My Wish for You

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I wish...
That you wake up and look forward to school,

    that some days you even LOVE going to school,
    that you never dread going to school.

That every day we LAUGH OUT LOUD together.
That every day we enjoy music and DANCE.
That you feel safe.
That every day you have something GOOD to say
    when your parent asks, “How was school today?”

I wish...
That you can tell I care about you

    You might FEEL angry at me sometimes,
    like you feel angry with your parents sometimes,
    but I want you to KNOW that I sincerely care,

    all the time,
    no matter what.

I wish...
That you set an example of kindness for those both younger and older than you.

    That you are kinder than necessary because you understand
    that you can’t possibly know everything each person is going through.

I wish...
That you enjoy learning.

    That you think of things in ways you never have before,
    That you realize you are part of a GLOBAL community,
    That you responsibly contribute.
I wish...
That you see how your writing can make a difference.
   That you understand the practice we do,
   That you find purpose in our audiences,
   That you receive real responses.
   That you write something of which you can feel proud.

I wish...
That you absolutely fall in love with reading
   that you continue to love it if you already do,
   that together we find “The Book” that gets you hooked this year if you don’t.
I can’t say this enough,
I wish for you all to discover the POWER of reading and writing.

I wish...
that this year you contribute to making this world a better place for everyone.

I wish...
that this year I make all of this possible for you.

-Mrs. T.G. 😊