

INITIAL LETTER TO PARENTS



Date

Dear Parents,

I am considering embarking on an ambitious project with my class this year that will encompass several areas of the curriculum and support the development of many indispensable skills. To make this experience a success, much parental involvement and support will be required. If you feel you can afford the time to help out, whether by coming to school or working at home, please sign your name on the attached Parent Volunteer Sign-up Sheet and return this sheet with your student.

The plan is for the class to write a play, the topic of which will be selected from our social studies curriculum. After researching the topic, students will write the script for the play. With my guidance, they will revise and edit it, and bring it to publication. Working in teams, they will make plans for creating props, designing costumes, and decorating the stage. All students will practice reading the script until they can do so with fluency and expression. Then we will hold auditions to assign parts. Everyone will be involved in staging the play. We will need actors to play the parts, artists to create the decorations and props, stage managers to coordinate everyone's efforts, and so on. It is my intention to have the class perform the play before an audience.

This project supports not only our language arts and social studies curriculum, but also allows students the opportunity to advance essential skills such as problem solving, learning to work in teams, developing creativity, and partaking in the responsibility of bringing an important task to completion.

I am really excited at the prospect of undertaking this significant project with my students.

Thank you for your continued support.

PARENT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Student's name: _____

Parent's name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ (Is this phone number day or evening?)

Yes! I can help by coming to school and working in the classroom.

Yes! I can help by working at home.

Yes! I can help by providing materials for props and costumes.

Yes! (other) _____.

I'm sorry! I can't help at this time.