Hello, my name is Corinne Biswell and I am headed (trepidatiously) into my 17th year of teaching in a two-teacher program at a small rural school in West Central Illinois. My school is planning on returning to full, normal instruction - a shock to all of us teachers. To combat the worry and misgivings I have, I wanted to immerse myself in this adventure to refocus my attention from the negative to the positive and get excited about my classroom again.

I’m single, so the center of my world since March has been my pup, Maisey. She became the locus of my universe as we sheltered in place together, and some really positive things came of it. We started walking together daily, something I never had time to do before with the spring schedule of an Ag teacher. We cooked together more, trying new recipes (I like kohlrabi, she doesn’t). We even repainted a few rooms, planted a garden, and chased the cat. She visited my Zoom lessons regularly and gave the students virtual tours of our farmhouse like our own version of MTV Cribs...Corn Cribs, that is. Although our world turned upside down, we found a lot of peace and togetherness with our new schedule, so I chose to create a poor likeness of her from the girliest play-doh color we have, because she is the fanciest corgi around. You can see her disapproving of my skills in the background.

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