



What If

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What if???

If they cancel the rest of the school year, students would miss 2.5 months of education (although in our district we have been teaching online since week 1). Many people are concerned about students falling behind because of this. Yes, they may fall behind...

But what if...

What if instead of falling "behind", this group of kids are **ADVANCED** because of this? Hear me out...

What if they have more empathy, they enjoy family connection, they can be more creative and entertain themselves, they love to read, and they love to express themselves in writing?

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own backyard and sitting near a window in the quiet?

What if they notice the birds and the dates of the different flowers emerging, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if they learn to cook, organize their space, do their own laundry, and keep a well-run home?

What if they learn to stretch a dollar and to live with less?

What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home?

What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?

What if in their "boredom" they create something amazing? They learn a new instrument, or a new skill?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers like truck drivers, grocers, cashiers, custodians, logistics, and health care workers and their supporting staff, just to name a few of the millions taking care of us right now while we are sheltered in place?

What if among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life?

What if they are **AHEAD**?