

# Elementary: Introducing FACTS LMS

I'm so excited to announce the debut of FACTS LMS (Learning Management System) through the library at our school. The LMS will allow us to connect with students online, distribute materials, collect assignments, facilitate discussions, and assess progress.

It is a private and secure student area that will allow students to connect with other students and teachers online, including accessing class materials, uploading assignments, participating in classroom discussions, and taking quizzes.

Right now, we are only releasing it as a library and technology class connection. This is our "test drive" to see what works and what doesn't, and get it fixed before we try to do bigger things with it. (And we will!)

To do for this lesson:

1. Watch the two videos listed below: the LMS Overview Video and the LMS for Students video.
2. Log in to the St. Mary LMS (instructions below).
3. Enjoy the materials I've left for you!

FACTS has created a short LMS Overview Video to give you an introduction to the system. [Click here](#) to watch it at your convenience. The password to access the video is **factslms** (case sensitive).

You can learn about how to log in and use the LMS by watching the LMS for Students video. [Click here](#) to watch it at your convenience. The password to access the video is **factslms** (case sensitive).

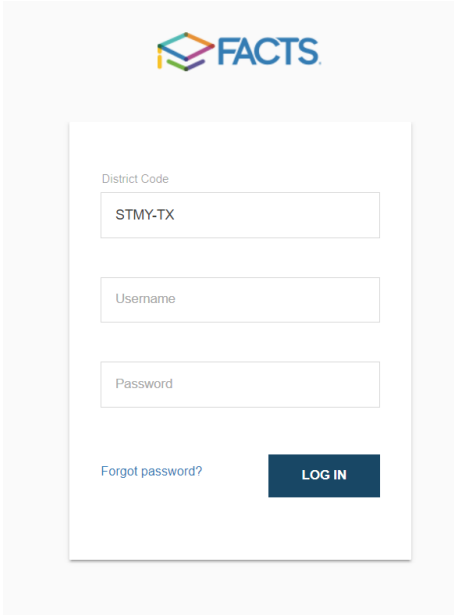
Here's how to access the **LMS**:

1. In Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Internet Explorer go to [lms.renweb.com](https://lms.renweb.com)
2. Type the school's **District Code: STMY-TX**
3. Type the student's **Username**. (This is the same username you use to log in to the Family Portal on RenWeb.)
4. Type the student's **Password**.
5. Click **Login**.

If you are not sure what your username and password are, email me ([kpate@stmarylc.org](mailto:kpate@stmarylc.org)) and I will send it to you. Please do not create your own.

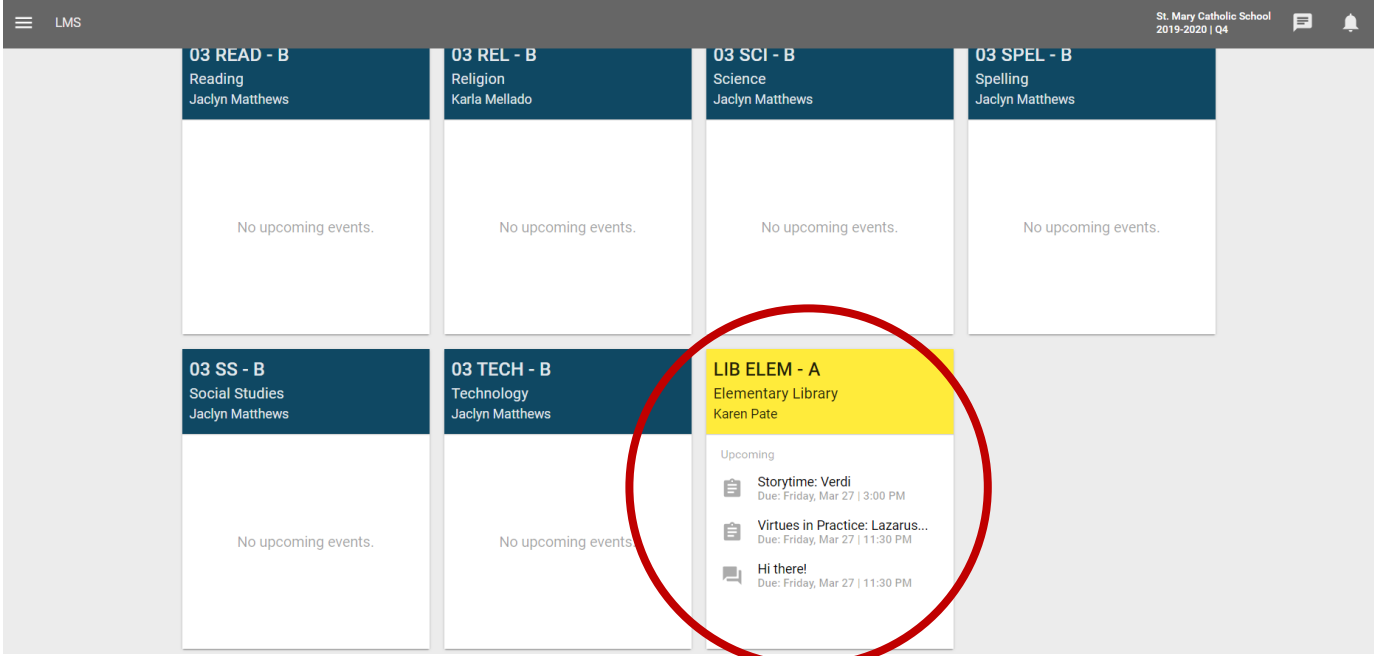
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This is what your login page looks like. (Looks familiar, but it is important to remember that you can only get to LMS by using lms.renweb.com.

