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Stay safe everyone, miss you, and I cannot wait to see you all again!! 😊

Week 1

Writing Activities

1. Complete **1** journal entry based on the following ideas. Write for **10** minutes. How are you feeling in these uncertain times? What have you been doing to pass the time?? Have you been staying connected to friends and other family members via internet/phone?? These are just ideas, you may express any ideas about this experience that you wish.

You may look at the **checklist** to see if you are using some creative writing skills.

Checklist: Use paragraphs

Use appropriate sentence structure

Check spelling

Create voice by adding strong word choice

If you did not finish in 10 minutes, that is ok, you can finish it the next day. You may even continue adding thoughts throughout the week.

2. Complete **two** glossary word entries

Words 11 & 12

11. discovery

12. dishonest

Here is an example in case you forgot how to continue the process.

You can use the example as a checklist to make sure you have completed all of the steps.

Checklist/Example: What is the definition of the glossary word?

Does the word have a prefix or a suffix or both?

What is the root word?

What are some other words related to the root word (find 2)?

Write a sentence using the glossary word (it may be written using different suffixes).

Example of a completed word:

Antifreeze - a liquid, typically one based on ethylene glycol, that can be added to water to lower the freezing point, chiefly used in the radiator of a motor vehicle.

Prefix –anti which means opposed to or against.
The root word is freeze.

Two other related words are: freezes, freezing

The Bay of Chaleur does not freeze completely, during our long, cold New Brunswick winters.

****As a challenge ask your parents, guardians, siblings, or friends to make up a sentence using the glossary word also, or see if they are able to define the word, spell the word, or tell you what the prefix or suffix is.****

Reading Activity

A "shelfie" is a photo you take of your bookshelf. It has become a common hashtag on Instagram and Twitter. Due to its popularity, businesses are trying to take advantage of it to sell their products, as well as to increase literacy rates.

McDonald's has used this strategy in order to bring customers to its restaurants.

Read this article, "McDonald's Canada Is Now Offering Canadian Books With Happy Meals" from Huffington Post (original article) and reflect on the questions that follow.

“McDonald's Canada Is Now Offering Canadian Books With Happy Meals”

For anyone who grew up in the '80s in Canada, this should look very familiar.



It doesn't? Perhaps this was more your time.



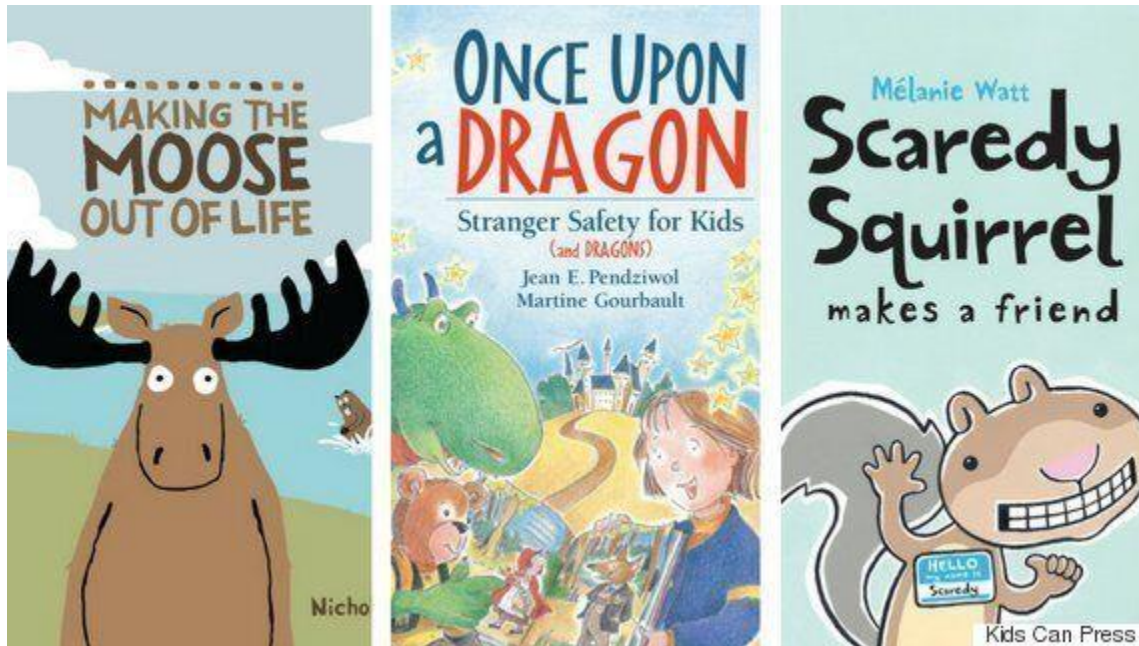
It's one of the great traditions of childhood — convincing your parents to go to McDonald's pretty much just to complete your Happy Meal toy collection.

And now, it seems, McDonald's Canada wants to up the ante on what's on offer in those red and yellow boxes, and we have to say, we're just as excited as we think our kids will be.

Starting May 16, the fast food restaurant is giving the option of books for the "prize" that comes with Happy Meals — though kids can choose to still get a toy if they want (no judgment, because those DC Comics superhero cars last year were

pretty fantastic). There will be a choice of two books, and the options will change every two months.

Even better, they've joined with children's publisher Kids Can Press to do this, which means the featured books will be Canadian, including Franklin the Turtle by Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark, Scaredy Squirrel by Mélanie Watt, the beloved Life in the Wild series by Nicholas Oldland and the Dragon Safety Series from Jean E. Pendziwol and Martine Gourbault.



While this isn't the first time McDonald's has given away books with its Happy Meals — a two-week run in the States last year proved immensely popular, and various tie-ins have happened over the years — it is pretty innovative in its scope. The chain is also starting a charitable initiative with #OwnaBookGiveaBook, asking young readers to take a "shelfie" (that's a picture of your bookshelf, turned into a hashtag) and post it on social media. For every use of the hashtag, up to 20,000, a book will be donated via First Book Canada, an organization that combats literacy issues by giving kids in need access to books.



While the benefits of reading to and with your kids are somewhat obvious, like improving literacy rates and getting them interested in a variety of topics, parenting website Raising Children Australia also notes it can help them understand change or new events better, as well as their own and others' emotions.

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It's no secret McDonald's has been trying to up its parent-friendly game in Happy Meals over the years (hello, apples and yogurt in lieu of cookies), but it's also no secret that there are probably healthier options if we just made food for our kids at home.

So if they think we're going to be tricked into eating there more often because they're now giving away books ... well, they're probably right.

Questions to reflect on:

1. In your opinion, is improving literacy rates an important goal for McDonald's?
2. Do you think adults are more likely to take children to McDonald's rather than another restaurant if the children can receive a free book?

A common complaint in English class is students saying they don't like to read. While this may be true for some people, the reality is that many students actually read all the time; they just don't realize they are doing so, as they are reading texts that they find enjoyable rather than texts that their teacher asks them to read at school.

****As a challenge read this article aloud to your parents, guardians, siblings, or friends, and have a conversation about it.****