

Hi Families,

We are heading into our 3rd week of remote learning. This has been a whirlwind for me as I'm sure it's been for all of you. I think of you all daily and hope you all are doing well and staying healthy.

This will be a lengthy email, so please bear with me. In this email...

1. I will list the various free online resources available to you and your family, and I will also describe the process in which to log into these resources (one will have an attachment)
2. I will list the various online platforms I am using as we move into remote learning
3. I will outline some goals for the next few weeks

1.) List of the online resources:

Raz-Kids

Description: Raz-Kids is an online resource for leveled books.

Login: Go to <https://www.raz-kids.com/> click on **kids login** then use our class code **mgarcia290**. Find your child. Your child's password will be the picture of the apple.

Epic!

Description: Epic is an online recourse for leveled books. Kids can select books to read or have books read to them

Login: There are 2 ways to access this resource. You can go to www.getepic.com and sign up for a free trial (which you will have to put in a credit card number) or last night I sent an email out to all of you from epic.com. In that email is a letter from epic with a link to click on at the bottom of the letter. When you click on this link it will connect you to our class for free access to the site.

Clever

Description: Clever is a district portal in which you have access to **i-ready**, **imagine learning**, and other district offered sites. Within i-ready you will find some math and language practice.

Login: Again, I will give you 2 ways to log into clever. One way is to go to www.clever.com you will have to select our district by typing in our school. Then go to student login. Your child's login is his/her **student ID #** password is **pusd+student ID** (no space). The other way to log into clever is by scanning your child's clever badge that I emailed as an attachment.

Scholastic

Description: Scholastic is offering some online stories and activities to support students and families during this remote learning time.

Access: <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

2.) Getting in touch with me:

REMIND

I've been in touch with some of you through REMIND. It is a way for us to message each other. If for some reason you did not get the text message from me, you can send a **text to 81010** and text this message **@kbbega**

District Webpage

You can access my webpage by going to our **district website**, finding **Highlands**, click on **Teacher Classroom**, and then find my name. Or you can click on this link: <https://www.pittsburg.k12.ca.us/Domain/1949>
On my district webpage you will see a sample schedule of our kindergarten day. You will also find resources.

Google Classroom

As I was emailing all of you I noticed many of you had a gmail account. So, I created a Google Classroom. You will find our class at **teacher.ms.michellegarcia** my class code is **cqsru4f**. In our Google Classroom I go over routines and lessons I **suggest** for the week. You will find various links to support different areas of learning. For example I have the sight word power point linked to PHONIC. I have the Alphafriends song linked to LETTERS/SOUNDS. I have some number songs linked to MATH. In Google classroom, will also include a **daily message** to my students.

3.) Goals:

First and foremost, please remember to take care of yourselves and your family. I hope that you and your child will create some happy memories together- playing games, going on "adventure" walks, snuggling with lots of books, singing, dancing, and laughing together. If this time is taking a toll on you and/or your child's emotional health, please see the link on my district webpage for Abraham. On his webpage he has various resources that you might be able to use.

With that said, I know some of you might be a little anxious about continuing your child's academic growth. First, establish routines in your child's day. Try to plan for 2 hours of academic time. 1 hour for phonics/reading/writing, 30 min. for math, 30 min for art. Remember your child needs to be moving regularly. Schedule time for outside play, Go noodle, or walks around the neighborhood. And most importantly remember that learning can happen even while cooking, gardening, scrapbooking, journaling, really it can happen anytime during the day. Be kind to yourselves.

Hugs,
Ms. Michelle