



Permission for Visiting Pets in the Classroom

Seabury believes that classroom pets can enhance learning and the classroom environment. Students not only learn about the responsibility that comes with caring for a classroom pet, but also find pets to be comforting friends. Feeling safe enough to take intellectual risks is an important part of learning, and pets can help provide that safe environment for children.

Having pets in the classroom is also a responsibility. Children must be taught to wash hands after handling pets, particularly reptiles. Children need to learn safe ways to care for pets and to avoid injury to themselves or their pets. And, the school must ensure that students with pet allergies are not exposed to pets that might create a health risk. Larger pets, such as dogs, that visit school must have current immunizations and appropriate training to be safe for the classroom. Records for larger pets, such as dogs, are maintained in the school office.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office by August 31st.

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Class/Grade: _____

_____ My child has permission to be in a classroom with pets.

_____ My child may not be in a classroom with the following pets (please list): _____

_____ My child has allergies to the following animals: _____

_____ My child is afraid of these pets/animals: _____

Comments / Questions:

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____