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DISTANCE LEARNING NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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A Letter from the California Department of Education (CDE)

DEAR PARENTS,

Each week, this newsletter will focus on a different theme and will provide information and resources to parents on that theme. This week the topic is English language development (ELD), or instruction provided to students learning English.

In this issue, you will find resources for kindergarten through grade 12 students who are learning English.

Informational Resources

Grades and Graduation

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education have issued guidance on graduation requirements and grading. Please visit the [CDE frequently asked questions web page](#) for more information.

School Lunch Information: CA Meals for Kids App

Parents can still pick up school lunches during COVID-19 related school closures. **Students do not need to be present to pick up lunches. This is a new change.** Use the "CA Meals for Kids" mobile app to find meals or you can contact your school district directly for more information. [News Release: CA Meals for Kids App Update](#)

Getting Internet Access

If you do not have access to the internet at home, there are several companies offering service to families. Contact the companies listed on the link below to discuss available plans. [Getting Internet Access: Available Plans](#)

ELD Home Learning Resources:

Below are free recommended resources that you can use with your children at home or they can use on their own.

Elementary Resources

Readings for Children

Short reading passages for kindergarten through grade 6 students with comprehension quizzes

<https://bit.ly/ReadingsforChildren>

Children's Stories

Free children's stories read aloud. Collections are organized by age and include rhyming stories and stories in Spanish.

<https://bit.ly/ELChildrensStories>

Secondary Resources

USA Learns

Free website that helps older students and adults learn English and includes video lessons and activities that build speaking, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, writing, and grammar skills

<http://www.usalearns.org/>

Teen Tribune

High interest articles by grade span that can be customized to fit the student's reading level. Includes embedded quizzes

<https://bit.ly/TeenTribuneSmithsonian>