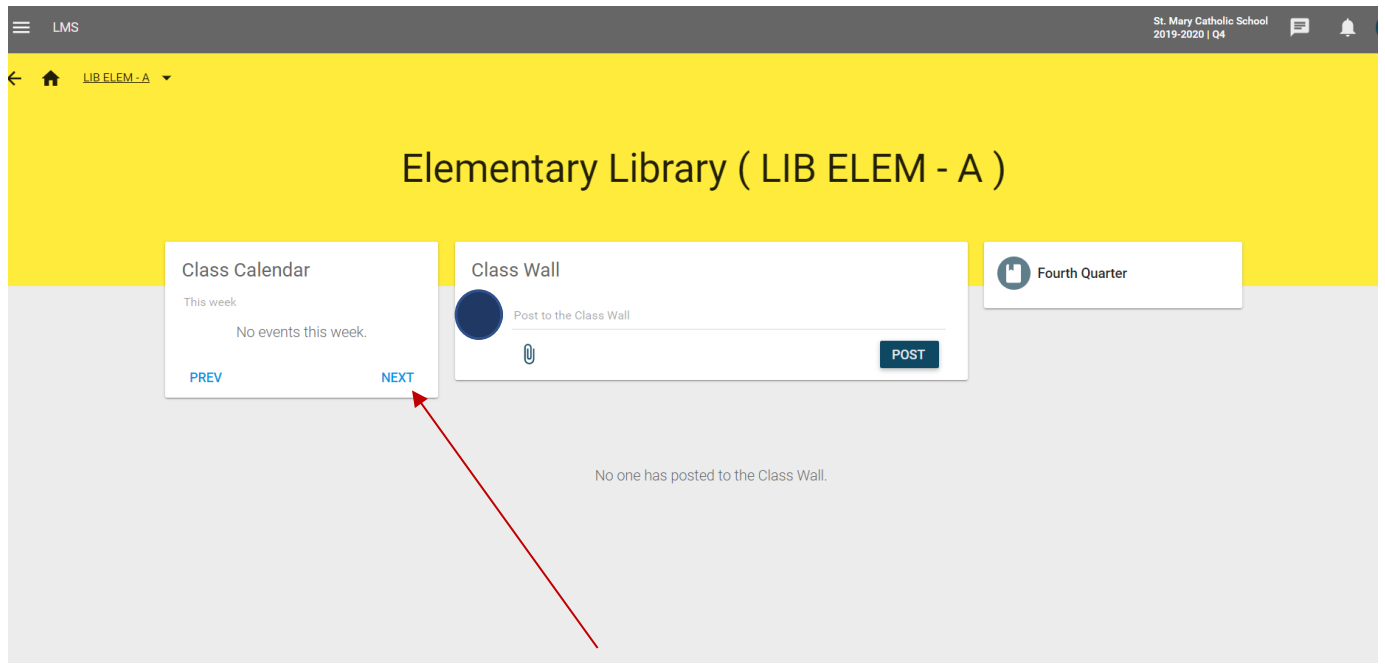


The login page features the FACTS logo at the top. Below it is a white login box with the following fields: District Code (containing 'STMY-TX'), Username, and Password. There is a 'Forgot password?' link and a dark blue 'LOG IN' button.

