Study Sync Blast- Getting Schooled

NOTE FROM MRS. SCHELLENBERG

Hi Christian-

Here's the Study Sync blast we will be working on the next 2-3 days. It's due next Monday. Henry can just read and write his thoughts at the end of the document. I will ask him questions and respond to his answer...

GENEVA (Reuters) -Thousands of Swiss children returned to school on May 11, 2020, many excited to be reunited with their classmates after a nearly two-month break due to the new coronavirus, although some parents had misgivings.

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Children at Geneva's La Tour School had to adapt to new rituals, with parents dropping them off at a distance. Classrooms were half full to reduce crowding and desks spaced two metres (6.5 feet) apart.

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Under a courtyard shelter in heavy rain, children laughed while others played hopscotch and one girl helped a smaller child put on disposable gloves.

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"I really want to start school again because I like it and I like my teacher a lot," said Heloise, a 6-year-old at the Geneva school. Yunyi, 7, also said he was excited and complained of being bored at home.

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As of May 11, Switzerland had reported more than 30,000 cases of the COVID-19 respiratory disease and 1,500 deaths. With new infections falling, Bern is taking a phased approach to easing control measures, as schools, shops, museums and restaurants opened during the week of May 11.

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Diane Jolidon, Heloise's mother, said it had been difficult to be both parent and teacher at home while also working.

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"It was quite complicated and we are pretty happy they are going back," she said.

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Some parents expressed misgivings and concern for their children's health. Others have opted for home schooling.

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Hieianh, a mother of two, said she was afraid for her son who has a blood condition. "Of course we wish to send our children to school as it is terrible to stay at home all day long. I am so confused at this moment," she said.

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Linda Bapst in Prilly said her 3-year-old son who resumed kindergarten on May 11 was anxious at having to enter the building alone for the first time.

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At a private school near Lausanne, teachers wore masks and one a full-face visor while children had their temperature taken outside. Two were turned away.

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Restaurants started welcoming back guests under guidelines that limit only four people to tables that must be two metres apart or separated by dividing walls.

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"The opening was a little bit like the closing, it was a little bit quick, a little bit rushed," said Gerald Bonjioanni, manager of Geneva's Le Cafe du Soleil.

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"But still, it is a relief to be able to meet people that we used to see every day, the regulars who live in the neighbourhood, to see that life goes on in some way."

1. **As classrooms reopened in Switzerland, parents and children expressed excitement and fear over restarting familiar rituals — and taking on some entirely new habits. What do you think? How should schools approach reopening classrooms?**

**Write your reponse:**

1. **What would you like implemented in schools to feel safe in the classrooms? (Examples: masks, sitting 6 feet away from other students, taking temperattures)**