

Welcome Back!



Dear Parents,

I am so excited for this upcoming school year, and I am looking forward to seeing your children's faces back at school! I have included a couple of sheets in this packet for you to read, fill out, sign, and send back to school. Please have this completed by the beginning of the school year so we can get started with our activities. I know this seems like a lot but I believe that students benefit the most when parents and teachers are on the same page. I value your opinions and knowledge about your child, and I want you to be up to date with what we are doing in school.

Return the following completed pages included in this packet:

- Child Survey
- Photo Release Form
- Hygiene Release Form
- Community Trip Form
- Student Reinforcement Survey

Below is the school supply list for Strategies. Please send these supplies to school at the beginning of the school year. Remember, we use a lot of these materials to keep our classroom clean and healthy. This is beneficial to us all. Thank you!

Strategies & CLS Supply List			
2	Rolls of Paper Towels	1	Set of Colored Pencils
3	Boxes of Tissues	2	Pink Erasers
2	Containers of Sanitizing Wipes	1	Wired Headphones
1	Sanitizer Bottle	1	Reusable Water Bottle
3	Spiral Notebooks	1	Pencil Pouch
5	2-Pocket Folders	3	Jumbo Glue Sticks (or 6 regular)
1	Set of Markers	1	Box of Ziplock bags (any size)

Additional supplies may be required for Electives or Gen Ed classes.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me! Chelsea.Mellott@washoeschools.net

Child Survey



I am so happy to have your child in my classroom! Please take a moment to answer some questions about your child so I can get to know him/her better.

Child's Name: _____

How does your child get to school? Circle one: **Bus** **Car** **Walk**

How does your child get home? Circle one: **Bus** **Car** **Walk**

What activities does your child ENJOY?

What activities does your child DISLIKE?

What snacks does your child ENJOY?

What snacks does your child DISLIKE?

What goals do you have for your child this year?

Academic: _____

Social: _____

Life Skill: _____

Child Survey



Does your child have allergies? Circle one: **Yes** **No**

If yes, please list: _____

Does your child take medications? Circle one: **Yes** **No**

If yes, please list: _____

How do you prefer to be contacted? Circle one:

Phone

Email

Paper Notes

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

How often would you ideally like to receive communication from me?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Quarterly

Additional information or questions you have for me:

Photo Release Form



Please sign this sheet to give permission for me to take pictures of your child. These photos may be used for the following reasons:

1. To use in the classroom to aid in your student's learning
2. To share moments from field trips, school-related events, and special class activities
3. To help parents stay connected and updated on their child's school day
4. To show how grateful we are when people donate to our classroom
 - a. Classroom donations are purchased through my Amazon Wishlist or through donors choose.



 **All photos are shared in a password-protected format and are only accessible to classroom families (apart from thanking donors).**

_____ **YES**, I give permission for my child's picture to be taken for these purposes.

_____ **NO**, I do not give permission for my child's picture to be taken.

Child's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hygiene Release Form



In our classroom, we work on hygiene to increase each child's self-help skills. These activities are a great way to work on becoming more independent at taking care of oneself. These activities can occur daily, weekly, or monthly depending on each student's needs.

Activities include but are not limited to:

- Brushing Teeth
- Washing Hands and face
- Toileting
- Putting on lotion
- Combing hair
- Clipping fingernails
- Putting on deodorant

(Parents *may* be asked to purchase materials for this if there are allergies or skin sensitivity.)

_____ **YES**, I give permission for my child to participate in hygiene skills.

_____ **NO**, I do not give permission for my child to participate in hygiene skills.

Child's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Community Trips Form



Throughout the school year, our class will take part in monthly community trips. These experiences are a vital part of our life skills instruction and help students practice navigating real-world environments with support. We may visit places such as museums, parks and playgrounds, grocery stores, retail stores, restaurants, Damonte Ranch High School for theater plays, the planetarium, and Unified sporting events.

Being able to participate meaningfully in the community is an essential life skill. During these outings, students will have opportunities to practice crossing the street safely, making choices and purchases in stores and restaurants, interacting appropriately in public spaces, and engaging in community-based recreation.

Some trips may be walking-distance from school while others may require bus transportation. You will be notified in advance of each trip throughout the year. To help cover the cost of these trips, I may ask for a contribution of up to **\$30 per trip**. Please wait for a specific request before sending any funds.

_____ **YES**, I give permission for my child to participate in community trips.

_____ **NO**, I do not give permission for my child to participate in community trips.

Child's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Reinforcement Survey



Please complete this form to help me understand what your child desires as reinforcement. These items will be made available for purchase with earned tickets in our class store. Students will learn the benefit of saving their tickets for a bigger reward, unless they'd rather spend on something small. There will also be small reinforcements for your child throughout the day to encourage positive behavior and newly learned skills.

Check all that apply, be specific beside checked items:

Edible Reinforcers

- ☐ Candy _____
- ☐ Fruit _____
- ☐ Drinks _____
- ☐ Cereal _____
- ☐ Snacks _____
- ☐ Nuts _____
- ☐ Vegetables _____
- ☐ Other _____

Academic Reinforcers

- ☐ Going to the library
- ☐ Having work displayed
- ☐ Getting good grades
- ☐ Parent praise for good work
- ☐ Making Projects
- ☐ Creative Writing
- ☐ Teacher praise
- ☐ Good notes sent home
- ☐ Earning stickers or tickets
- ☐ Other: _____

Student Reinforcement Survey



Favorite Tangible Items

- ☐ Stuffed Animals
- ☐ Markers, Crayons, Pencils
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Trucks/Tractors
- ☐ Sports Equipment
- ☐ Toys
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Puzzles
- ☐ Other: _____

Activity Reinforcers

- ☐ Coloring/Drawing
- ☐ Making things
- ☐ Field Trips
- ☐ Caring for/playing with animals
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Eating in a restaurant
- ☐ Going to the movies
- ☐ Spending time alone
- ☐ Reading
- ☐ Free time in class
- ☐ Extra recess/PE time
- ☐ Laptop time
- ☐ Other: _____

Student Reinforcement Survey



Social Reinforcers

- ☐ Teaching things to other students
- ☐ Being the teacher's helper
- ☐ Spending time with friends
- ☐ Spending time with principal
- ☐ Spending time with teacher
- ☐ Spending time with _____
- ☐ Having class parties
- ☐ Working with friends in class
- ☐ Helping clean the room
- ☐ Being a tutor
- ☐ Being a leader in class
- ☐ Other: _____

Recreation Reinforcers

- ☐ Listening to music
- ☐ Singing
- ☐ Playing a musical instrument
- ☐ Watching tv
- ☐ Cooking
- ☐ Building
- ☐ Woodworking
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Crafts
- ☐ Other: _____