This is what your dashboard looks like. It has a block for each class your child takes. You may have to scroll to the bottom to see the library block: LIB EC-A. Click on the block to open it and see your assignments.

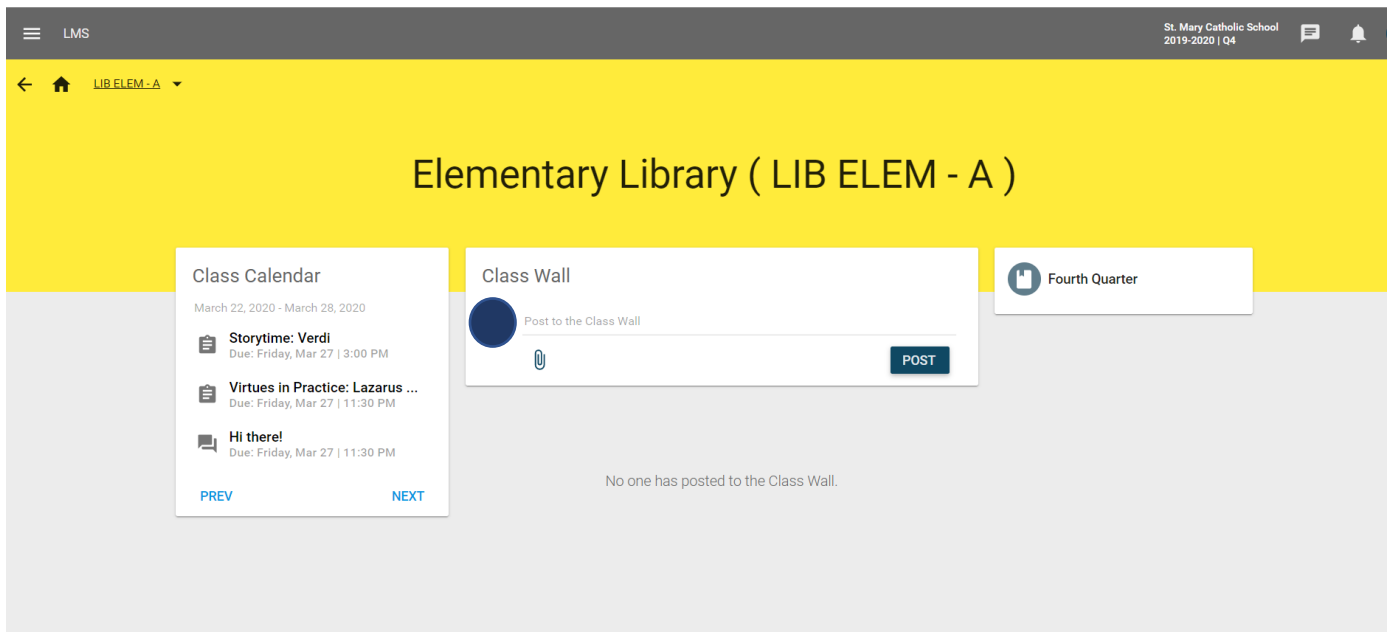


The dashboard shows a grid of class blocks. The 'LIB ELEM - A' block is highlighted in yellow and circled in red. It lists upcoming assignments: 'Storytime: Verdi' (Due: Friday, Mar 27 | 3:00 PM), 'Virtues in Practice: Lazarus...' (Due: Friday, Mar 27 | 11:30 PM), and 'Hi there!' (Due: Friday, Mar 27 | 11:30 PM). Other blocks include '03 READ - B' (Reading), '03 REL - B' (Religion), '03 SCI - B' (Science), '03 SPEL - B' (Spelling), '03 SS - B' (Social Studies), and '03 TECH - B' (Technology). All other blocks show 'No upcoming events.'



When I took this screenshot, it was Saturday. That's why there's nothing on the class calendar. I don't have anything scheduled until the week of March 23. Here, I'd click on the blue "NEXT" button to move forward and see the correct week.

Now I can see next week's assignments.



There are several ways you can get to these assignments.

