English B60 – Basic Writing Skills

Writing Assignment 2 topic:

A major theme in David Leavitt's short story "Gravity" is facing adversity. Theo and his mother face unspeakable adversity, yet they carry on as though nothing is wrong. Theo's mom tries to make each day seem normal for her son.

Write an essay that answers the following question: when Theo and his mother were at the gift shop, do you feel Theo's mother was right to toss the bowl at Theo? Explain why you answer the way you do.

Your essay should be about 250 words in length.

See the handout on the Class Website entitled: "MLA Sample Page (with 2016 Updates)" for the correct page format for typed assignments in English B60.

Thoughts that may help you get started:

- Should people with incurable illnesses be treated the same as healthy people?
- Is it OK to use someone else's property to make a point?
- How does Leavitt explain the reasons and results for tossing the bowl?

Due Date: Assignment is due in class on Tuesday, September 5, 2017

- As always, all assignments done outside of class must be typed