



# Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities  
Educational Equity For All

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## California Department of Education News



New Benefit Program to Help Food Insecure Students (added 29-Apr-2020)  
State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Announces New Statewide Benefit Program to Help Food Insecure Students During Coronavirus Pandemic

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr20/yr20rel29.asp>



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and Closing the Digital Divide Task Force Call for Free Internet for California's Students  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr20/yr20rel31.asp>



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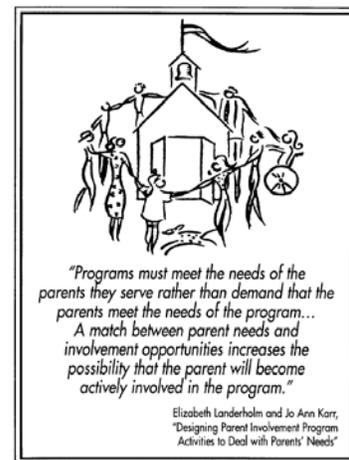
<https://www.getepic.com/>



Family Learning from Home  
Enrichment classes for ages 0-8

**Watch recorded classes. Participate in live classes.**  
Circletime provides interactive "Mommy and Me classes" that are convenient and engaging for parents and fun and educational for children. Every group session is led by a certified subject-matter expert. The hands-on sessions are evidence-based and promote healthy play activities that continue beyond the class. <https://circletimefun.com/>

"California has already come together and stepped up in a big way to provide donations of hotspots, laptops, and other devices to help students access distance learning. But without reliable internet access, too many students are missing out on a high-quality and meaningful education and the ability to connect to their teachers," said Thurmond. "Going forward, we need to focus on efforts to improve internet access in order to close opportunity and achievement gaps for all California's students—not just during this public health crisis, but once and for all."



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*Giving kids what they need to succeed*

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## Feature Idea of Month

### Establishing Daily Routines

- [Morning Routine Tip Sheet](#)
- [Bedroom Routine Tip Sheet](#)
- [Bedtime Tip Sheet Spanish](#)
- [Establishing Mealtime Routines for Children Tip Sheet](#)
- [Bath Time Tip Sheet Spanish](#)
- [Establishing Toileting Routines for Children Tip Sheet](#)
- [Toileting Routines for Children Spanish](#)  
[t.ly/eUaO](https://t.ly/eUaO)

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/coronavirus-resources/>  
<https://sites.google.com/view/distance-learning-specialied/home>  
[t.ly/Oyan](https://t.ly/Oyan)

California parents of special education students find ways to cope with unique challenges during school closures, With no routine and limited access to services, students and their families feel stressed and overwhelmed.

<https://edsources.org/2020/california-parents-of-special-education-students-find-ways-to-cope-with-unique-challenges-during-school-closures/630475>

Home / Distance Learning Packets and Strategies for Special Education By [Breezy Special Ed](#)

special education and  
**COVID-19**  
free  
resources  
and take home packets

<https://blog.teacherspayteachers.com/home-distance-learning-packets-and-strategies-for-special-education/>

Quick Guide: What California parents and students should know about the coronavirus-

<https://edsources.org/2020/coronavirus-qa-what-california-parents-and-students-should-know-about-covid-19/624413>



Parents, Bring Home Magic with Free Activities We've got fun for the whole family! Parents, download FREE activity books, coloring sheets & more to share with your kids. For a limited time, check back every Friday for new activities for the whole

family! <https://www.shopdisney.com/fun-with-disney/magic-moments-activities/#!>



## A Parent's Guide To Google Classroom



<https://www.everettsd.org/cms/lib/WA01920133/Centricity/Domain2645/DistanceLearningAParentsGuidetoGoogleClassroomDistanceLearningtpt.pdf>

*A step-by-step guide to understanding Google Classroom and helping your child to be successful*

## MORE THINGS TO DO WHILE YOU'RE STUCK AT HOME:

- Quick and easy 5 minute crafts are the way to go.
- Break out the junk drawer! Help kids learn with everyday objects.
- Science games bring lots of fun to learning!
- Now is a great time to try out subscription boxes for kids.
- Shh! They won't even realize they're learning with our fun math games for kids.
- Yes! Your kids can learn without screens.
- Kiddos bouncing off the walls? Try these active games for kids.
- Learn \*and\* play with science activities for kids.

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/>



Now more than ever, it's important to create a comforting bedtime routine for your little ones. Books can help with that. Sign up for the [Goodnight Brightly email series](#) to get weekly bedtime tips, book recommendations, and expert advice on creating the best bedtime ever.

<https://www.readbrightly.com/subscribe/>