1. Point to and click on any of the assignments you see under the Class Calendar.
2. Point to and click on any topics in blue under the Class Wall (none here now).
3. Point to and click on the “Fourth Quarter” unit in the third column (farthest to the right).

Elementary Library ( LIB ELEM - A )

Class Calendar

March 22, 2020 - March 28, 2020

1 Storytime: Verdi  
Due: Friday, Mar 27 | 3:00 PM

Virtues in Practice: Lazarus ...  
Due: Friday, Mar 27 | 11:30 PM

Hi there!  
Due: Friday, Mar 27 | 11:30 PM

PREV NEXT

Class Wall

2 Post to the Class Wall

POST

No one has posted to the Class Wall.

Fourth Quarter

3

Using the Class Calendar links is the easiest way. Here, I've clicked on the “Storytime: Verdi” assignment. There is a video to watch, plus suggestions for how you might interact with your child. Be sure to click on “SHOW MORE” to see some exciting news about Epic!. Click on the white boxes for videos and activities.

Storytime: Verdi

Due: Friday, Mar 27 | 3:00 PM

Watch this video of Janelle Cannon's book *Verdi* read aloud! (AR # 14443, 3.4) Afterwards, learn to draw a green tree python like Verdi!

Here are some books on Epic! you might want to read:

National Geographic Readers: Snakes (AR #131321, BL 3.2) by Melissa Stewart

Green Tree Python (AR #161520, BL 3.6) by Dee Philips

Pythons: Snakes Alive (AR #135602, BL 2.7) by Colleen Sexton

Amazon Fever (AR#50511, BL 3.2) by Kathleen Weidner

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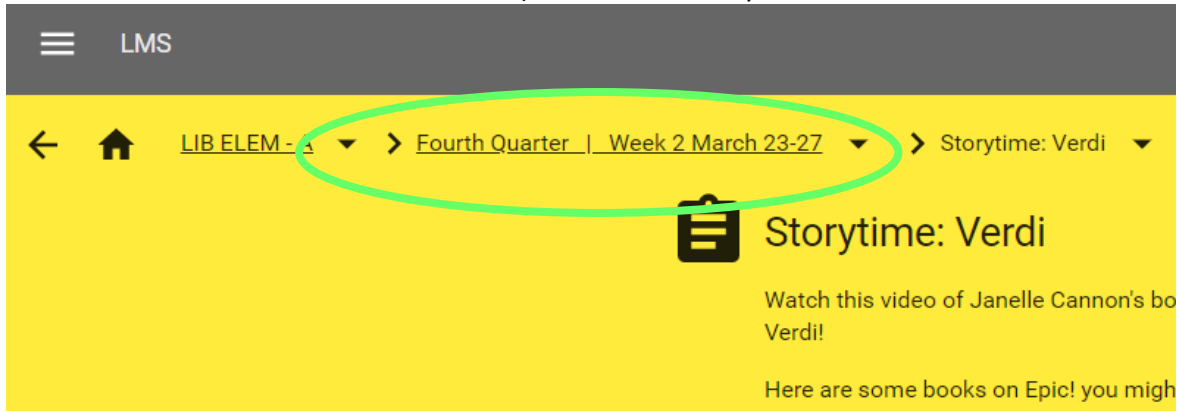
Hedgie's St. Patrick's Day.pdf

