



# "One Day in May"

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**Describe your day today -- did you go out? what did you do for fun? did you cook or eat anything special? did you do work or chores? who did you spend time with?**

Today is Friday May 15, 2020. I worked from home today. My office has been on a work from home basis since March 13, so we are 9 weeks in on this. The work from home status is currently through May 31. At this point, I am unsure if we will return to the office on June 1 or not. I work in accounting for a software company for the healthcare industry. It is a needed service and I feel very fortunate to be in a company that can offer remote work, and has had little impact as far as job losses or reduced hours or wages. Our main impact was a delay in our normal annual pay increase that typically goes into effect in April. We are able to work pretty much the same at home as in the office. We just need internet and our VPN connection and our laptop and we are good to go. We have had few internet or phone connectivity issues during these months. Working from home has been pretty smooth. I don't have an ideal work from home setup, and I would prefer to work in the office but I am making do with what I have.

I have a 7 year old daughter who is going through first grade. They stopped going into the school after their spring break was over in March. They have been doing eLearning for 6 weeks so far. Next week is the last scheduled week of eLearning and then it will be summer break. The teacher has sent us a weekly choice board and we picked learning activities to go through on the eLearning days. They have it scheduled for Tuesdays through Thursdays. There was no school stuff today, so Parker mostly watched YouTube videos and played with her toys. She is pretty good at playing around the house by herself with her toys while I am working from home. I do wish I could be more interactive with her these work from home days, while we are both home. Today I took a lunch break and we had lunch together and played around the house for a little bit. I didn't take a work break in the morning and decided to take a longer break in the afternoon. Parker and I went on a bike ride around the neighborhood. We picked up one of the neighbors, who is also in Parker's class at school. We rode to the front of the neighborhood where there is a little pond. Parker ended up scraping her finger on a brick mailbox along the way, and we turned around and went back home to get a band-aid. We rode around the block just a little more. I let the girls stay outside and play for the rest of the afternoon, while I finished my work for the day.

My mom (Parker's grandma) sent us a care package and we got it in the mail today. Parker and Gramma had a FaceTime call earlier in the week. They kept each other company while I worked. They looked through a unicorn treat cookbook and they picked out a recipe to work on. Gramma worked on making the treat while Parker watched and listened and talked and jumped around and did cartwheels and practiced on a toy yo-yo. They were talking about ingredients and sizes from the recipe. Gramma even had to go to the grocery store in mid call to get a couple needed ingredients, and Parker went right along with her (audibly, not video). Gramma sent the completed Unicorn horn treat in the mail and we received the package today.

I have been a good steward with the stay at home recommendations. It doesn't feel very heroic, but that is what the healthcare professionals urged early on. I haven't even filled up my car gas tank in the 9 weeks since we started working from home. I have gone to the grocery about once every 7 to 10 days. I haven't had a haircut. I haven't had a coffee. We have had online streaming church services. I have had

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several zoom family video chat nights and some video chat nights with friends.

-Marty Tuck, 2004

great grandson of Albert and Katherine Parker

**What do you remember best about being on campus in May of other years?**

I graduated in 2004. That was the year of the cicadas. I don't remember too much of the specifics off of the top of my head. I remember it being loud and the sound from the cicadas was ever present. I am fairly certain we had the graduation indoors because of that. I have some relatives that live in Hanover and Madison. We had most of my side of the family there for the occasion, aunts and uncles and cousins, along with my immediate family.

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