



March 16, 2020

Dear Reed Families, Caregivers, and Students,

I hope this email finds you well and that you are adjusting to our temporary new way of life. Today begins our first day of RUSD School at Home. Teachers and specialists have been busy preparing assignments and activities for students to complete. You can access all learning materials at this link [RUSD At Home beginning at 10:00am today](#). The password is **RUSD** (case sensitive).

Teachers have posted assignments for both March 16th and 17th. Beginning tomorrow (Tuesday, March 17th), assignments will be posted one day in advance so that you can prepare for the following day. Please look for an email coming from your teacher later this morning.

During this period of distance learning, teachers and specialists will be working as a team to continue to develop lesson plans. Lessons and assignments will be consistent for all students at a grade level. CA Ed Code requires that students are provided with at least 4 hours of schoolwork each day. Teachers and specialists will be keeping that guideline in mind as they create the plans for each day. Obviously, the exact amount of time that an assignment takes may vary for each student. Lessons and activities will be fairly simple for the first few days as families transition to at-home learning. Teacher teams will be adding a wider range of subjects and activities as we progress. *\*Please be sure to save all lessons your child has completed. These will be given to teachers upon return to school.*

As we all know, predictability and structure are critically important for children, especially when times are stressful. We encourage you to spend some time this morning establishing your at-home school routines and expectations with your child. Make sure your child has a place to complete school work. Consider spending some time gathering together basic materials, including books for independent reading. Discuss what activities could be fun when it is time for a break. Our collective message to students is that school and learning will continue; it is the location and method of delivery that has changed. Please reinforce this message with your children.

Teachers, specialists, and staff will be available by email for “office hours” every day from 10AM to noon. You are welcome to email at other times as well and we will get back to you as soon as we are able. These are extraordinary times. Please be safe and take care of each other. Remember that we are all in this together.

Be well,  
Mary Niesyn & Staff