How to draw a Green Tree Python.mp4

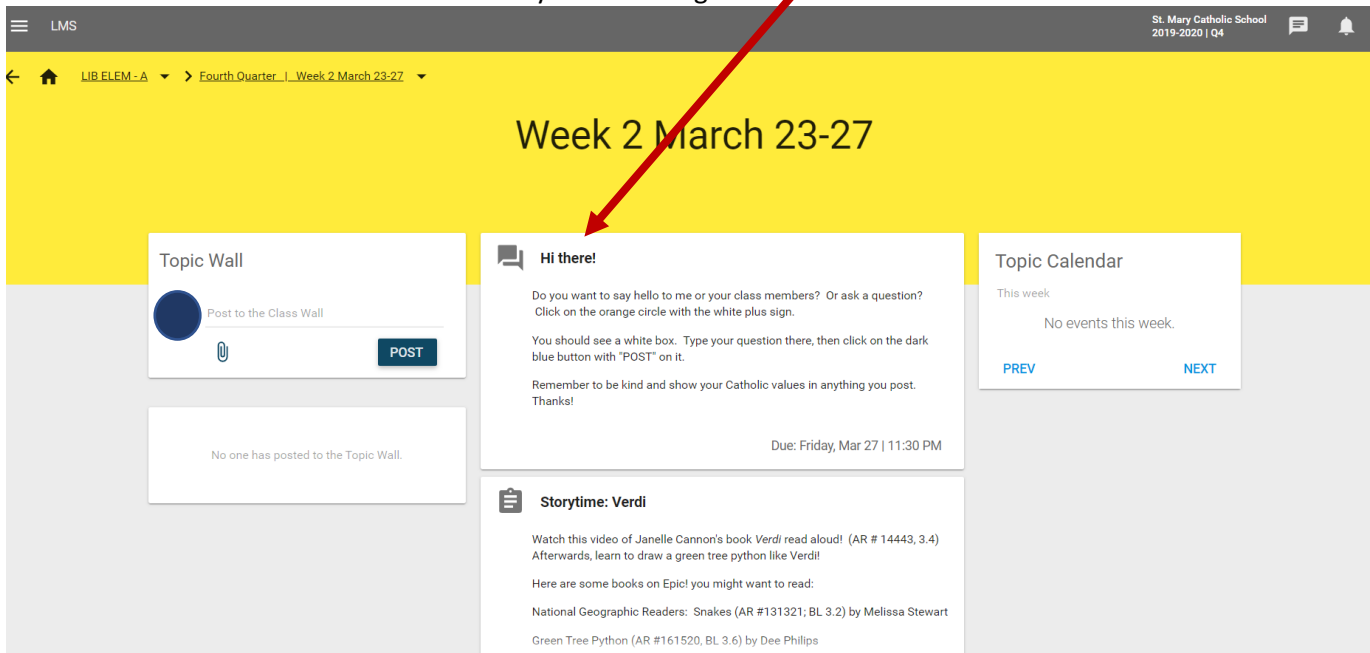
Verdi by Janell Cannon (Author).mp4

Max points: 100

To get back to this week's assignments (so you can do the second one), find the breadcrumb trail (watch the instruction video linked above to locate this). Click where it says "Fourth Quarter | Week 2".

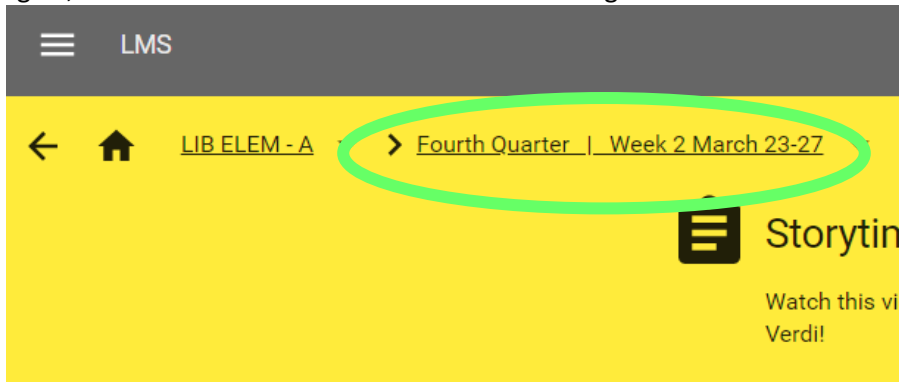


You should be here. Click on "Hi there!" to discover how you can keep in touch with your librarian and classmates. We all want to hear about the GREAT books you're reading!

