1. Trying New Things

Students share some new things they tried in quarantine.

- "I started skateboarding. I used to do a lot in sixth grade and just got back into it and started learning new tricks. I go to skateparks sometimes and my favorite trick is a 360 win." - Isabella Deenah (8)
- "I tried a new Mexican style of clothing. Boas, overalls, slimy belt, and boots. My dad dressed like that sometimes and I liked it so now I go out like that to parties." - Mason Balberinos (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. 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." - Harley Atkins (7)
- "I started to get more into art and makeup. I’ve tried makeup since I was 6 and I’ve always wanted those famous people do their makeup and that inspires me to do mine too, or at least try." - Katelyn Perczick (7)

2. Hitting the Books

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

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

3. Writing the Books

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." - Ranton Hazzard (7)

I had moved recently from Washington, so 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)

4. Stay in Touch

Quarantine meant new ways of talking to friends and family.

"Making 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 is in your mind, in real life." - George Denard (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 a lot of my hobbies, that’s painting. I like painting because you can express your feelings and emotions." - Alton Ostolitz (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 versions into a piece. I see it as a way of coping to get your mind off all things through the art you make." - Raygan Sellers (7)

5. Painting Everything

Students tried different art styles.

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6. Netflix and More Netflix

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