Rentan Hazard (7)

# 4 STAY IN touch

Quarantine meant new ways of talking to friends and family.



"I miss my friends and I miss talking to them. (In school), it's harder to concentrate and stay awake; there are a lot of distractions at home."  
- Abigail Brossman (7)

# SIX ways we SURVIVED quarantine

COVID-19 left students isolated from others and with extra time on their hands, even when they returned for virtual learning. (Reporting by R. Stoltz, S. Mittendorf, N. Anforth, S. Ceron, D. Jones)

# 5 PAINTING everything

Students tried different art styles.



aileen gastelum

rehgan sellers

"I made this thing for my mom that holds her stuff for her plants. It's just a bunch of metal pieces with holes in them that allow the tools to spread out."  
- Andrew Baker (7)

"It's a lot easier to express yourself through abstract art. I like how peaceful it is and how you get to create something that's in your mind, in real life."  
- Georgi Dunnreed (7)

"I missed my friends; I didn't get to talk to them that much. (When I couldn't be with my friends), I did one of my hobbies, that's painting. I like painting because you can express your feelings and emotions."  
- Aileen Gastelum (8)

"I like drawing and painting. I like the coloring and unique skills to use for details. I also use reference photos, but I can still put my own emotions into a piece. I see it as a way of coping to get your mind off of things through the art you make."  
- Rehgan Sellers (7)

"I mostly watched anime. I watched 'Half of One Piece,' a 1,000-episode show about a kid who wants to become Pirate King. I watched about 20 episodes a day and since there wasn't really anything else to do, my mom was OK with it."  
- Max Parra Limon (7)

"I watched 'Raising Dion' about a kid that has powers. I watched about two episodes a day on Netflix. My foster sister and I watched it together."  
- Mathew Tate (7)

"I watched the whole 'Dragon Ball Z' series, which is about 400 episodes, and all of 'Naruto,' which is over 600. I would watch three or four hours a day and see about eight episodes. I like it because the characters keep getting new transformations and get stronger with each episode."  
- Jose Reyes (8)

"I binge watched a few anime shows like 'Kakegurui' and 'The Promised Neverland.' I really like those shows and they had amazing plots and twists."  
- Madison Nazario (8)

"I feel like ('Grey's Anatomy') was really interesting because you learn about how to do a transplant and how they get the organs. I really liked it because it told you how to be independent and how it's OK to be yourself because it doesn't matter what other people think."  
- Stephanie Gonzalez Vasquez (8)

# NETFLIX AND more netflix

Students share what shows they binged with their extra time.

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