



# In-Home Learning

While schools are closed, we continue to focus on supporting our students with their learning.

On each school website, educators will provide in-home standards-based lessons and learning activities for students to practice their learning. Those materials will be updated every Friday.

Teachers and support staff will also connect directly with students through email, Canvas, or Google Classroom.

## What is In-Home Learning?

### IN-HOME LEARNING IS

- Establishing and maintaining connections with students and families to provide learning materials and supports
- Communication using a variety of methods (email, phone, printed materials, and on-line platforms like Canvas & Google Classroom)
- Weekly learning activities designed by teachers for students during the closure
- Encouraging and celebrating family-determined learning opportunities

### IN-HOME LEARNING IS NOT

- A replacement for the rich daily face-to-face learning experiences that take place in school
- Only on-line learning

## Where can families & students find in-home learning activities?

### Find New In-Home Learning Materials on Your School Website Every Friday

- On the front page of Renton School District's website: [www.rentonschools.us](http://www.rentonschools.us)
- Click the button marked Select a School (in the top right corner of the page on desktop; top left on phone)
- Select Your School in the drop-down menu
- Hover over the tab **For Families**
- Click **In-Home Learning**
- Additional district-wide resources available at: [www.rentonschools.us/students-families](http://www.rentonschools.us/students-families)

## What types of lessons and activities can I expect to see?

	Pre-school & Elementary	Grades 6-8	High School
<i>These activities provide practice and continued engagement in learning in specific content areas.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly learning activities, posted each Friday</li> <li>• Daily activities for literacy and math</li> <li>• Daily activities for science or social studies</li> <li>• Weekly whole-class email communication</li> <li>• Weekly phone or email communication to each family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly learning activities, posted each Friday</li> <li>• 3 learning activities per class per week</li> <li>• Feedback on work students complete, either individually or as a group</li> <li>• Feedback via email, Canvas, or Google Classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly learning activities within Canvas or Google Classroom aligned to one of these models:</li> <li>• Project Based Learning (aligned to components from pblworks.org, weekly benchmarks and feedback)</li> <li>• Conventional Learning (3 learning activities per week, weekly feedback)</li> </ul>

# In-Home Learning in Renton Schools *(continued)*

Each school uses a suite of communication tools with families, tailored to the needs of their students. These tools may include those listed below:

## ***In-home Learning Pages on Each School's Website***

See instruction on how to find weekly content on page 1.

## ***Video Meetings***

Live video may foster richer student learning by enabling two-way conversations. To ensure these conversations are appropriate and professional, live video with students must:

- Have at least 3 participants (not one-on-one)
- PreK-5th grade students: Is approved in advance by each participating student's parent or guardian
- Middle and high school students: Each participating student's parent or guardian is given the opportunity to opt their student out of live video
- Video security: As video platform usage increases, so have concerns about its security. We adjusted several district-wide settings as defaults in our platforms (e.g. requiring a "waiting room," meeting passwords, and host-only screen-sharing).

## ***Learning Management Systems (Canvas & Google Classroom)***

Many students are accessing in-home learning in Canvas or Google Classroom through the [RSD Login Portal](#).

Families can gain access in the following ways, where they will be able to "observe" some of their student's assignments and activity, but not interact with content or with students.

Canvas: Family members can gain access to Canvas classes as an "observer" (more information at: <https://go.aws/2JVLEy1>). To sign up as an observer, please cut/paste this link into Google: <https://bit.ly/2UWCJCN>.

Google Classroom: Family members can access information from Google Classroom in two ways:

- Classroom teacher sends an invite to a family member's email. Once the family member accepts the invite, they will be provided a weekly message from Google Classroom, providing information on things like missing work, upcoming work and class activity.
- Family member sits with their student, who will log into Google Classroom by going to the RSD login portal, selecting Google Classroom and navigating to a specific class.

***More information*** can be found at [www.rentonschools.us](http://www.rentonschools.us)



## ***Tips for talking with your children about COVID-19, from the CDC***

- Remain calm and reassuring.
- Make yourself available to listen and to talk.
- Avoid language that might blame others and lead to stigma.
- Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio, or online.
- Provide information that is honest and accurate.
- Teach children everyday actions to reduce the spread of germs.

