Hello, 5th graders!! How have you been? A week has passed since you last came to school. Your answers are : "I'm doing pretty well!"

"Everything is going as scheduled. Don't worry, teachers!"
"How boring it is not to be able to see my friends…"
"It's OK. I can talk with my friends, play some games on line.
Homework? Yes, I know I have to finish it. I will do it! I have plenty of time!"
"Having no school lesson is awesome!"
"I'm fine. But I've not studied at all."
"How can I finish such a lot of homework!?"

I hope you're teaching yourself just like when you have classes at school. But at the same time, I can see how much difficulty you are having. Usually, once you come to school, it is automatically scheduled when you will have each lesson. In some lessons, you are active and have a lot of interests in them. In other lessons, you may be bored because you are not interested in them and end up falling asleep. No matter how badly the lesson goes, you would feel that you participated in the lesson or you studied the subject, even if it is a false satisfaction. Break times between each class and lunch time with your friends are precious. With the repeating of taking lessons and enjoying break times, time passes quickly and orderly at school. Communicating with friends is playing quite an important role. Through talking and sharing feelings with your friends, you can feel refreshed and have a clear mind. We expect more effectiveness through face-to-face communication. But now, you have fewer chances to do that. How boring you may think it is!

Now you have a plenty of time where you can manage things for yourself. Since most of you want to go to university, you cannot avoid studying at this time. How you spend this time, what you think about, and what you do are all very important. All homeroom teachers told you how to spend this time on March 3rd. Please remember their words again. What did they say to you? Then, think about a few things. What day of the week is it today? What time is it now? What would you be doing now if you were at school? What lesson would you be having now? "It's 11:05 on Wednesday. Oh! I would be having English Communication II. Anyway, I have to study English…" In this way, let's keep trying our best! When you come to school again, I'm looking forward to each of you having made a progress toward your goal.

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