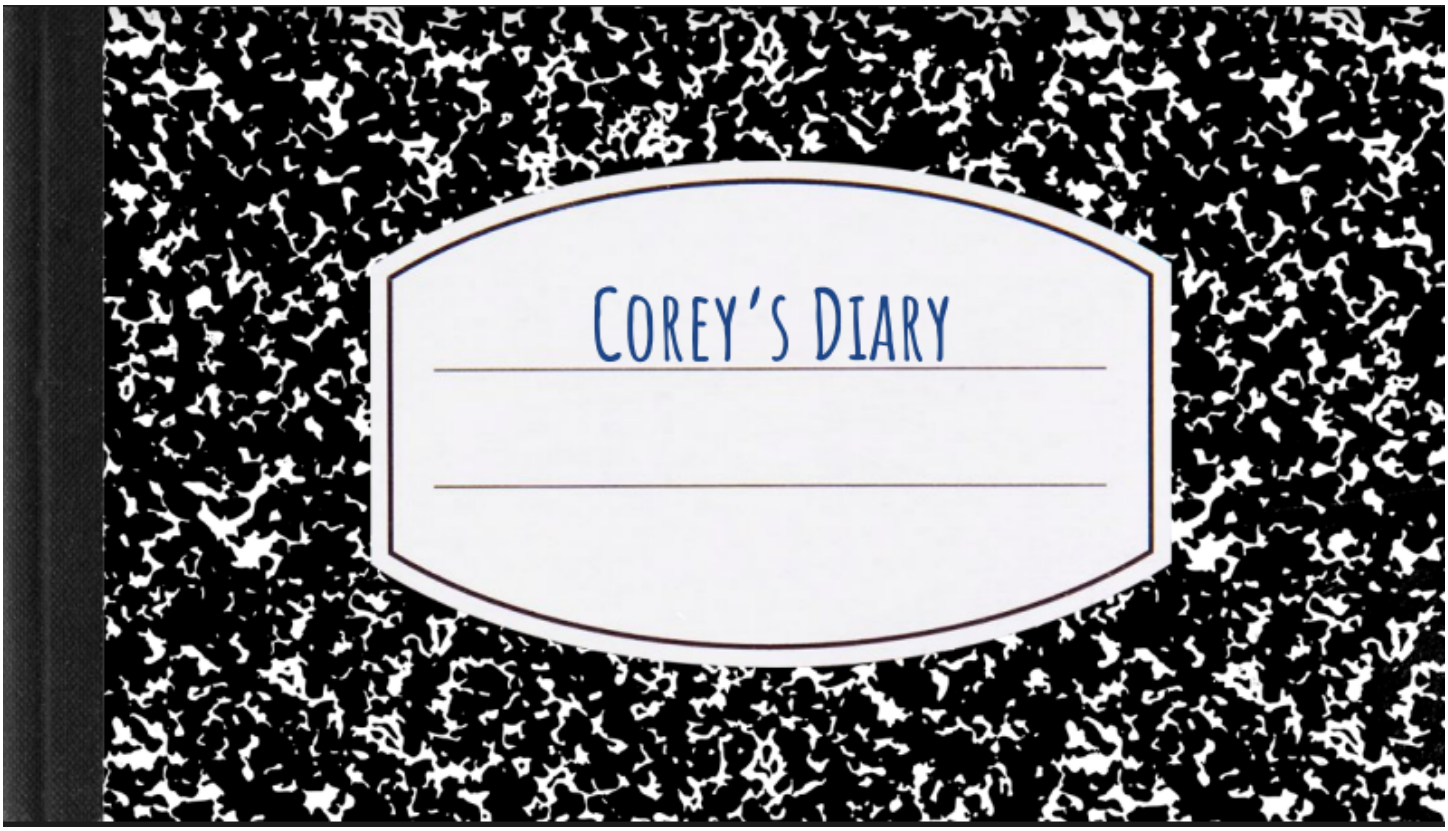

Monday, September 6 - Day #1

Today I met my tutor - Mr. Wexler. We had a meeting where he asked me a bunch of questions about myself. I told him all about football starting up again and how much I really don't like math. It's my hardest subject. Whenever anyone asks me what my favorite part of the day is at school, I tell them that recess is my favorite part of the day and math is my least favorite. It's just SO hard. My tutor says that my brain is like a muscle and that I'll get better at math if I practice with the help of my coach just like I do on the football field.

Friday, September 10 - Day #4

Learning on Zearn is fun - it's kind of like a video game. It's mostly fun but sometimes hard to level up. Mr. Wexler says that my goal is to level up 3 times in one week. I'm not sure I can do this, but I will try. Mr. Wexler tells me he'll be by my side to help me meet my goals and says that his friends in the computer, Brainy, Little Square and teachers like Mr. Sawicki, are there to cheer me on and help me out when I need a boost. Mr. Wexler reminds me every day that even though the computer is doing most of the teaching, I'm not alone and that he'll be checking in on me.

Friday, September 17 - Day #8

I sometimes feel like math problems play tricks on me. I wanted to give up on my daily word problem today. I begged, "Can't you just tell me the answer, Mr. Wexler?!" But then, Wexler reminded me to use my problem solving strategies to tackle the problem just like I tackle my opponents on the football field. From there, I read the story more closely and drew a picture. Then, I figured it out!

Monday, September 20 - Day #9

When I'm learning on Zearn, I can see the goal post at the end of my tutoring time. Mr. Wexler always asks me to reflect on my goal at the beginning of the lesson. I tell him, "1 lesson a day!" From there, Mr. Wexler nudges me to get my station ready for learning time because he's noticed that I'm a tiny bit messy sometimes. We work through a checklist - Headphones, check! Pencil, check! Scratch paper, check! Once my station is set, I'm ready to "zearn." Hehe! Get it?

Friday, September 24 - Day #12

I can't believe I'm saying this but I think I'm beginning to like math. This week, I completed all 3 lessons by myself! You should see my goal tracker that Mr. Wexler gave me - I've got so many checks! Mr. Wexler is very proud of me. He asked me to create a list of all of the things I do each day to be successful. Here is my list:

- ❑ Keep my materials organized
- ❑ When my computer freaks out, take a breath and refresh
- ❑ Rewatch videos until I understand them

Mr. Wexler says that just like football teams have winning plays, these are the plays that I'm making to score goals on Zearn.