



The Renaissance

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Parent Digest #1 Week of March 22

Please share this with those you know who may not have email, or if they need any help with translations. Thank You!

For class/lesson specific questions, please contact your child's [teacher](#), and for general information or other help contact peggyheeney@rencharter.org or for help in spanish pierinaarias@rencharter.org

Regarding technology, an email went out last week and those who responded were given computers on Friday, when we were allowed in the building for a very brief period. We are hearing some people still need computers and we are trying to get access to more. Please email Peggy or Pierina--we will contact you if one becomes available. **If anyone has an old computer or tablet that they can lend out, please reach out as well. Thank you!**

RESOURCES ON HEALTH &FOOD

- Health Guidance & [Resources](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page) <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/coronavirus.page>
 - Information in over 20 languages
 - Updates in English, text COVID to 692-692
 - Text COVIDESP 692-692 for updates in Spanish
- Resources for free internet, remote learning devices and other services can be found [HERE](#)
- Food pantries provide groceries you can cook at home and community kitchens provide hot meals. If you need food immediately, find locations near you by using the [NYC Food Map](#)
- Home delivered meals for people age 60 and older, the [NYC Department for the Aging](#)
- The NYC DOE provides three free meals daily. All three meals can be picked up at the same time from 7:30am-1:30pm. Please refer to this [pick up location map](#). No registration, ID, or documentation is required

EDUCATION RESOURCES

- Don't forget to check the parent guide for student schedules, instructions and more <http://www.renaissancecharter.org/parents.html/notices>
- Guides for Using Google Classroom
 - English <https://drive.google.com/a/renaissancecharter.org/file/d/1uFBoYMjS9vrWS/Dwq6djRKKIwlReN5vnG/view?usp=drivesdk/>
 - Bangla <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vA3Jde9BtzpE7YznmGBi0p-4HIJfU0aZ/view?usp=drivesdk>
 - Spanish <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wx60C2QcvFxmVCR8888N6sFCXsaPqGkl/view?usp=drivesdk>

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- Here are some resources and activities for students learning at home: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/learn-at-home>
- **Scholastic Learn At Home** is accessible on all devices, including smart phones, and no sign-up or printing is required to complete activities <http://www.scholastic.com/learnathome>
- Free media content from the library [Learn Queens Library](#)
- Scholastic BookFlix is an online literacy resource. You must login through the Queens Public Library website and [vist this page](#). Click "Search within Database" under BookFlix and you will be directed to their website where you can search for a book.
- For kid-friendly resources for learning and teaching about coronavirus, visit: <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/coronavirus.html>

RESOURCES FOR WORKERS/BUSINESSES

- Resources for Workers <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/about/Paid-Safe-Sick-Leave-Notice-of-Employee-Rights.page>
- Workers in NYC are covered by many [labor and employment laws](#), regardless of immigration status.
- Businesses with fewer than 100 employees, who have seen sales decrease by 25% or more, will be eligible for [NYC Small Business Continuity Fund](#), which will provide zero interest loans of up to \$75,000 to help mitigate losses in profit
- The [Employee Retention Grant Program](#) is available to NYC businesses with one to four employees that can demonstrate at least a 25% decrease in revenue as a result of COVID-19. Eligible businesses will receive a grant covering up to 40% of their payroll for two months. Businesses can access up to \$27,000

Reminder: Parent-Teacher Conferences dates have been extended in order to accommodate our move to remote learning. If you are still waiting to conference with your child's teacher, please note that she or he will be in touch soon to schedule a time to speak. Thank you for your patience.

If you need to speak with someone, you can call Peggy at 631-572-8708

Ok, now take a deep breath. You are not alone, we are all in this together and will make it through together. Just watch this [VIDEO](#) created by our Cluster 1 teachers and sent to all Cluster 1 families last week. This is **Renaissance**. It is not a building, it is a community!



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