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Dear K-5 Students and Parents:

As communicated by the district office, Reed Union School District will be closing school campuses to students for two weeks beginning Monday, March 16th, and resuming Monday, March 30th. Teachers and staff shared our at-home learning expectations with students today. Our collective message to students is that school and learning will continue; it is the location and method of delivery that has changed. Toward that end, we understand the challenge that this can bring for families and caregivers, and we will continue to find ways to make this experience as positive and beneficial for everyone.

Families will receive daily lesson updates each morning by 10:00 am on our RUSD at Home website. The live link and password will be sent to you on Monday, March 16, by 10:00 am via email. During this time of at-home instruction, K-5 teachers and specialists will hold daily virtual office hours between 10:00am and noon via email. This will be your opportunity to communicate in real time with your child's teacher(s).

The most important thing families and caregivers can do right now is:

- continue to share calm and reassuring messages to your child
- create a comfortable learning space in your home
- establish a daily "at-home" school schedule
- create a support network for child supervision
- continue checking emails daily to ensure you are reviewing the most current communication

Supporting students' with at-home learning expectations will be critical for their continued growth and a successful transition back to our classrooms. Consider reviewing this [Common Sense Media](#), resource to enhance and extend lessons provided by teachers.

Please be mindful that young children may feel burdened and anxious with the volume of negative news and the effects of necessary social distancing. The best thing adults can do is to provide a calm and reassuring presence. Reassure your child that adults around the world are working hard to keep everyone safe and healthy. Presently being at home is the safest place to do school.

Please take care of yourself and your family.

Sincerely,
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