

Virginia Reads One Book[®]

Read to Them's Keys to Distance Learning

During this time of COVID-19, schools may be operating remotely, at least in part. **Read to Them** wants to help your school get the most out of your *Virginia Reads One Book* reading event even if students are at home. Here are some ideas to help navigate this challenging time.

- Determine your book distribution strategy** – How are you going to get the book and parent resources into the homes of your students? Some ideas for distribution for distance learning:
 - **Schedule several times for drive-through pick-up** – To accommodate family schedules, set up several different times of day over several different days when families can go through a drive-through line. Make it festive with music playing, some props to go with the book, and teachers dressed in costumes.
 - **Coordinate with meal pick-up** – If your school is participating in a feeding program, coordinate book pick-up with the food pick-up times. Maybe you could include a little treat that coordinates with the book.
 - **Send your books out on school buses** – Coordinate with your school system's transportation office and send teachers out on school buses to distribute books at school bus stops. Students who walk to school can pick up at the school. Again, make it fun with props and costumes.
- Film your kickoff assembly and put it out on your school's social media channels or on Vimeo** – Choose an assembly that can be done as a monologue and film it. You can do a skit and have teachers film their parts separately and then edit them together. Or, do it as a costumed Zoom call. Your students will be excited to see you and your colleagues in action!
- Look for family engagement opportunities** – The *Book Packet* for *Dog Days* includes a Family Fun Pack for you to send home. This pack contain trivia questions, discussion questions, and activities designed to be done by families. Send it home and encourage your families to use it to complement their nightly reading sessions. Families can also access the **Digital Resource Hub** for author videos, Kahoot! quizzes, Flipgrid interactions, and book-related blog posts. They can find the Digital Resource Hub at:
www.readtothemresourcehub.org with the password **Carlotta4**
- Recruit teachers and community members to do live readings** – Your students will be excited to see familiar faces reading their special book. Use your school's social media pages to share chapters or read during distance learning. Invite parents and siblings to listen in so everyone “stays on the same page” in the story.

Every Family. Every School. Every Night.[®]