



March 27, 2020

Dearest Elementary Students and Families,

I miss seeing you and I pray you are all staying safe and healthy. I also hope you enjoyed your Spring Break this week and now you are ready to begin learning activities next week with our Distance Learning/Online Instruction.

Your teachers have created packets for you for next week, 3/30-4/3, and these are available in our Library for pickup any time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, 3/30. Please bring back your other work and put it on the table by your teacher's name. Make sure your name is on it too!

Your teachers have also participated in training regarding Google Classroom and they are very excited to offer instruction through this online platform beginning Monday, 3/30. Your student will need access to some type of computer, tablet, or Chromebook with WiFi connection. We do have some Chromebooks available if your family needs a device for home. Please email your child's teacher, or me, if you need to check one out to use during this time.

To access Google Classroom, each student has been issued an icrusader email, which will be used to access school emails, share Google documents, presentations, and other Google apps. This is also how our teachers will utilize Google Classroom with their classes. Modesto Christian School is a *Google Apps For Education* site, which ensures additional privacy and security for students through the school's G Suite. No one outside of MCS should be able to access your student's email.

To access your Google account, go to gmail.com and enter the following login information:

Username: firstname.lastname@icrusader.me (example: jamie.smith@icrusader.me) Make sure you use your student's name, not the parent's name.

Temporary Password: mcs12345

Note: The icrusader email will only receive and send email from other emails within the MCS Domain as well as certain school-approved sites.

If you are unable to access your Google account, please contact our office at 529-5510.

Once you have set up your student's email, you will see an invitation from their teacher to join their Google Classroom. Then you will receive instructions on how to proceed.

We recognize the significant impact this season has on our school community. Thank you for your continued patience, trust and support! We continue praying for our students, families, community and nation. We know that God is in full control and His is sovereign over all.

Blessings until we meet again in person, *Mrs. Vicki Ollson*

