



Royal Redeemer Lutheran School Distance Learning Program Parent Information

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OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Royal Redeemer Lutheran School Distance Learning Program is to ensure continuation of the educational and spiritual program for students of Royal Redeemer Lutheran School during a prolonged school closure.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All grade levels, Preschool 3-year-old through 8th Grade, will be provided Distance Learning opportunities during prolonged campus closures. Our program is designed to maintain the logical continuation of instruction that would have taken place in the classroom.

SCHOOL OPERATING / CONTACT HOURS

- The school campus will be closed to students & parents unless otherwise announced (currently closed through May 1st, 2020).
- The school office will be available for contact by email between 8:00am-4:00pm on school days.
- Teachers will be available for K-8 between 9am and 2pm and for EE during typically scheduled school days/times, (with evening hours to accommodate parents' schedules, as needed).

DISTANCE LEARNING DAILY ASSIGNMENTS AND INFORMATION

Royal Redeemer Lutheran School has established Distance Learning plans for each grade level. These plans will be shared with all families through email on a daily or weekly basis.

- Distance Learning instruction will be planned for on scheduled school days. New information will not be posted on weekends, holidays, or previously scheduled days off (e.g. April 10th– April 17th).
- Parents and/or students should watch for teacher communication (via email, or Google Classroom, etc.) for lessons, videos, assignments and resources, posted by 9:00am daily/weekly on Mondays.
- Top and first instructional priority is given to Religion and Memory studies, Literacy content, and Math content. Other content areas will be provided, in addition to Specials (PE, Music, Art, and Media) in K-8, which will be available in the Countdown weekly.
- Students in grades Kindergarten – 8th grade will have assignments count towards completion and participation grades. When authentic assessment of skill mastery can be gathered, per the classroom teacher, these grades will be counted towards the overall scores earned for the current quarter.
- Skill assessment, where authentic in Preschool, will be included in either the student portfolios for the end of the school year.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FAMILIES

- Have daily scheduled time in which students are “in school”. Keep this time as consistent as possible. Provide breaks and note, all work does not have to be done at once.
- Make sure daily work is completed and turned in, in a timely manner.
- If your child is not able to engage in Distance Learning for a day, (for illness, etc.) please notify your classroom teacher so alternate arrangements/adjustments can be made.

- Be involved in your child's learning – ask them questions about what they are learning. Check for understanding and encourage them to work independently, as much as possible.
- Some work may not be assessed or graded for correctness. However, this work should still be completed for instructional practice.
- As noted, please reach out to your classroom teacher with questions, concerns, or support needed, as needed. We're happy to help.

ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR THIS TIME

- Faith Formation- Opportunities will be provided to students and families to worship, pray, study, and learn God's Word together. Please note the weekly newsletter for all that is offered at Royal Redeemer, in addition to recorded Chapel messages, and more as it becomes available.
- Assessments- All standardized and formal assessments, for all grades, are cancelled for the remainder of the school year, (such as STAR Reading and Math, IOWA Achievement Testing, or Ohio State Testing).
- Promotion- No student, regarding this Distance Learning instructional time, will be retained for any reason. Exceptions for automatic promotion include not meeting the birthday requirement date for any grade, or in the case of significant academic deficits that would have been discussed with a family prior to the end of the third quarter, per our school policies.
- School Year Length- Per guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Education, and our current efforts to continue instruction, there are no plans to extend the school year outside of our already published 2019-2020 school year. We will continue all breaks and days off school as planned, (including Easter Break and later in May, if applicable, Memorial Day).
- Extension of Stay-at-Home Order- The timeframe for this order continues to May 1st, 2020. If extended beyond this date, RRLS will continue to provide Distance Learning through the remainder of the school year. Teachers will develop lesson plans to support students upon their return; accounting for our absence, variance in skill and comprehension, and student needs
- School Communication- Time sensitive updates will continue to be provided via School Messenger with a phone and/or email message. In addition, weekly updates will continue via our school newsletter, the Countdown. As always, if your contact information changes, please notify the school office, via email at school@royred.org.
- Student Accommodations- Students with intervention needs and Consultation Plans/Service Plans will be met (specific to K-8) via our speech and language pathologist and intervention specialist, as Distance Learning allows. IEP or ETR meetings will be scheduled virtually.
- Family Hardship- If you are experiencing difficulties or have special circumstances, please note the following resources: classroom/schoolwork related-please contact your child's teacher(s), or other needs- contact the Preschool Director (Preschool) or Principal (K-8), prayer requests- Royal Redeemer has a prayer team we welcome your participation in, as needed by emailing prayer@royred.org, and/or for other needs-please email the school office via school@royred.org.
- School Owned and Student Materials- When permitted, we will ask that any school owned textbook, laptop, charger, or other borrowed materials be returned to school. Please keep these items safe. Any belongings left on the school grounds can be retrieved when it is permissible for us to return to school. Our campus remains closed for everyone's safety and well-being.

We continue to thank you for your hard work and dedication to each child's continued growth and development in this truly challenging and unprecedented time. As it has been shared, **Rockets are resilient**, with God's help and our reliance on Him. May God bless you and yours with health and wellness as we all eagerly await our return to school. Amen!