

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS
Use school letterhead

GOOD NEWS!

A picture of your assigned therapy dog could be included here

Dear Parents

We, in B-9 have been invited to participate in the ***Nor'wester Therapy Dogs Canine Partners in Education Program***, a special program which uses registered therapy dogs to enhance the educational environment. Beginning on October 5th, we will have two special visitors in our room every Wednesday morning. They are Mrs. Susan Jones, a retired elementary teacher, and her therapy dog Rover.

Both Ms Jones and Rover are very excited about working with the students of B-9. They will visit and participate with us during our Language Arts time. Sometimes the students will be reading to Rover, and other times Rover will be part of other academic goals determined by our grade level curriculum.

Student participation with Rover will be based on their comfort level.

I'm very excited to be able to participate in this program. Before Rover begins his visits, we need permission from you for your child to participate. Please sign and return the permission slip below by **(NOTE: give quick deadline – i.e. 2-3 days from receipt of letter)**.

More information about the Nor'westerTherapy Dog program is available at **www.norwesterreaders.org**

Sincerely,

Teacher name

Place a checkmark on each preceding blank to indicate that you are granting permission.

I give permission for my child (PRINT child's full name) to participate in the ***Nor'wester Therapy Dog*** program.

I give permission for photographs of my child to potentially be used in:

- Council Rock and building publicity
- NWR Videotapes
- Newspaper and magazine articles
- On the NWR webpage and NWR program brochures
- On the NWR Facebook page and Twitter
- Photographs may be used, but do not identify my child by name

Parent name: (please print)

Parent signature:

Date: _____