

Mrs. Secreto's End of Year Reflection

WHATEVER
HAPPENED OVER
THIS PAST YEAR,
BE THANKFUL
FOR WHERE IT
BROUGHT YOU.
WHERE YOU ARE
IS WHERE YOU'RE
MEANT TO BE.

1. *What is one memory from 5th grade you'll never forget? Our morning mindful mantra. I loved seeing everyone peaceful (if only for 5 minutes a day)!*
2. *What is something you accomplished this year that you're proud of? Helping Ms. Tolentino get ready for her job as a teacher, and my fifth graders get ready for middle school.*
3. *What was the most challenging part of this year for you? Missing my class when we switched to distance learning.*
4. *What was the kindest thing a classmate did for you this year OR what was the kindest thing you did for a classmate? He's not a classmate, but I always appreciated how Mr. Gary would bring Hercules lettuce and treats from our school garden.*
5. *What is the most important lesson you learned this year? (Please don't just say "do your work/projects on time" - although that's important, try to dig deeper!) Don't get caught up in negativity, when things get rough keep going, keep working hard, and always look for the bright side.*
6. *What is something that was hard for you at the beginning of the year, but is easy for you now? With distance learning, I definitely learned how to use a lot more technology tools which is actually something really positive that came out of this experience.*
7. *What areas do you think you made the biggest improvements in this year? (And not just subjects like math, reading, etc., it can be bigger than that - like making friends, speaking up for yourself... things like that too!) Managing and balancing my school and home responsibilities - and making more time for myself.*
8. *What is one new, positive habit you started this year? Making it a goal to finish at least one of my own IR books each month.*
9. *What is one bad habit you'd like to drop for next year? Checking and writing emails too late at night!*
10. *Something really cool I created in school this year is... our Chains Book Project assignment. I'd never done these before and it was so rewarding to see you guys put so much effort and love into your projects even though you had to do it all from home!*

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11. *What I'm going to miss the most about Manoa School is... the beautiful projects, artwork, funny discussions, the notes from students, and seeing kids reach their goals.*
12. *This year I am most grateful for this year's fifth graders because they showed grit, determination, creativity, and showed me what it means to be a TIGER!*

Congratulations on a year well done, 5-14.