

March 31, 2020

Dear Preschool Families of Students with Disabilities,

Instruction in the form of virtual learning is being developed to support students and families during this closure. This includes special education and related services, such as speech language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

- Special education services and accommodations will be provided via virtual learning, as appropriate for your child.
- The Meadow Crest teachers will make reasonable efforts to make virtual learning resources accessible to students with disabilities.
- Virtual instruction will not look the same as classroom instruction.
- Focus will be on progress toward IEP goals **and** providing access to the general education curriculum delivered.

Our school has in-home learning resources on the Meadow Crest webpage, <https://meadowcrest.rentonschools.us/for-families/in-home-learning>. Special education teachers and related services providers (e.g. OTs, PTs, SLPs) are developing resources for these school pages. Each week you will find activities for literacy, math, social/emotional, motor, routines, adaptive/self-help, as well as ideas from our Speech/Language Pathologists (SLPs) and Occupational and Physical Therapists. (OTs and PTs). Many activities will include ways to adapt the instruction if your child is not quite ready for the activity or needs more of a challenge. Additionally, teachers and related service providers are available via email, phone and video conferencing. Teachers and therapists will be working with you to develop the supports that are most appropriate for your child.

You are also encouraged to review the many resources available on the Renton School District website students-families page at <https://www.rentonschools.us/students-families>. Here you can find the [Preschool Resource from University of Washington](#), as well as additional resources for Students with Disabilities and Social/Emotional Learning. Continue to check out these sites weekly, as we will be adding additional resources as they become available.

Please reach out to your student's special education teacher or related service provider if you have questions about support for your student at home during the closure.

Our educators, therapists, office support, and administrators are working virtually during normal school hours.

The week of April 6-10 is Spring Break. Staff will be unavailable during break. Staff will return on Monday, April 13, with continued distance learning.

Please reach out to your student's special education team members via their district email with any questions.

If you have any questions you believe require district level assistance email [special.education@rentonschools.us](mailto:special.education@rentonschools.us).

Sincerely,

Cindy Farnsworth  
Principal

## Additional Resources for Preschool

Resource	CASEL	Grade Level / Content	All levels; social/emotional/ behavioral supports
url	<a href="https://casel.org/covid-resources/">https://casel.org/covid-resources/</a>		
Description	Ideas and resources on anxiety management, family routines, feelings wheels, and other activities at home		
Student log-in	No log-in needed!		

## Add-ons for Chromebooks or Google Chrome to support accessibility

### Google [Read&Write](#):

- **Text-to-speech** to hear words, passages, or whole documents read aloud with easy-to-follow dual color highlighting
- Text and picture **dictionaries** to see the meaning of words explained
- Dictate words (with **speech-to-text**) to assist with writing, proofreading & studying
- **Word prediction** offers suggestions for the current or next word as you type
- Collect **highlights** from text in documents or the web for summarizing and research
- Create and listen to **voice notes** directly inside of Google Docs
- **Simplify and summarize text** on web pages to remove ads and other copy that can be distracting

### Google [Read Aloud](#):

- Click a button and have a **webpage article read aloud to you**
- Supports **40+ languages**
- Choose from many available **male and female voices**
- Set the **pitch** of the voice and the **reading speed**
- Supports **PDF**