**Kindergarten Distant Learning Parent Letter**

Welcome back! I hope that everyone has found some time in the last two weeks to do something they truly enjoy. I know that this is a difficult time for all and we are all learning something new.

I want to ensure everyone that I am still here for them and have been working on putting together what I hope will be an amazing experience with online learning.

To access the materials needed for distance learning students will need to have access to one of the following: Computer (Desktop/laptop), Smart phone, or tablet. Students also need to have access to the internet. Comcast is providing free internet service. Please contact Comcast about these services.

**Online Material**

Students will need to log on to their ClassLink accounts. This is located on the Ruediger website. They have logged on to these accounts all school year. The only difference is when they log in from home their username needs to include their full email address. This is an example: “191001683@edu.leonschools.net”. Their password is the 5-digit pin that sent via Remind. They can also scan the QuickCard and log in that way.

When they get on ClassLink, they will have access to all the learning material need to complete their assignments. Students will utilize several tiles for Math, Reading, Social Studies, and Science. The most important tile is the TEAMS tile. This gives them digital access to me through video chats, a chat area for them to see their assignments, and a place where they can ask questions. Students will also be utilizing their iReady Math, Think Central, edConnect, Waterford, Lexi, and Brain Pop Jr. Students will need to access the web page located under my picture on the Ruediger website. On this Kindergarten website they will find Chapter videos, which will be assigned to them to watch, and story time videos for them to watch. I will also be linking these videos in their Teams sections.

**How is this going to work?**

I know that a lot of you have concerns about how this is going to work and I hope to alleviate some of those concerns. First and foremost, I want you all to know that I will be providing grace with these assignments. I have no intentions of failing a student based of their ability to access material. I know everyone is going to do their best. With that being said, please remember that school is still in session and we have a few more chapters that I will be teaching virtually to prepare students for first grade.

Students will begin their day with Math. These are pre-recorded sessions followed by independent work. From there, students will have a Reading mini lesson (Mon and Wed) or go directly into small group sessions (Tues and Thurs). I have broken my class into three groups and assigned those groups a 20-minute time slot to meet with me virtually twice a week. I will teach the lesson and then answer questions. If students do not have questions they can log out of the chat. I just want to make sure that I am available for them as needed. **The groups and their time slot will be sent via email or Remind app.** If a student cannot make the face-to-face meeting it’s okay. You can still email me questions and they will still be able to watch videos for the lesson. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I will meet with students on an individual basis that I feel need extra support. Friday’s are set aside for those that may need additional support and learning games. In addition, students will listen to a read aloud. All assignments will be submitted electronically. I will place weekly assignment announcements on my website, teams, and remind.

School hours are from 8:00am to 3:00pm Monday-Friday. I will either be available through video chat during students designated day and times, through email, or by Remind. Please note that if I am in a video chat with students I will not answer outside emails or notifications. Also, I will try to respond to messages as soon as I can. The quickest way to receive a response is through Remind. I will do my best to respond no later than the following school day.

**Take a deep breath and remember we are in this together. This is something new to all of us. Class Resumes Monday, April 13th. I can’t wait to see everyone!**