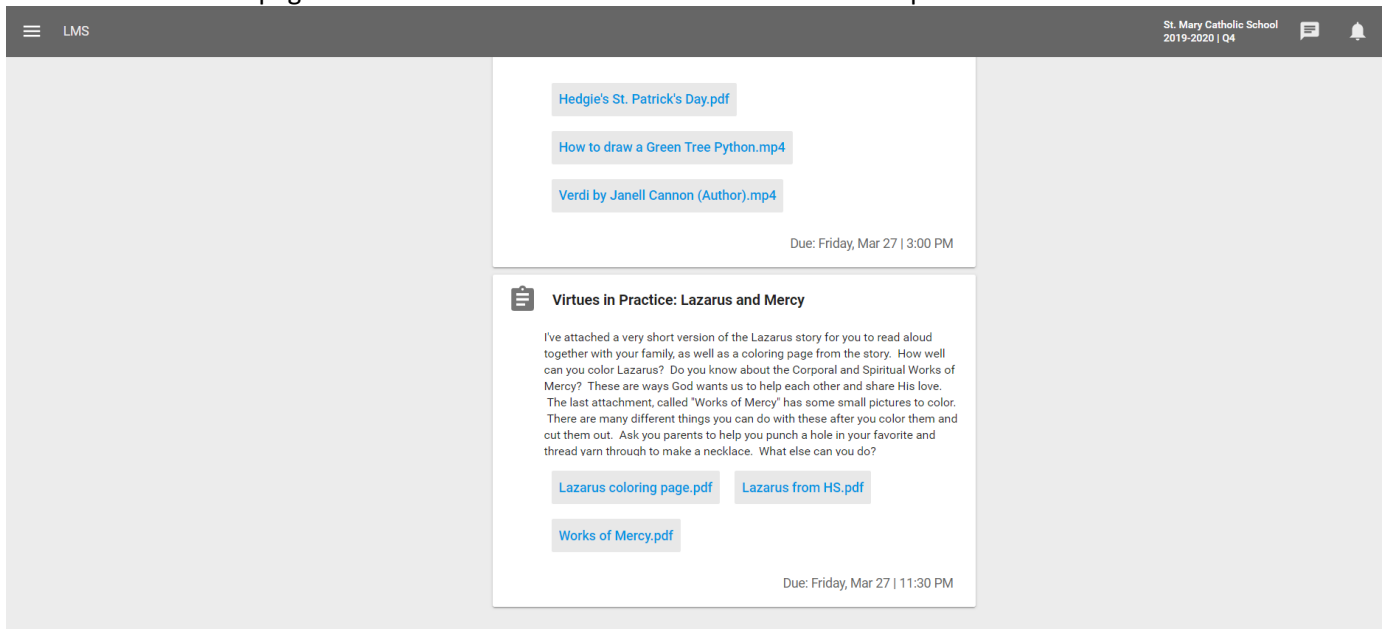


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Again, click on the "Fourth Quarter | Week 2" to get back and see the remaining "lesson."



Now scroll down the page to see the Virtues in Practice lesson and click to open it.



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This includes a short story about Lazarus and Jesus, a matching coloring page, and a Works of Mercy activity.

The screenshot shows an LMS interface with a dark grey header. On the left, there is a hamburger menu icon and the text 'LMS'. On the right, it says 'St. Mary Catholic School 2019-2020 | Q4' with a chat icon and a bell icon. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads: 'LIB ELEM - A > Fourth Quarter | Week 2 March 23-27 > Virtues in Practice: Lazarus and Mercy'. The main content area has a yellow background. At the top, there is a clipboard icon, the title 'Virtues in Practice: Lazarus and Mercy', and the due date 'Due: Friday, Mar 27 | 11:30 PM'. The text of the assignment reads: 'I've attached a very short version of the Lazarus story for you to read aloud together with your family, as well as a coloring page from the story. How well can you color Lazarus? Do you know about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy? These are ways God wants us to help each other and share His love. The last attachment, called "Works of Mercy" has some small pictures to color. There are many different things you can do with these after you color them and cut them out. Ask your parents to help you punch a hole in your favorite and thread yarn through to make a necklace. What else can you do?'. Below the text are three blue buttons: 'Lazarus coloring page.pdf', 'Lazarus from HS.pdf', and 'Works of Mercy.pdf'. Underneath the buttons, it says 'Max points: 1'. At the bottom center, there is a red circular icon with a white document symbol.

When you are ready to log out, click on the child's initials in the upper right corner. This can be done from any screen. A drop-down menu will appear. Click on the blue "Logout" link.

This screenshot is similar to the one above but shows the user profile menu open in the top right corner. The menu is white and contains the user's initials 'KP' in a circle, the name 'Karen Pate', and the affiliation 'RenWeb University'. Below this, there are two links: 'User Options' and 'Logout'. The 'Logout' link is highlighted with a green circle. The rest of the page content, including the assignment title, due date, text, and buttons, remains the same as in the previous screenshot. At the bottom of the page, it says 'No one has turned in an assignment.'